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### AXA: NON MATERIAL EQUITY EXPOSURE TO LEHMAN BROTHERS AND AIG

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AXA confirmed today that it has a non material equity exposure to Lehman Brothers and American International Group ("AIG"):

- The Group holds a proprietary equity interest in Lehman Brothers of approximately 0.05% of Lehman Brothers' total outstanding common shares <sup>(1)</sup>.  
The Group's credit exposure to Lehman Brothers (including credit default swaps) net of policyholders' participation and net of tax is approximately Euro 300 million.
- The Group holds a proprietary equity interest in AIG of approximately 0.02% of AIG's total outstanding common shares <sup>(1)</sup>.  
The Group's credit exposure to AIG (including credit default swaps) net of policyholders' participation and net of tax is approximately Euro 150 million.

<sup>(1)</sup> Recent press reports citing larger AXA holdings of Lehman and AIG common stock refer to assets held in 3<sup>rd</sup> party client accounts managed principally by AXA's 63% owned asset management subsidiary AllianceBernstein which are not proprietary assets of the AXA Group.

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#### About AXA

AXA Group is a worldwide leader in Financial Protection. AXA's operations are diverse geographically, with major operations in Europe, North America and the Asia/Pacific area. For full year 2007, IFRS revenues amounted to Euro 93.6 billion and IFRS adjusted earnings to Euro 6.1 billion.

The AXA ordinary share is listed on compartment A of Euronext Paris under the ticker symbol CS (ISIN FR0000120628 – Bloomberg: CS FP – Reuters: AXAF.PA). The American Depository Share is also listed on the NYSE under the ticker symbol AXA.

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