# BEFORE THE BUSINESS CONDUCT COMMITTEE OF THE CHICAGO BOARD OPTIONS EXCHANGE, INCORPORATED

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In the Matter of:	)	
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Morgan Stanley & Co., Incorporated	)	File No. 97-SF0003
1585 Broadway	)	
New York, NY 10036	)	Rule 17.50.01(b) proceeding
	)	
Respondent	)	
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# <u>DECISION ACCEPTING RULE 17.50.01(b) SUMMARY FINE OFFER OF</u> SETTLEMENT

This proceeding was instituted after an investigation by the staff of the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the "Exchange"), which resulted in the issuance of a Disciplinary Notice and a summary fine under Exchange Rule 17.50, the Exchange's minor rule violation plan. Rule 17.50.01(b) provides a respondent the opportunity to submit an offer of settlement contesting a qualifying position limit summary fine, thereby bringing this matter within the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Exchange's Business Conduct Committee (the "Committee"). Pursuant to Rules 17.8 and 17.50.01(b), the respondent ("Respondent"), Morgan Stanley & Co., Incorporated. ("Morgan Stanley"), submitted an offer of settlement ("Offer of Settlement").

In submitting the Offer of Settlement, the Respondent neither admitted nor denied the violations alleged in the Disciplinary Notice.

The Respondent has agreed that the determination of the Committee to accept the Offer of Settlement shall constitute a final Decision, and, as provided in Exchange Rule 17.8, the Respondent may not seek review thereof.

The Respondent understands and acknowledges that the Committee's decision in this matter will become part of its disciplinary record and may be considered in any future Exchange proceeding.

With due regard to the particulars of this matter, the Committee believes it is appropriate to accept the Respondent's Offer of Settlement based on the following stipulated facts and findings and thereby to impose the sanction specified below.

#### **FACTS**

1. During all relevant periods herein, Respondent, Morgan Stanley was a member of the Exchange.

- 2. During all relevant periods herein, Morgan Stanley was registered with the Exchange to transact business on the Exchange in accordance with Exchange Rules as an Options Clearing Corporation (OCC) clearing member and as a lessee member organization associated with a market-maker and a floor broker, and was authorized to conduct a non-member customer business.
- 3. During all relevant periods herein, Exchange Rule 4.11 <u>Position Limits</u> was in full force and effect.
- 4. During all relevant periods herein, the applicable position limit in the Citicorp (CCI) class of option contracts was 10,500 contracts on the same side of the market.
- 5. From June 27, 1995 through July 6, 1995, Morgan Stanley controlled a short put position of 13,825 CCI option contracts in one of Morgan Stanley Asia Ltd.'s customer accounts.

### **FINDINGS**

6. The acts, practices, and conduct described in Paragraph 5 above constitute violations of Exchange Rules 4.11 by Morgan Stanley.

#### **SANCTION**

The sanction to be imposed shall consist of a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) fine.

## **ORDER**

ACCORDINGLY IT IS ORDERED THAT, the Respondent, Morgan Stanley & Co., Incorporated, shall be and hereby is fined in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

SO ORDERED FOR THE COMMITTEE

Dated: November 12, 1997 By: /s/ Bruce I. Andrews

Bruce I. Andrews Chairman

**Business Conduct Committee**