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Submission No. 18-355
June 13, 2018

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: Amendments to Precious Metal Futures Contract Designated Market Maker
Program - Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. (“IFUS” or “Exchange”) submits, by written certification, notice that the Exchange is extending the terms of the Precious Metal Futures Contract Designated Market Maker Program (“Program”) through June 30, 2019. No other changes are being made to the Program, which was launched on June 6, 2014 and was set to expire on June 30, 2018. The Exchange believes that the program will continue to promote liquidity in the covered contracts. The terms of the Program are described 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 amendments comply 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 further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a redacted copy of this submission (consistent with the petition for Confidential Treatment filed contemporaneously with the Commission) was posted on the Exchange’s website at (<https://www.theice.com/futures->

[us/regulation#rule-filings](#)). The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views with respect to the amendments, which will become effective on June 30, 2018.

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
Assistant General Counsel
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cc: Division of Market Oversight
New York Regional Office

EXHIBIT A

ICE Futures U.S., Inc. Precious Metal Futures Contract Designated Market Maker Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to incentivize participants to increase central limit order book liquidity in the products listed below; this enhanced liquidity will benefit all participants in the marketplace.

Product Scope

Mini Gold, 100 oz. Gold, 1000 oz. Silver, 5000 oz. Silver futures and NYSE Arca Gold Miners Index futures contracts.

Eligible Participants

[REDACTED]

Program Term

The start date for the Program shall be the date on which the program contracts are listed for trading on ICE Futures U.S., and the initial program term shall end on June 30, 201[8]9.

Obligations

[REDACTED]

Program Incentives

[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 this Program.