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## Press Release

### **Standard & Poor's to Provide Ratings Data to QED Financial Systems**

*Standard & Poor's real-time digital feed of credit ratings available via services from QED Financial Systems*

**NEW YORK, July 15, 2008** – Standard & Poor's, a leading provider of financial market intelligence, today announced that QED Financial Systems' institutional buy-side clients will be able to receive real-time credit ratings information covering global issuers, structured finance, and the U.S. public finance market segments through RatingsXpress.

With hundreds of new and increasingly complex securities entering the market every day, Standard & Poor's provides financial professionals with the in-depth research, opinions and high-quality credit ratings that they need to better assess market conditions. The institutional investors, public and private pension plan sponsors, investment and asset managers, and state government financial organizations that use QED's services will now have easier access to this data through RatingsXpress.

“Embedding Standard & Poor's credit ratings and information into QED's technology platform will better serve QED clients who need that critical credit market information in order to make their investment decisions,” said Charles Warburton, Director of Product Management at Standard & Poor's. “Providing that broad and deep information for investment professionals is directly in line with our commitment to market transparency.”

RatingsXpress covers more than 46,000 active Global Issuers, Public Finance, and Structured Finance entities and hundreds of thousands of securities, including decades of history to support benchmarking and risk modeling exercises.

“QED recognizes the importance of quality data and how it impacts the accuracy of investment accounting results and investment decision-making,” said Michael Dowd, Senior Vice President of Operations at QED. “We are committed to providing our clients with value-added services that streamline their investment operations, and the RatingsXpress data feed is a perfect complement to our portfolio management and investment accounting systems clients.”

#### **About QED Financial Systems**

QED Financial Systems, Inc. is the premier provider of portfolio management and investment accounting solutions to asset managers, pension funds, investment advisors, public treasuries, and other buy-side firms. QED manages more than 1 trillion USD in collective assets, and nearly 50% of the U.S. state treasuries use QED solutions. QED offers LAN- and ASP-based software solutions for streamlining back-office operations. Additionally, QED's Accounting Services division is a leading provider of portfolio management and investment accounting outsourcing solutions.

### **About Standard & Poor's**

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