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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 Global Aluminum Futures Market Maker Program COMEX Submission No. 25-043

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the Global Aluminum Futures Market Maker Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on February 1, 2025.

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

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: Monitoring of Trading, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, Availability of General Information, 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 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 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 http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-fillings.html.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott
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Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

Global Aluminum Futures Market Maker Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize market makers to provide liquidity in the product listed below. The resulting additional central limit order book liquidity benefits all participants in the market.

Product Scope

Aluminum futures ("ALI") that are traded on the CME Globex Platform or cleared through CME ClearPort ("Product").

Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants may be COMEX members or non-members.

Program Term

Start date is July 1, 2019. End date is January 31, 2025 July 31, 2025, or the date on which the Exchange determines to modify, extend, or terminate the Program. Participants will be given notice of any changes to the Program Term.

Hours

Designated hours during RTH and ETH.

Obligations

In order to be eligible to receive the incentives, participants must quote two-sided markets in the applicable Product, at predetermined average bid/ask spreads and minimum quote sizes during a certain percentage of time-in-market.

Incentives

Upon meeting all obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will be eligible to receive predetermined incentives.

Monitoring and Termination of Status

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke participant status if it concludes from review that a participant has failed to meet the obligations of the Program.