

April 16, 2015

#### **VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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

RE: Modifications to the COMEX Gold Kilo Futures Market Maker Program COMEX Submission No. 15-152

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it plans to modify the COMEX Gold Kilo Futures Market Maker Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on May 1, 2015.

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

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or "Act"). During the review, Exchange 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 and the proposed modifications will not 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 product to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The product included in this Program is listed for trading in the open and competitive market. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchange in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and Exchange rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which 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.

The Exchange 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. 15-152 in any related correspondence

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

## **EXHIBIT 1**

# **COMEX Gold Kilo Futures Market Maker Program**

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of the Program is to improve liquidity in the product listed below that is traded on the CME Globex Platform. A more liquid contract benefits all participants in the market.

## **Product Scope**

Gold Kilo ("GCK") futures that are traded on the CME Globex Platform ("Product").

### **Eligible Participants**

The Exchange may designate up to ten (10) twelve (12) participants in the Program. Participants may be COMEX members or non-members. When selecting participants for the Program, the Exchange will take into account (i) historical volume and experience trading COMEX products and similar futures contracts, and (ii) the participant's ability to meet quoting obligations for futures products on an electronic platform. The Exchange may, in its sole discretion, add or subtract from the aforementioned factors as it deems necessary.

#### **Program Term**

Start date is January 26, 2015. End date is January 31, 2016.

#### Hours

Designated hours during RTH/ATH.

### **Obligations**

Participants must quote continuous two-sided markets in the applicable Product, at predetermined average bid/ask spreads and minimum quote sizes.

#### **Incentives**

Upon meeting all obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants may be eligible for predetermined incentives.

### **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 has failed to meet its obligations or no longer meets the eligibility requirements of the Program.