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By Electronic Mail August 23, 2012

Mr. David A. Stawick
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Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20581



Re:

NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-124 —Designated Market Maker Program for Futures on mini MSCI Canada, USA, World, and Emerging Markets Latin America Indices.

Dear Mr. Stawick:

I am the Senior Vice President of Market Development of "NYSE Liffe US" or the "Exchange"). Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the "Act"), and U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission") Regulations Section 40.6(a), I enclose a Cover Sheet for NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-124 and NYSE Liffe US Notice 28/2012 which announces the designated market maker program in futures on mini MSCI Canada, USA, World, and Emerging Markets Latin America Indices (collectively "mini MSCI Index Futures") effective with the September 10, 2012, trading session.

NYSE Liffe US hereby certifies that: (i) the market maker program for mini MSCI Index Futures complies with the Act and the regulations thereunder and (ii) a notice and copy of this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's web site. Additionally, a concise explanation and analysis of the mini MSCI Index Futures market maker program and its compliance with applicable provisions of the Act, including core principles and the Commission's regulations thereunder, is attached. No substantive opposing views were expressed by members or others with respect to the market maker program.

If you have any questions, please call me at (212) 656-4312.

Yours Truly,

Marco Bianchi Enclosures

# Designated Contract Market Core Principles Implicated by NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-124

CORE PRINCIPLE	ANALYSIS
Core Principle 2:	The Exchange has carefully vetted those participants selected
Compliance with Rules	for the program. All participants in the program are subject to
	a market making agreement by which each participant agrees
	to abide by the Act and all rules, regulations, orders and
	interpretations of the CFTC and any applicable self-regulatory
	organization. In addition, the Exchange has the right to
	terminate the agreement immediately if the membership or
	trading rights of any market maker are suspended or if, in the
	opinion of the Exchange's Market Regulation Department, the
	market maker's activity violates any applicable law or rule.
	Moreover, each participant agrees to not only comply with the
	requirements of the program, but also all existing rules of the
	Exchange including Chapter 3, governing access to the
	Exchange's Trading Platform, Chapter 6 governing the
	business conduct of Exchange members and prohibiting,
	among other things, fraudulent acts, fictitious and pre-arranged
	trades, market manipulation and acts inconsistent with just and
	equitable principles of trade. The Exchange monitors its
	markets on a constant basis in real-time. In addition, through
	the operation of a regulatory services agreement, the National
	Futures Association provides to the Exchange comprehensive
	trade practice and market surveillance services designed to
	detect activities that are not in compliance with the Act, CFTC
	Rules, or Exchange rules and policies. Additionally, the
	Exchange has the authority, through Chapter 7 of the
	Exchange's rulebook, and the capacity to investigate any
	possible rule violations and, where appropriate, bring
	disciplinary actions and impose sanctions for any violations.
	Finally, the Exchange has in place effective international
	information sharing arrangements and has entered into accords
	such as the Boca Declaration and the Intermarket Surveillance
Coug Principle 2	Group Agreement.
Core Principle 3:	The program does not incentivize manipulative or other
Contracts not Readily	abusive practices. In the Exchange's experience, programs of
Subject to Manipulation	this type have not promoted abusive practices by participants.  Further, the Exchange has policies and procedures to monitor
	the participants and trading in the mini MSCI Index Futures
	and to detect and prevent manipulative or abusive trading and
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CORE PRINCIPLE	ANALYSIS
Core Principle 4: Prevention of Market Disruption	Trading by participants in the program, like all trading in the mini MSCI Index Futures will be subject to the existing trade practice and market surveillance policies and procedures of the Exchange. As stated above, the Exchange has real-time surveillance capabilities involving both human interaction as well as technological tools. Furthermore, the Exchange staff, in coordination with National Futures Association, has the capacity to detect and respond to manipulation and price distortions in its market and the ability to provide accurate and complete trade reconstruction.
Core Principle 5: Position Limits or Accountability	Participants in the program will be subject to all applicable position limits and accountability levels.
Core Principle 9: Execution of Transactions	Market maker programs are designed to enhance the market, providing liquidity and requiring consistent, tighter markets that tend to promote more accurate price discovery. Furthermore, the Exchange will, as it does for all such programs, monitor the impact, if any, that these programs have on trading on the centralized market and, in the event the Exchange identifies any deleterious effect to the centralized market, will take appropriate action.
Core Principle 10: Trade Information	The Exchange records and maintains an audit trail with all trade information regarding trading by all market participants, including the participants in these programs, necessary to monitor for customer and market abuse.
Core Principle 12: Protection of Markets and Market Participants	Participants in the program remain subject to all of the Exchange's rules. Chapter 6 of the Exchange's rulebook governs the business conduct of Exchange members and prohibits, among other things, fraudulent acts, fictitious and pre-arranged trades and other activities that could disadvantage their customers, as well as acts detrimental to the Exchange and inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade. The Exchange monitors for and investigates any possible rule violations and where appropriate brings disciplinary actions and imposes sanctions for any violations by any participants in these programs.
Core Principle 13: Disciplinary Procedures	Chapter 7 of the Exchange's rulebook provides for disciplinary procedures by which the Exchange may impose sanctions for any violations of the Exchange's rules, including any violations by participants in these programs.
Core Principle 18: Recordkeeping	Data with regard to the program shall be retained by the Exchange in secured storage for a period of at least five years and be readily accessible and open to review by the CFTC. Additionally, the Exchange has in place business continuity and disaster recovery policies and procedures that provide for back-up and off-site storage of Exchange records.
Core Principle 19: Antitrust Considerations	The program will not result in any restraint of trade as it puts no restrictions on trading in other competing markets.



