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"Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change"	§ 40.4(b)(5)
Notification	§ 40.6(d)



June 13, 2015

#### VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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

#### RE: Modifications to the Non-Core Crude and Refined Liquidity Provider Program NYMEX Submission No. 15-240

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it plans to modify the Non-Core Crude and Refined Liquidity Provider Program ("Program"). The Program modifications will become effective on July 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"). During the review, NYMEX 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 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, the Exchange 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. Participants in the Program will be selected by NYMEX staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the NYMEX rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with NYMEX in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and NYMEX rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

NYMEX 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 <u>http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html</u>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail <u>CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com</u> or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at <u>Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com</u>. Please reference our NYMEX Submission No. 15-240 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

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# **EXHIBIT 1**

# Non-Core Crude and Refined Liquidity Provider Program

#### Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to promote volume and open interest in non-core crude and refined products on the central limit order book. More liquid contracts benefit all participants in the market.

#### Product Scope

Certain NYMEX non-core crude and refined futures products that are traded on Globex and submitted for clearing via CME ClearPort ("Products").

#### Eligible Participants

NYMEX may designate up to five (5) participants per product in the Program. Participants may be NYMEX members or non-members. Potential participants are required to submit an application/bid sheet to the Exchange as part of a competitive application process which is used to determine eligibility. In determining whether or not a prospective participant is selected to participate in the Program, Exchange staff may take into account a variety of factors including the strength of the quoting obligations the prospective participant is willing to commit to provide, whether Exchange staff believes that the prospective participant can maintain such obligations, and historical volume trading the Products and similar contracts. The Exchange may, from time to time, add or subtract from the aforementioned requirements as it deems necessary.

### Program Term

Start date is June 1, 2014. End date is June 30, 2015 June 30, 2016.

#### <u>Hours</u>

N/A

#### **Obligations**

Participants may quote up to four (4) of the Products. Participants must meet contracted quoting requirements, as determined by the Exchange, in order to receive the Program incentives.

#### Incentives

For each calendar month that a participant meets its obligations, as determined by the Exchange, the participant 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.