



GOLDMAN SACHS OPENS PATENT SUBMISSION FOR GSTrUESM

NEW YORK, September 17, 2007 -- The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (NYSE: GS) announced that it will open its patent filing for its technology platform for privately offered securities, including Goldman Sachs Tradable Unregistered Equity (GSTrUE). The patent submission, filed earlier in the year, will be available for public comment under the U.S. Patent Office's new peer-to-patent pilot program which invites technical and peer participation in the patent process.

"The peer-review pilot is an important step in improving patent quality and engaging industry and technical expertise in an open review model," said John Squires, Goldman Sachs' Chief Intellectual Property Counsel.

"While we believe it is good business practice to protect the intellectual property of this technology, we also believe an industry-wide solution is ultimately best for investors and issuers," said Rob Pace, Managing Director, Goldman, Sachs & Co. "This patent would serve to protect the technology of an industry solution."

GSTrUE is a multiple market maker platform for privately offered securities under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. Goldman Sachs this year has completed offerings for Oaktree Capital Management LLC and Apollo Management Group; the latter conducted as a multiple broker transaction along with two other participating brokers.

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