## **NYSE LIFFE US NOTICE No. 28/2012**

ISSUE DATE:

August 23, 2012

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 10, 2012

Designated Market Maker Program for Futures on mini MSCI Canada, USA, World, and Emerging Markets Latin America Indices

## **Summary**

This Notice announces the implementation of a Designated Market Maker Program ("DMM Program") in futures on mini MSCI Canada, USA, World, and Emerging Markets Latin America Indices.

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 As noted in NYSE Liffe US Notice No. 27/2012, commencing with the September 10, 2012, Trading Session, NYSE Liffe US will begin trading futures on mini MSCI Canada, World, and Emerging Markets Latin America Indices.
- 1.2 As noted in NYSE Liffe US Notice No. <u>19/2009</u>, commencing in September 2009, the Exchange began trading in futures on the mini MSCI USA Index.

#### 2. Implementation of Designated Market Maker Program

- 2.1 Pursuant to Rule 426, NYSE Liffe US has determined to introduce a DMM program in futures on mini MSCI Canada, World, Emerging Markets Latin America, and USA Indices (collectively "mini MSCI Index Futures") commencing with the September 10, 2012 Trading Session. The DMM program will remain in place until the close of business on June 30, 2013. For details of the program, please see the attached program description.
- 2.2 All Market Maker ("MM") appointments are subject to the terms of a contractual agreement between the Exchange and each MM. Under the terms of the agreements, each MM represents that its market making activity will comply with all applicable provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act, the rules and regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Rules of the Exchange. The Exchange will monitor each MM's performance of market making activity under the contract and may adjust benefits otherwise due under the agreement and/or terminate

the agreement if it determines the MM has failed to perform its obligations as a MM under the agreement.

2.3 Although the Exchange has implemented the DMM Program, MM's are not required to trade nor is the Exchange obligated to appoint any MMs.

Members who have questions or seek additional information in respect of this Notice should contact:

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## Designated Market Maker Program for mini MSCI Index Futures September 10, 2012 – June 30, 2013

#### **US Hours Program**

#### Product(s)

- mini MSCI World Index Futures
- mini MSCI Emerging Markets Latin America Index Futures
- mini MSCI Canada Index Futures
- mini MSCI USA Index Futures

#### **Eligible Participants**

• Designated Market Makers with a valid Designated Market Making Agreement in place as of September 10, 2012.

