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From: Sent: To: Subject: theo.nijssen@meespierson.com Friday, May 09, 2003 3:42 PM Luc Estenne Re: Madoff

Hi Luc,

Thanks for the response. I am sure they will appreciate these questions! We arrive in NY on Wednesday afternoon. We could meet that evening. My mobile is +31651430469

Best regards, Theo

"Luc Estenne" <estenne@advisers.ch> on 05/09/2003 03:29:25 PM

To: "Nijssen, Theo J. M." <<u>theo.nijssen@meespierson.com</u>> cc:

Subject: Madoff

Dear Theo,

Please find here the questions for Madoff:

Could you confirm to me that the strategy you implement is exclusively a split strike convergence strategy?

Professional money managers specialized in index and volatility trading do not understand how you can produce such a regular and smooth performance.

Could you explain to me what are your competitive advantages which would explain this regularity?

How can you assure us that there is a Chinese wall between your asset management and market making activities?

What is the structure of depositaries used i.e. do you use any

sub-custodian and who ultimately holds the assets that are deposited with you?

What is the best answer you could give to someone who is uncomfortable

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about the non segregation of functions between, the manager, the market-maker, the administrator and the depositary?

I look forward to discuss the answers with you.

I will also be in NYC next week. Accordingly if you would like to have a beer, feel free to call me on my mobile + [REDACTED] REDACTED. I will be in town from Monday to Thursday.

Best regards

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