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## **PNC Global Investment Servicing, External Transfer and Shareholder Servicing Agent for Aquila Group of Funds, to be acquired by Bank of New York Mellon**

On February 2, it was announced that Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon) had entered into a definitive agreement to acquire PNC Global Investment Servicing (PNC GIS), the Transfer and Shareholder Servicing Agent of the Aquila Group of Funds. The executives of Aquila Investment Management LLC, along with fund trustees and officers, would like you to be aware that we are monitoring developments of the proposed acquisition to ensure continuity of services for our shareholders throughout this process. As details become available, we will assess any potential opportunities for enhanced shareholder services and improved efficiencies. At this point, we have the following information to share with you.

PNC GIS is a leading provider of custody, fund accounting, transfer agency, processing, technology and business intelligence services to asset managers, broker-dealers, and financial advisors worldwide. BNY Mellon is the global leader in asset management and securities servicing. The transaction is estimated to be completed in the third quarter of 2010, subject to regulatory approvals and certain other closing conditions.

Diana P. Herrmann, Vice Chair and Chief Executive Officer of Aquila Management Corporation, Founder of the Aquila Group of Funds, has been contacted by Stephen M. Wynne, CEO of PNC GIS and Nancy Wolcott, President of PNC GIS regarding the pending transaction. Both PNC GIS representatives have indicated that, through the transition period, we can expect to see and hear from the same PNC GIS client service team that we have come to know and trust. Mr. Wynne will remain as CEO of PNC GIS and will report to Tim Keaney and Jim Palermo, co-heads of BNY Mellon's asset-servicing business, according to a press release from the bank. Once the transaction is complete, the expectation is that the combined firms will be able to deliver more solutions by leveraging the tremendous scale, global reach and additional services of BNY Mellon.

James E. Rohr, Chairman and CEO of PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (NYSE: PNC) was quoted, saying "For more than three decades the work of PNC GIS's dedicated employees has grown the business into a premier provider of fund servicing around the globe. We are pleased that this transaction partners PNC GIS's clients and employees with an industry leader."

Robert P. Kelly, BNY Mellon's Chairman and CEO, said in an interview that PNC GIS was the last and largest-scale business of its kind in the United States, that the fit with BNY Mellon was excellent, and that the acquisition would better equip BNY Mellon to serve fund managers around the world. The deal transforms BNY Mellon into the nation's second largest provider of fund accounting, administration and transfer agency.