## **Program Term**

• September 10, 2012 – June 30, 2013

#### **Hours**

• US Trading Session: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (NYT)

#### **Obligations**

- Market Participant that is registered as a MM in this program must be in full compliance with Exchange rules and with the DMM Agreement
- Post two-sided markets at contracted bid/offer spread and size for a substantial percentage of Trading Session.

#### **Incentives**

- Waiver of exchange fees
- A pro rata share of gross exchange fee revenues, with those participants acting as MM in all four products receiving an additional pro rata share in each product.
- Additional pro rata share for any product in which a MM maintains a certain amount of open interest for a substantial portion of any calendar month

## **European Hours Program**

#### Product(s)

• mini MSCI World Index Futures

#### **Eligible Participants**

• Designated Market Makers with a valid Designated Market Making Agreement in place as of September 10, 2012.

## **Program Term**

• September 10, 2012 – June 30, 2013

#### **Hours**

• European Trading Session: 3:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (NYT)

#### **Obligations**

- Market Participant that is registered as a MM in this program must be in full compliance with Exchange rules and with the DMM Agreement
- Post two-sided markets at contracted bid/offer spread and size for a substantial percentage of Trading Session.

## **Incentives**

- Waiver of exchange fees
- Monthly stipend

## **Monitoring and Termination Status**

NYSE Liffe US will monitor MM activity on an ongoing basis, and retains the right to revoke market making status if NYSE Liffe US concludes, from its review that a program participant is not complying with the market-making obligations of the program.



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# FOIA CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUEST BY NYSE LIFFE US LLC

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CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUESTED

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Supplemental Submission NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-124 – Supplemental Information Relating to Designated Market Maker Program for Futures on mini MSCI Canada, USA, World, and Emerging Markets Latin America Indices.

Dear Mr. Stawick:

NYSE Liffe US LLC ("NYSE Liffe US" or the "Exchange") in connection with NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-124, announcing the the designated market maker program in futures on mini MSCI Canada, USA, World, and Emerging Markets Latin America Indices (collectively "mini MSCI Index Futures"), which was filed today, is providing the attached supplemental information. The Exchange has simultaneously submitted to the Commission a request for confidential treatment of the supplemental information. A copy of the request for confidential treatment is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please call me at (312) 442-7984.

Yours truly,

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## FOIA CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUEST BY NYSE LIFFE US LLC

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Re: FOIA Confidential Treatment Request

Dear Ms. Mauldin:

By e-mail dated today, August 23, 2012, NYSE Liffe US LLC ("NYSE Liffe US" or the "Exchange") in connection with NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-124, voluntarily provided the supplemental information attached.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 145.9(d), the Exchange requests confidential treatment of the information attached and this letter on the grounds that disclosure of this information would reveal confidential commercial or financial information of the Exchange. Pursuant to Commission Rule 145.9(d)(5) the Exchange requests that confidential treatment of the attached information be maintained until further notice from the Exchange. The Exchange requests that the Commission notify it immediately after receiving any request under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") or any other court order, subpoena or summons for the attached information. The Exchange specifically notes that it does not waive in any manner its rights under Section 8(f) of the Commodity Exchange Act to receive a copy of any subpoena or summons for the attached information prior to the Commission's disclosure of such information pursuant to such subpoena or summons. Finally, the Exchange requests that the Commission notify it in the event that the Commission intends to disclose the attached information to Congress or any federal or state governmental agency or department.

In connection with this request for confidential treatment, and pursuant to Commission Rule 40.8, the Exchange is submitting the attached detailed written justification in support of the request for confidential treatment.

If you have any questions, please call me at (312) 442-7984.

Yours truly,

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