

22 January 2014

Ms. Melissa Jurgens Secretary Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Center 1155 21<sup>st</sup> St., N.W. Washington, DC 20581 United States of America

VIA EMAIL

Dear Ms. Jurgens,

#### Self-certification of Amendments to SGX-DC Clearing Rules

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Singapore Exchange Derivatives Clearing Limited ("SGX-DC"), a derivatives clearing organisation ("DCO") registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission"), hereby submits a self-certification for amendments to its Clearing Rules (the "Amendments") pursuant to Commission regulation 40.6(a).
- 1.2 The Submission Cover Sheet is attached as <u>Appendix 1</u>.

#### 2 Intended Implementation Date

2.1 The Amendments are proposed to be implemented on 17 February 2014.

#### 3 **Explanation and Analysis**

3.1 The Amendments are to facilitate SGX-DC's acceptance for clearing of the SGX Hot-Rolled Coil Steel CFR ASEAN Swap contract (the "**Contract**"), which is to be launched on 17 February 2014. In particular, the Amendments set out the final settlement price methodology for the Contract.

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3.2 SGX-DC is registered as an approved clearing house under the Securities and Futures Act of Singapore and regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore ("**MAS**"). The Amendments have separately been reviewed and approved by the MAS.

### 4 **Description of Amendments**

- 4.1 Appendix 1 of the SGX-DC Clearing Rules would be amended as a result of the Amendments.
- 4.2 The text of the Amendments with the changes indicated is attached as <u>Appendix 2</u>.

### 5 **Certification of Compliance with Core Principles**

- 5.1 The Amendments have been promulgated in respect of SGX-DC's compliance with Core Principle E on settlement procedures and seek to provide clarity on the calculation of the final settlement price for the Contract.
- 5.2 SGX-DC hereby certifies to the Commission that the Amendments comply with the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

#### 6 **Public Notice of Pending Certification**

6.1 SGX-DC has made publicly available a notice of the Amendments' pending certification with the Commission, together with a copy of this submission on its website at the following address: <u>http://www.sgx.com/wps/portal/sgxweb/home/regulation/consult\_pub/reg\_ann</u>.

### 7 **Opposing Views**

7.1 There were no opposing views expressed to SGX-DC by its board or committee members, SGX-DC Clearing Members or market participants that were not incorporated into the Amendments. If any opposing views are received by SGX-DC during the Commission's review period, such views will be communicated to the Commission accordingly.



### 8 **Contact Details**

8.1 Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at eli.cohen@sgx.com or +65 6236 5104 should you require any clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1

## Submission Cover Sheet

# Appendix 2

# Text of the Amendments

## Proposed Rule Amendments to SGX-DC Clearing Rules

## Appendix 1 – Final Settlement Price

### Steel Swap Contracts

Products	Steel Swap Contracts
<u>Contract</u>	SGX Hot-Rolled Coil Steel CFR ASEAN Swap
<u>Final</u> <u>Settlement</u> <u>Price</u>	Cash settlement using the arithmetic average of all The Steel Index (TSI) Hot- Rolled Coil (HRC) – ASEAN Imports reference prices in the expiring month, rounded to two decimal places.

Note: Changes are in <u>blue</u>.