



SERIES ADJUSTMENT - 1878-08

October 30, 2008

HERCULES INC (HPC) Pending Merger with ASHLAND INC (ASH)

On Wednesday, November 05, 2008, the shareholders of Hercules Inc (HPC) will vote to approve the proposed merger with Ashland Inc (ASH). If the merger is approved and consummated, each HPC share will be converted into the right to receive 0.093 ASH Common Shares and \$18.60 cash. Cash will be paid in lieu of fractional ASH shares. **The merger is expected to become effective on a date to be announced in the 4th quarter of 2008.**

***The foregoing is an unofficial summary of the terms of the Merger, prepared by the NASDAQ OMX PHLX for the convenience of its members. NASDAQ OMX PHLX accepts no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the summary. Members should refer to the proxy statement for the authoritative description of the Offer terms and conditions.*

Pending Contract Adjustments

Pursuant to the by-laws of The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC"), all Hercules Inc options will be adjusted as follows:

Adjustment Date:	Effective the opening of business day after the merger is consummated
PHLX Underlying Symbol(s):	HPC becomes ASH
OPRA Option Symbol(s):	HPC becomes HUD
No. Of Contracts :	Unchanged
Strike Prices:	Unchanged
Multiplier:	100 (e.g. Premium of 1.00 = \$100)
New Deliverable/Contract:	1) 9 shares of ASHLAND INC(ASH) 2) Cash in lieu of 0.30 fractional ASHLAND INC(ASH) shares. 3) \$1,860.00 cash per contract (\$18.60 x 100)

GTC Order Cancellation:

Customers should be advised that all Good-til-Cancelled (GTC) orders not on AUTOM must be cancelled and re-entered prior to the ex-distribution or effective date. GTC AUTOM orders will be deleted by Service Desk/AUTOM personnel.

Position and Exercise Limits:

Position and exercise limits will change from 25,000,000 to 50,000,000 contracts until the expiration date of Saturday, June 20, 2009.

Adjusted Exercise Prices:

Effective with the opening of business, after the date the merger is consummated, trading in HPC will be on an adjusted basis. The strike price adjustments below are expected based on the current outstanding series. **additional HPC series added prior to the merger date will also be adjusted in the manner outlined below.**

HERCULES INC(HPC/HPC)
(Before a date to be announced)
100 shrs HPC

ASHLAND INC(ASH/HUD)
(Beginning on a date to be announced)
See New Deliverable Above

<u>PHLX Series</u>	<u>OPRA</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Strike</u>	<u>Calls/Puts</u>	<u>PHLX Series</u>	<u>OPRA</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Strike</u>	<u>Calls/Puts</u>
HPC8Nov12.5C/P	HPC	Nov	12.5	KV/WV	HUD8Nov12.5C/F	HUD	Nov	12.5	KV/WV
HPC8Nov15.0C/P	HPC	Nov	15	KC/WC	HUD8Nov15.0C/F	HUD	Nov	15	KC/WC
HPC8Nov17.5C/P	HPC	Nov	17.5	KW/WW	HUD8Nov17.5C/F	HUD	Nov	17.5	KW/WW
HPC8Nov20.0C/P	HPC	Nov	20	KD/WD	HUD8Nov20.0C/F	HUD	Nov	20	KD/WD
HPC8Nov22.5C/P	HPC	Nov	22.5	KX/WX	HUD8Nov22.5C/F	HUD	Nov	22.5	KX/WX
HPC8Dec12.5C/P	HPC	Dec	12.5	LV/XV	HUD8Dec12.5C/F	HUD	Dec	12.5	LV/XV
HPC8Dec15.0C/P	HPC	Dec	15	LC/XC	HUD8Dec15.0C/F	HUD	Dec	15	LC/XC
HPC8Dec17.5C/P	HPC	Dec	17.5	LW/XW	HUD8Dec17.5C/F	HUD	Dec	17.5	LW/XW
HPC8Dec20.0C/P	HPC	Dec	20	LD/XD	HUD8Dec20.0C/F	HUD	Dec	20	LD/XD
HPC8Dec22.5C/P	HPC	Dec	22.5	LX/XX	HUD8Dec22.5C/F	HUD	Dec	22.5	LX/XX
HPC8Dec25.0C/P	HPC	Dec	25	LE/XE	HUD8Dec25.0C/F	HUD	Dec	25	LE/XE
HPC8Dec30.0C/P	HPC	Dec	30	LF/XF	HUD8Dec30.0C/F	HUD	Dec	30	LF/XF
HPC9Jan12.5C/P	HPC	Jan	12.5	AV/MV	HUD9Jan12.5C/P	HUD	Jan	12.5	AV/MV
HPC9Jan15.0C/P	HPC	Jan	15	AC/MC	HUD9Jan15.0C/P	HUD	Jan	15	AC/MC
HPC9Jan17.5C/P	HPC	Jan	17.5	AW/MW	HUD9Jan17.5C/P	HUD	Jan	17.5	AW/MW
HPC9Jan20.0C/P	HPC	Jan	20	AD/MD	HUD9Jan20.0C/P	HUD	Jan	20	AD/MD
HPC9Jan22.5C/P	HPC	Jan	22.5	AX/MX	HUD9Jan22.5C/P	HUD	Jan	22.5	AX/MX
HPC9Jan25.0C/P	HPC	Jan	25	AE/ME	HUD9Jan25.0C/P	HUD	Jan	25	AE/ME
HPC9Jan30.0C/P	HPC	Jan	30	AF/MF	HUD9Jan30.0C/P	HUD	Jan	30	AF/MF
HPC9Mar12.5C/P	HPC	Mar	12.5	CV/OV	HUD9Mar12.5C/F	HUD	Mar	12.5	CV/OV
HPC9Mar15.0C/P	HPC	Mar	15	CC/OC	HUD9Mar15.0C/F	HUD	Mar	15	CC/OC
HPC9Mar17.5C/P	HPC	Mar	17.5	CW/OW	HUD9Mar17.5C/F	HUD	Mar	17.5	CW/OW
HPC9Mar20.0C/P	HPC	Mar	20	CD/OD	HUD9Mar20.0C/F	HUD	Mar	20	CD/OD
HPC9Mar22.5C/P	HPC	Mar	22.5	CX/OX	HUD9Mar22.5C/F	HUD	Mar	22.5	CX/OX
HPC9Jun12.5C/P	HPC	Jun	12.5	FV/RV	HUD9Jun12.5C/P	HUD	Jun	12.5	FV/RV
HPC9Jun15.0C/P	HPC	Jun	15	FC/RC	HUD9Jun15.0C/P	HUD	Jun	15	FC/RC
HPC9Jun17.5C/P	HPC	Jun	17.5	FW/RW	HUD9Jun17.5C/P	HUD	Jun	17.5	FW/RW
HPC9Jun20.0C/P	HPC	Jun	20	FD/RD	HUD9Jun20.0C/P	HUD	Jun	20	FD/RD

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