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

Re: Cancellation of MSCI ESG Leaders Index Contracts Designated Market Maker Program - Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. (“IFUS” or “Exchange”) hereby submits by written certification, notice that the Exchange is cancelling the MSCI ESG leaders Index Contracts Designated Market Maker Program (“Program”). The terms and conditions of the cancelled Program are set forth in Exhibit A.

The Exchange certifies that the Program complies with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. In particular, the Program complies with Core Principle 4 (Monitoring of Trading), Core Principle 9 (Execution of Transactions) and Core Principle 12 (Protection of Market Participants). The Program does not impact order execution priority or otherwise give participants any execution preference or advantage. In addition, the Exchange’s Market Regulation Department actively monitors for trading abuses using electronic exception reports and will take appropriate action against any participants engaging in market abuses.

The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views with regard to the new Program and further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a redacted copy of this submission was posted on the Exchange’s website at (<https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings>).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 212-748-4021 or at jason.fusco@theice.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason V. Fusco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jason V. Fusco
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Market Regulation

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cc: Division of Market Oversight
New York Regional Office

EXHIBIT A

~~ICE Futures MSCI ESG Leaders Index Contracts Designated Market Maker Program~~

~~Program Purpose~~

~~The purpose of the Program is to incentivize participants to increase central limit order book liquidity in the Exchange's MSCI ESG Leaders Index futures contracts; this enhanced liquidity will benefit all participants in the marketplace.~~

~~Product Scope~~

~~Futures contracts on the MSCI World ESG Leaders NTR Index, the MSCI EAFE ESG Leaders NTR Index, the MSCI Europe ESG Leaders NTR Index, the MSCI EM ESG Leaders NTR Index and the MSCI USA ESG Leaders GTR Index, collectively the "ESG Leaders contracts";~~

~~Eligible Participants~~

~~IFUS may designate any number of participants in the Program. In order to be considered for selection into the Program, potential participants must have a demonstrated ability to make markets in other similar Exchange contracts over the past six months at the time of application. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Exchange may add or subtract from the aforementioned criteria as it deems necessary.~~

~~Program Term~~

~~The initial term of the Program shall end on December 31, 20[19]20.~~

~~Obligations~~

~~[PARAGRAPH REDACTED]~~

~~Program Incentives~~

~~[PARAGRAPH REDACTED]~~

~~Monitoring and Termination of Status~~

~~The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and Participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke Participants' status if it concludes from review that a Program Participant has failed to meet its obligations or no longer meets the eligibility requirements of~~