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The following Questions and Answers were posted to CME's internal Website on November 21, 2006:

#### **Employee Questions & Answers**

#### **Just Ask Updates for Nov. 21, 2006**

Thank you for submitting your questions to the Just Ask site on OpenExchange. Below we have provided answers to the most frequently asked questions we have received in the past week.

*1. How should we plan our 2007 goals if we don't know when the merger will close?*

Each division, department and employee will have 2007 goals that support CME's goals for the year; we will talk more about those goals at our quarterly All-Employee Meeting in December. We ask that everyone work with your manager to determine the priorities that need to be set in each area for the coming year.

Everyone has a role to play in integration, but that does not necessarily mean that everyone's 2006 or 2007 goals should change because of the merger. Some people will play a role on a transition team helping to plan the future. Others will play a role in growing the core business so that the combined company will launch from a strong base. These roles are equally important, and both roles are critical to our success.

2. *I have budgeted to hire new employees in 2007. With the merger, will I still be able to hire them?*

CME will carefully evaluate its hiring requirements going forward. When it is critical to hire to meet our 2006 and 2007 objectives, we will hire. And, we will continue to evaluate all applicants for those jobs as we otherwise would based on merit. If you are unsure whether requested headcount will be filled (or when you can begin the hiring process if it will be filled), please contact your manager or contact the Recruiting Department at 930-8242.