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Rules for the *Rogers™-Van Eck* Hard Assets Producers Index Amended to Expand Buffers

New York, NY, July 22, 2010 -- After careful review of index turnover over the course of the recent market downturn and recovery, the *Rogers™-Van Eck Hard Assets Producers Index* (TICKER: RVEI) Committee has decided to amend the index rules by increasing the buffers used for market capitalization, float market capitalization and average daily turnover from 25% to 40%. This process will reduce index turnover in stressful market conditions. This rule change, which will go into effect with the next rebalancing on September 17, 2010, applies to all indexes within the RVE Family excluding the *Rogers™-Van Eck Hard Assets Producers US Extra Liquid Index*.

A stock must have a minimum average daily turnover of \$1 million to be included in the index. Currently, the stock's turnover must fall below \$750,000 per day to be deleted. Under the rule change, turnover would have to fall below \$600,000 per day for the stock to be deleted.

A stock must have a minimum market capitalization of greater than USD 500 million and a float market capitalization of greater than USD 250 million to be included in the index. Currently, the stock's market capitalization must fall below USD 400 million and/or its float market capitalization must fall below USD 200 million to be deleted from the index. Under the rule change, these thresholds would be reduced to USD 300 million and USD 150 million respectively.

The *Rogers™-Van Eck Hard Assets Producers Index* is a capitalization-weighted, float-adjusted index of the most prominent commodity stocks in the world. To be included in the RVEI, stocks must pass multiple screens, including for capitalization, float, exchange listing, share price and turnover. The index is divided into six sectors: a) Energy, b) Agriculture, c) Base and Industrial Metals, d) Forest products, e) Precious Metals and f) Alternatives (Renewable Energy and Water)

Detailed information, including constituent data, rules and price information, on the *Rogers™-Van Eck Hard Assets Producers Index* is available at www.rveindexes.com. Data is also available through most vendors of financial data.

Rogers™-Van Eck Hard Assets Producers Index (USD) TICKER: RVEI

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