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AQUIS HIRES MAGNUS ALMQVIST TO HEAD UP TECHNOLOGY SALES

Aquis Technologies develops and licenses exchange software

LONDON – 1st November 2016 – Aquis Exchange, the pan-European equities exchange and software developer *, has named Magnus Almquist to the newly-created role of Head of Technology Sales.

Aquis Technologies creates and licenses cost-effective matching engine and market surveillance technology for banks, brokers, investment firms and exchanges. Magnus' role will be to promote Aquis' products and services across the world. In Europe there is particular demand for compliance and surveillance systems as existing MAR, and in-coming MiFID II, regulations mandate that trading firms of all types must have systems in place to monitor and analyse their transactions in order to detect market abuse and fulfil Best Execution criteria. Aquis Exchange, which is regulated by the UK's FCA, uses its own proprietary technology for its trading platform.

Magnus, who joins Aquis on 14th November, was previously at FIS (SunGard), where he was a senior business development manager for the last four years. Prior to that, Magnus worked at Smarts Group (part of NASDAQ OMX), AtosEuronext and EDX (a unit of the London Stock Exchange Group). Swedish-born Magnus holds a masters' degree in electrical engineering from Stockholm's Royal Institute of Technology.

Commenting on the appointment, Graham Dick, Head of Sales and Business Development at Aquis Exchange, said:

"We are very pleased Magnus is coming on board. He has a wealth of experience in the surveillance and compliance segment of the financial technology industry and that is where we see huge opportunities in Europe in the next few years. Furthermore, we expect demand for our cost-effective, multi asset-class matching engines to grow globally."

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***About Aquis Exchange and Aquis Technologies**

Aquis Exchange Limited is an exchange services group, which operates a pan-European cash equities trading exchange (Aquis Exchange) and develops and licenses exchange software to third parties (Aquis Technologies).

Aquis Exchange is authorised and regulated by the UK Financial Conduct Authority to operate a Multilateral Trading Facility. The Aquis MTF uses a subscription pricing model which works by charging users according to the message traffic they generate, rather than a percentage of the value of each stock that they trade. Aquis operates a lit order book and does not allow aggressive non-client proprietary trading, thus toxicity and signalling risk is lower on Aquis than other trading venues in Europe. According to independent studies, trades on Aquis are less likely to lead to price movement than on other lit markets.

Aquis Technologies is the software and technology division of Aquis Exchange Limited. It creates and licenses cost-effective matching engine and market surveillance technology for banks, brokers, investment firms and exchanges.

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