



**Form of Adherence Letter**

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21 March 2006

**International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.**  
**Send to: [danaprotocol@isda.org](mailto:danaprotocol@isda.org)**

Dear Sirs,

**2006 Dana CDS Index Protocol - Adherence**

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our adherence to the 2006 Dana CDS Index Protocol, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. on March 16, 2006 (the "Protocol"). This letter constitutes an "Adherence Letter" as referred to in the Protocol.

The definitions and provisions contained in the Protocol are incorporated into this Adherence Letter, which will supplement and form part of each Covered Index Transaction (now or in the future) between us and each other Adhering Party.

**1. Specified Terms**

The terms of Schedule 1, Covered Index Transactions, shall apply to Covered Index Transactions.

**2. Appointment as Agent and Release**

We hereby appoint ISDA as our agent for the limited purposes of the Protocol and accordingly we waive, and hereby release ISDA from, any rights, claims, actions or causes of action whatsoever (whether in contract, tort or otherwise) arising out of, or in any way relating to, this Adherence Letter or our adherence to the Protocol or any actions contemplated as being required by ISDA.

**3. DTCC Account Number**

For purposes of electronic matching and counterparty recognition, our DTCC Account Number is as follows, but you understand and agree that our failure to provide any such details pursuant to this letter will not affect the legal validity and binding nature of the Protocol with respect to us:

DTCC Account Number: N/A

**4. Contact Details**

Our contact details for purposes of this Adherence Letter are:

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We consent to the publication of the conformed copy of this letter by ISDA and to the disclosure by ISDA of the contents of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Ares Total Value Fund, L.P.

By: Ares Total Value Management, LLC  
By: Ares Operating Member II, LLC  
Its: General Partner

Name: David C. Hinman
Title: Lead Portfolio Manager- Vice President
Signature: David C. Hinman