

March 15, 2013

#### **VIA E-MAIL**

Ms. Melissa Jurgens
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

RE: Implementation of the Copper Options Resting Order Incentive Program

**COMEX Submission No. 13-095** 

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX" or the "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") that it plans to implement a resting order incentive program in support of COMEX Copper Options ("Program"). The proposed Program will become effective on April 1, 2013.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the proposed Program.

COMEX business staff responsible for the proposed Program and the COMEX legal department collectively reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodities Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, COMEX 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 proposed Program's incentive structure as set forth in the Exhibit 1 below is such that it does not incentivize manipulative trading or market abuse and will not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. COMEX's market regulation staff will continue to 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. The incentives available under the Program will apply to transactions by participants via any of the available execution and/or clearing venues, including the pit and our central limit order book. Therefore, the incentives under this Program protect any price discovery taking place in the centralized market. As further stated in Exhibit 1, all market participants that trade the Program's products will be entitled to participate. Chapter 4 of the Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program will be subject to these Rules.

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 <a href="http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html">http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html</a>

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please contact Robert Lev at 312-930-3019 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:robert.lev@cmegroup.com">robert.lev@cmegroup.com</a>, or contact me at 212-299-2200. Please reference our COMEX Submission No. 13-095 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen Managing Director, Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachments

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# **Copper Options Resting Order Incentive Program**

## **Program Purpose**

The purpose of the Program is to improve liquidity in the products listed below that are traded on the CME Globex Platform. A more liquid contract benefits all participants in the market.

## **Product Scope**

COMEX Options on Copper Futures that are traded on the CME Globex Platform ("Products").

## **Eligible Participants**

NYMEX may designate up to five (5) participants in the Program. Participants may be COMEX members or non-members. Potential participants are required to submit an application/bid sheet to the Exchange which is used to determine eligibility. The Exchange will use a variety of factors in determining whether or not a prospective participant is selected to participate in the Program, including the prospective participant's overall historical performance and experience acting as a market maker in other market making programs and the participant's historical volume in other COMEX metals products. Notwithstanding the forgoing, NYMEX may, from time to time, add to or subtract from the factors listed above as it deems necessary.

## **Program Term**

Start date is April 1, 2013. End date is May 31, 2014.

#### Hours

N/A

## **Program Incentives**

For each calendar month of participation in the Program, participants will receive predetermined incentives.

## **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity retain the right to revoke Program participant status if it concludes from review that a Program participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements of the Program.