



Regulatory Circular RG02-87

**DATE:** October 17, 2002

**TO:** Members and Member Firms

**FROM:** Market Operations Department

**RE:** Restrictions on Transactions in  
HPL Technologies (QHP)

Trading in HPL Technologies (QHP) common stock on the NASD (HPLA) and trading in QHP options on CBOE was halted on NASD and CBOE on July 19, 2002 and the NASD subsequently delisted QHP common stock.

Trading on CBOE in existing series of QHP options will reopen on October 18, 2002, subject to the following restrictions. Only closing transactions may be effected in any series of QHP options, except for (i) opening transactions by market-makers executed to accommodate closing transactions of other market participants and (ii) opening transactions by CBOE member organizations to facilitate the closing transactions of public customers executed as crosses pursuant to and in accordance with CBOE Rule 6.74(b) or (d). Pursuant to Rule 8.51, floor officials have determined that all series of QHP option are in non-firm mode. In addition, QHP will not be traded on RAES.

The execution of opening transactions in QHP options, except as permitted above, and/or the misrepresentation as to whether an order is opening or closing, will constitute a violation of CBOE rules, and may result in disciplinary action.

There are no restrictions in place with respect to the exercise of QHP options and the Options Clearing Corporation (OCC) has advised CBOE that the expiration of HPL options will remain subject to OCC's Exercise-by-Exception Procedures.

The provisions of this circular apply to any options on HPL Technologies traded on CBOE, including any HPL Technologies option series with a different option symbol than QHP.

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