INTERCONTINENTALEXCHANGE, INC. REPORTS THIRD QUARTER 2006 DILUTED EPS OF $0.73, REVENUE INCREASE OF 109%, NET INCOME INCREASE OF 160%

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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	$420,850

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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	$420,850

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