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#### **VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
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Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20581

RE: Extension of the Copper Options Broker Rebate Program

**COMEX Submission No. 16-061** 

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to extend the Copper Options Broker Rebate Program ("Program") through September 30, 2016. The extension of the Program will become effective on March 1, 2016. All other Program terms remain unchanged.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program. Modifications appear below, with additions <u>underlined</u> and deletions <del>overstruck</del>.

COMEX reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, COMEX staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Prevention of Market Disruption, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, and Recordkeeping.

The Program does not incentivize manipulative trading or market abuse or impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchange's market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, COMEX has implemented systems to track Program participants' volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The products included in this Program are listed for trading in the open and competitive market. The incentives under the Program do not adversely impact price discovery in the centralized market. Specifically, incentives under the Program are only available to brokers that submit previously matched third-party trades in the relevant products. The parties to a trade have discretion to select the venue. Brokers earn incentives after venue selection is made. Principals who submit trades or execute orders for their own account or a proprietary account are not eligible for incentives under the Program. Thus, the Program does not influence the choice made by the principals regarding the execution venue. Participants in the Program will be selected by COMEX staff using criteria set forth in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the COMEX rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules and COMEX records retention policies that comply with the CEA.

COMEX certifies that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

COMEX certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at <a href="http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html">http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html</a>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail <a href="mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com">CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com</a> or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com">Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com</a>. Please reference our COMEX Submission No. 16-061 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

## **EXHIBIT 1**

# **Copper Options Broker Rebate Program**

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of this Program is to encourage brokers to increase their volume in the product listed below, enhancing market liquidity for the product. A more liquid contract benefits all participants in the market.

#### **Product Scope**

Copper Options ("HX" or "Product").

#### **Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the amount of participants that may register for the Program. The Program is open to all Voice Brokers, Floor Brokers, Introducing Brokers, Associated Persons and Futures Commission Merchants who submit matched trades via the CME ClearPort clearing systems for 3rd parties.

## **Program Term**

Start date is May 1, 2015. End date is February 29, 2016 September 30, 2016.

### **Hours**

N/A

#### **Incentives**

Participants may be eligible to receive predetermined incentives, as determined by the Exchange.

### **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke Program participant status if it concludes from review that a Program participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements.