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By Electronic Mail September 6, 2012

Mr. David A. Stawick
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Re: NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-127 – Renewal of the Designated Market Maker Program for Eurodollar and U.S. Treasury Futures Contracts.

Dear Mr. Stawick:

I am a Senior Vice-President of NYSE Liffe US LLC ("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 (the "Regulations") Section 40.6(a), I enclose a Cover Sheet for NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-127 and NYSE Liffe US Notice 31/2012 which announces the renewal of the Designated Market Maker ("DMM Program") in the Eurodollar and U.S. Treasury Futures (collectively "Interest Rate Futures") effective September 21, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

NYSE Liffe US hereby certifies that: (i) the DMM Program for Interest Rate Futures complies with the Act and the Regulations 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 Interest Rate Futures DMM Program and its compliance with applicable provisions of the Act, including core principles and the Regulations, is attached. No substantive opposing views were expressed by members or others with respect to the DMM 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 2012-127

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, the Exchange 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 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, including the current Interest Rate Futures DMM
	Program, have not promoted abusive practices by participants.
	Further, the Exchange has policies and procedures to monitor
	the participants and trading in the Interest Rate Futures and to
	detect and prevent manipulative or abusive trading and
	practices.

ANALYSIS
Trading by participants in the program, like all trading in the
Interest Rate Futures will continue to 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.
Participants in the program will continue to be subject to all
applicable position limits and accountability levels.
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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 and has for the existing Interest Rate Futures DMM
Program, 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.
The Exchange records and maintains an audit trail with all
trade information regarding trading by all market participants,
including the participants in this program, necessary to monitor
for customer and market abuse.
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.
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.
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.
The program will not result in any restraint of trade as it puts

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# NYSE LIFFE US NOTICE No. 31/2012

ISSUE DATE: EFFECTIVE DATE: September 6, 2012 September 21, 2012

## Renewal of Designated Market Maker Programs for Interest Rate Futures

# **Summary**

This Notice announces the renewal of Designated Market Maker ("DMM") Programs in Eurodollar Futures and U.S. Treasury Futures (collectively "Interest Rate Futures") beginning with the September 21, 2012, trading session and extending through the December 31, 2012 trading session.

#### 1. Introduction

1.1 NYSE Liffe US Notice No. 7/2012, as supplemented by Notice No. 11/2012, announced the appointment of market makers ("MMs") to participate in the Exchange's Interest Rate Futures DMM Programs commencing with the March 21, 2012 Trading Session and continuing through September 20, 2012.

# 2. Renewal of the Designated Market Maker Programs

- 2.1 After considering the performance of the MMs participating in the current term of the Interest Rate Futures DMM Programs, which expire on September 20, 2012, the Exchange has determined to renew the Interest Rate Futures DMM Programs for a new term, commencing September 21, 2012 and continuing through December 31, 2012.
- All DMM 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 DMM has failed to perform its obligations as a DMM under the agreement.
- 2.3 Although the Exchange has renewed 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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#### Attachment 1

## General Designated Market Maker Program for Interest Rate Futures

# **Eligible Participants**

Market Participants

# Hours

- Entire Trading Session: 7:16 p.m. 5:00 p.m.[next day] New York Time (NYT) divided into three discrete sessions:
  - o Overnight Session: 7:16 pm 7:30 am NYT
  - o European Session 2:00 am to 12:00 pm NYT
  - o US Session: 7 am − 5 pm NYT

# **Program Term**

• September 21, 2012-December 31, 2012

# **Obligations**

- Market Participant that is registered as a market maker in this program must be in full compliance with Exchange rules
- Post bids and offers at contracted bid/ask spreads and sizes during designated trading hours under normal market conditions in the following contracts and types of trades, as determined by contract with each individual market maker:
  - o Treasury Futures (includes 2Y, 5Y, 10Y, 30Y, and Ultras):
    - Outright trades
    - Calendar rolls
  - o Eurodollar Futures:
    - Outright trades
    - Calendar spreads
    - Butterflies
    - Packs and Bundles

# **Incentives**

- Exchange fees waived;
- Rebate per side transacted up to certain limit in each of the Interest Rate Futures contracts; and
- Reimbursement for proven costs associated with equipment and technical configurations subject to a certain limit.

# **Monitoring and Termination Status**

NYSE Liffe US will monitor Market Maker 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.

#### Attachment 2

# Designated Exchange Partner Market Maker Program for Interest Rate Futures

# **Eligible Participants**

• Members of NYSE Liffe Holdings, LLC (other than NYSE Euronext)

# **Hours**

- Entire Trading Session: 7:16 p.m. 5:00 p.m.[next day] ET divided into three discrete sessions:
  - o Overnight Session: 7:16pm 7:30am ET
  - o European Session 2:00 am to 12:00 pm ET
  - o US Session: 7am 5pm ET

## **Program Term**

• September 21, 2012-December 31, 2012

# **Obligations**

- Market makers in this program must be in full compliance with Exchange rules
- Post bids and offers at contracted bid/ask spreads and sizes during designated trading hours under normal market conditions in the following contracts and types of trades, as determined by contract with each individual market maker:
  - o Treasury Futures (includes 2Y, 5Y, 10Y, 30Y, and Ultras):
    - Outright trades
    - Calendar rolls
  - o Eurodollar Futures:
    - Outright trades
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#### **Incentives**

 Reduced exchange fees if market maker exceeds minimum monthly trading volume.

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September 6, 2012

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Re: Supplemental Submission NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-127 – Supplemental Information Relating to the Renewal of the Designated Market Maker Program for Interest Rate Futures

Dear Mr. Stawick:

NYSE Liffe US LLC ("NYSE Liffe US" or the "Exchange") in connection with NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-127, announcing the renewal of the designated market maker program for Interest Rate 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 212-656-4568.

Yours truly,

Karl D. Cooper



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# FOIA CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUEST BY NYSE LIFFE US LLC

By Electronic Mail

September 6, 2012

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CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUESTED

Re: FOIA Confidential Treatment Request

Dear Ms. Mauldin:

By e-mail dated today, September 6, 2012, NYSE Liffe US LLC ("NYSE Liffe US" or the "Exchange") in connection with NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-127, 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,

Karl D. Cooper Enclosure