

PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES

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EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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**E-mail reminder to employee shareholders**

April 11, 2008

**Subject: ACTION REQUESTED: Submit votes FOR key business items**

If you hold shares in the Piper Jaffray Companies Retirement Plan or shares of restricted stock and have not yet voted your shares, please submit your votes as soon as possible.

Employee shareholders with un-voted shares were sent an e-mail on April 10 from Piper Jaffray Companies. The subject line was PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES Annual Meeting. **PLEASE DO NOT DELETE THIS E-MAIL PRIOR TO SUBMITTING YOUR VOTE.** This email contains a unique control number which is required in order to vote your shares.

Key business items to be addressed at the May 7 annual meeting of shareholders are:

Election of three directors,

Ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditor, and

Approval of our Amended and Restated 2003 Annual and Long-Term Incentive Plan.

As communicated previously, the primary purpose for amending the Incentive Plan is to increase by one million the number of shares of Piper Jaffray common stock that may be issued under the plan. **If you are a shareholder, your vote FOR the approval of the requested shares is very important to our firm's future success.**