

Extraordinary announcement

Erste Investment Ltd. (H-1138 Budapest, Népfürdő u. 24-26., licence number: III/75.005-19/2002, member of BSE and Deutsche Börse AG) gives the following extraordinary announcement.

On behalf of Erste Group Bank AG (as Issuer) Erste Investment Ltd. announces to the participants of the capital market that the Issuer will initiate the delisting procedure of Erste WTI Olaj Certificate (EBWTIOIL, ISIN: AT0000A089N8).

In the interest of the delisting procedure, the Market Maker will quote only bid price on the certificate above while there is open interest. It means that the Investors can sell their securities to the Market Maker at any time.

The Issuer (Erste Group Bank AG) will apply for listing a new index certificate in oil on January 20th, 2009.

Erste Investment Ltd.

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