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Date: November 07, 2023

Subject: Ares Acquisition Corporation – Redemption/Cash

Settlement/Acceleration of Expirations

Option Symbol: AAC Date: 11/07/2023

On October 31, 2023, Ares Management Corporation announced it will redeem all outstanding Ares Acquisition Corporation (AAC) Class A Ordinary Shares at a per-share redemption price of approximately \$10.79 ("Per-Share Redemption Amount").

The last day AAC shares traded on the New York Stock Exchange was November 6, 2023. Effective as of the close of business on November 7, 2023, AAC shares will be cancelled and will represent only the right to receive the Per-Share Redemption Amount of \$10.78968259.

Contract Adjustment

The option symbol AAC will not change.

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New Deliverable

Per Contract: \$1,078.97 Cash (\$10.78968259 x 100)

Settlement in AAC options will take place through OCC's cash settlement system. Settlement will be accomplished by payment of the difference between the extended strike amount and the cash deliverable.

Acceleration of Expirations

Pursuant to OCC Rule 807, equity stock option contracts whose deliverables are adjusted to call for cash only delivery will be subject to an acceleration of the expiration dates for outstanding option series. (See OCC Information Memo 23707) Additionally, the exercise by exception (ex by ex) threshold for expiring series will be \$.01 in all account types.

All series of Ares Management Corporation options whose expiration dates are after 11-17-2023 will have their expiration dates advanced to 11-17-2023. Expiration dates occurring before 11-17-2023 (e.g., Flex options) will remain unchanged.

All Ares Management Corporation options will utilize a \$.01 exercise threshold.

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Existing Expiration: All months New expiration date: 11-17-2023

Existing American-style Ares Management Corporation options remain exercisable at the option of the holder prior to their expiration. Exercised options will continue to settle in two business days.

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