

*Remarks for Richard Nesbitt
CEO, TSX Group
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Good morning everyone.

As Dan said earlier, my name is Richard Nesbitt and I am the CEO of TSX Group. Thank you for coming.

What you just saw is a brand new video for us, and I'm hoping that its two main messages came through loud and clear:

- TSX Group is a leading market in resource equities and small to mid-cap public companies;
- And U.S. companies can list on our two equity exchanges to raise capital – indeed, that's why we are here today ... to help explain how, and to help make it happen.

I'm very pleased to be here this morning with Dan, his colleagues from the Consulate, my colleagues from TSX Group, the sponsors of our U.S. campaign and all of you to talk about the fantastic opportunities available in more cross-border activity between the Canadian capital markets and the world's financial capital, New York City.

First, a little context.

As you just saw, we are one of the biggest exchanges in the world – third largest, in fact, in North America by market capitalization.

I stress the words “North American” as we have very vibrant business activities in Canada and in the United States.

Over the past month we have expanded our connections with the U.S. markets considerably through two deals with world-class exchanges.

In early March we announced DEX – a derivatives exchange that we will operate with the International Securities Exchange – ISE.

As you would know, ISE was created in 2000 as the world's first electronic derivatives exchange. Everybody else was sticking with open-outcry markets. Less than seven years later, ISE is the world's largest derivatives exchange based on volume.

It is also a major market for trading in options on U.S.-listed, Canadian companies.

Bringing all these advantages to bear – superior technology, a spectacularly successful start-up experience, and existing knowledge of Canadian issuers – ISE is the ideal partner for TSX Group in DEX.

A few weeks ago we announced a separate arrangement with the InterContinental Exchange – ICE – and our Natural Gas Exchange, NGX.

In NGX we have Canada's leading energy exchange and North America's leading clearing and settlement facility for physical trading in natural gas and electricity.

But ICE has superior proprietary trading technology. Every day hundreds of products are traded around the world using its high performance platform.

The alliance between NGX and ICE means that the physical gas and electricity products of both exchanges will be offered on ICE's leading electronic commodities trading platform. NGX in turn serve as the clearinghouse for these products.

Two deals with two U.S.-based global leaders.

They expand our U.S. presence, and you will be hearing a lot more about these arrangements over the coming months and years.

We brought a lot to the table in working with these other exchanges – a long tradition of trading innovation, a clear focus on customer service, and strong connections with U.S.-based capital market participants.

In fact, currently over 15 of the major US-based brokerage firms are participating organizations of TSX, as well as a number of Canadian firms that have affiliates in the U.S.

This activity is supported by a market data team that helps ensure the trading data is seen by more than 139,000 real-time subscriptions around the world.

Canadian roots ... North American competitiveness ... global reach. That in a nut shell sums up TSX Group.

Our size and strength always surprises people.

Over the last four years only two exchanges have consistently been the sources of more financing than Toronto Stock Exchange.

One is NYSE. The second one is London Stock Exchange.

In fact, in the first two months of this year – the latest available statistics from the World Federation of Exchanges – we raised half a billion U.S. dollars more than the London exchanges.

One of the reasons for that consistently strong performance is our focus on small and medium sized companies.

That is why we are here today ... to launch a campaign that will take us over the coming months to 10 cities across the United States.

With that as some context let me turn to a few slides to highlight the strength of TSX Group as an international exchange.

I should point out this information and more is in the Guide to Listing which you all have.

Slide #1 – TSX Group International Listings

This slide highlights the extent of our international listings.

At the end of last year we had 205, of which 55% - or 113 – came from the United States. As far as we can tell, we have more US-based listings than any exchange group in the world outside of America.

For reference, LSE and AIM had 79 US-based listings as of the end of December, 2006.

China is the second highest source of international listing for us, followed by the UK/Europe and Australia/New Zealand.

Slide #2 – TSX has consistent growth in liquidity

Liquidity on our senior market – TSX – has grown substantially in the last five years, both in terms of the volume of shares traded and the value of shares traded.

A contributing factor to that increased liquidity has been the active participation of U.S. broker dealers in our markets. Last year, approximately 40% of trading on TSX came from the U.S.

So not only can U.S. companies list on our exchanges, but U.S. traders can be active in them as well.

This activity would be enhanced if free trade in securities becomes a reality – something that U.S. Treasury Secretary, Hank Paulson, and our Finance Minister, Jim Flaherty, have been promoting to their G-7 counterparts.

Slide #3 – Canadian indices have outperformed the world's benchmark indices

So while we are attracting a large number of international listings in a very liquid market, it may not surprise you that our market performance has been a world beater.

As you can see, the five-year performance of our three top indices outperformed other leading exchanges, with our Venture Composite being especially strong.

Slide #4 – TSX Group is Number One in the World in Public Mining and Energy Companies

I mentioned off the top that we are a leading exchange for resources. This slide shows just how strong a lead we have in terms of mining companies, for example.

In addition to being the world leader in mining with almost 60% of the world's mining companies, we are also the number one exchange in terms of oil and gas listings – with almost 50% of the world's public energy companies.

Not surprisingly we have a strong lead in mining financings as well.

At the end of last year we did 38% of all the mining financings in the world – or approximately US\$10 billion on a global total of US\$26.5 billion.

And while I've mentioned TSX's strength in small to mid cap companies, we also have a number of very large cap customers.

In fact, last year of our 45 TSX-listed mining companies with over \$1 billion in market cap, 16 completed financings and raised more capital than all mining companies on NYSE, Nasdaq and Amex combined.

The strength of this commodities market has resulted in the financing pie growing for sectors.

TSX Group has a unique value proposition in that it helps companies access capital from \$1 million to over \$1 billion. Last year, our listed companies raised over US\$40 billion, representing a five-year CAGR of 81%.

With your support, we can provide access to more capital this year and in the years to come.

So that's our pitch today:

- TSX Group is a leading market in resource equities and small to mid-cap public companies;
- And U.S. companies can list, and should consider listing on our two equity exchanges.

It is now my pleasure to introduce our next speaker who really embodies what I am talking about.

Randal Oliphant is the Chairman of Western Goldfields Inc., a company active in gold mining in California and I am proud to say listed on Toronto Stock Exchange.

The former CEO of Barrick Gold, Randall is now working with small-cap companies looking for the right destination to list and raise capital and has chosen TSX for his current project.

Randal ...