

June 25, 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: Modifications to the 1000oz Silver Futures Resting Order Incentive Program COMEX Submission No. 13-260

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX" or the "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") of proposed modifications to the 1000oz Silver Futures Resting Order Incentive Program ("Program"). The proposed modifications to the Program will become effective on July 11, 2013.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the 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 and Compliance with Rules and Recordkeeping.

The 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 Program does not impact the Exchange's order execution. 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. Participants in the Program will be required to execute a contractual agreement expressly agreeing to abide by Exchange rules and applicable regulations.

COMEX certifies that the Program and proposed modifications comply with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program or proposed modifications.

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 contact Robert Lev at 312-930-3019 or via e-mail at <u>robert.lev@cmegroup.com</u>, or contact me at 212-299-2200. Please reference our COMEX Submission No. 13-260 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen Managing Director, Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# **EXHIBIT 1** 1000oz Silver Futures Resting Order Incentive Program

# Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to incentivize additional liquidity in the products listed below. A more liquid contract benefits all participants in the market.

# Product Scope

1000oz Silver Futures that are traded on the CME Globex Platform ("Products").

# **Eligible Participants**

Up to ten (10) participants may be selected into 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. Potential participants maintaining a average daily volume of 100 contracts sides traded in 5,000-oz silver futures over the previous thee (3) month period and that maintain a significant resting order percentage may be selected into the Program. Notwithstanding the forgoing, COMEX may modify the aforementioned criteria as it deems necessary.

# Program Term

Start date is June 17, 2013. End date is May 31, 2015.

# **Hours**

N/A

# Program Incentives

Each calendar month, participants that meet certain average daily volume levels in the Products or maintain a designated percentage of total volume in the Products will be eligible to 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.