



Interactive Data class actions service

Through its Pricing and Reference Data business, Interactive Data offers a service designed to help customers identify and track securities that are involved in class action litigation.

In today's financial services environment corporations, financial institutions and accounting firms are required to comply with the need for increased transparency and more stringent regulatory standards.

In the face of ever-increasing regulation and the continuing sub-prime crisis, the number of class actions is on the rise. It has been estimated that more than half of sub-prime business found its way into Europe, with around a third of this in the UK. This suggests there is likely to be an increase in class action cases affecting European investors.

These class action securities litigations determine the rights of a group of shareholders (the 'class') involved in a question of law.

Interactive Data provides an enhanced class action service mapped to ISO 15022 format. The service will be available to customers via FTP and online through FTSSM, Interactive Data's flexible securities administration tool. This new service can help financial institutions track, monitor and recover funds resulting from securities class action litigation.

■ Class action records/messages

- Unique corporate action reference
- Event type e.g. CLSA is a class action
- Event participation e.g. VOLU is voluntary
- Case number
- Identifier codes
- Name and description
- Deadline date
- Exclusion date
- Disbursement of settlement fund date
- Hearing date

- Start and end dates of class action
- Payout ratio per share
- URL link to class actions details

■ Class action record features

- Start-up file for new customers; information on all settled cases where the filing deadline has not expired
- Daily additions of all new class action filings
- Regular updates on previously announced cases
- Provision of all critical dates and identifiers in ISO 15022 message

■ Interactive Data class actions service

Interactive Data has offered a web-based class actions service since the acquisition of the market data division of Xcitek LLC by Interactive Data Corporation in 2007. The service provides a detailed database of securities litigations filed in the US court system.

As part of the Interactive Data class actions service (available via FTS) a link to the appropriate Xcitek class action is included: www.xca.xcitek.com. This link connects the user to the web-based version of the service, which provides a full-text version of the case with all related documents.

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Interactive Data's Pricing and Reference Data business provides global securities pricing, evaluations and reference data designed to support financial institutions' and investment funds' pricing activities, securities operations, research and portfolio management. Interactive Data collects, edits, maintains and delivers data on more than 6 million securities, including daily evaluations for approximately 2.8 million fixed income and international equity issues. Interactive Data specialises in 'hard-to-get' information and evaluates many 'hard-to-value' instruments.

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