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#### VIA E-MAIL

Mr. David Stawick Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20581

RE:

Latin America Bank Incentive Program CME/CBOT/NYMEX/COMEX Submission No. 11-428

Dear Mr. Stawick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc ("CME"), the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc ("CBOT"), the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc ("NYMEX"), and the Commodity Exchange, Inc ("COMEX") (CME, CBOT, NYMEX, and COMEX collectively the "Exchanges") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") of the implementation of an Incentive Program for banks in the Latin America region ("LABIP" or "Program"). The proposed Program will become effective on December 4, 2011.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the proposed Program.

The Exchanges' business staff responsible for the Program and the Exchanges' legal department collectively reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodities Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, the Exchanges' 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 Record Keeping.

The proposed Program's incentive structure does not incentivize manipulative trading or market abuse and does not impact the Exchanges' ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchanges' market regulation staff will nevertheless continue to monitor all market participants that trade under the Program to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. The incentives in the proposed Program do not impact the Exchanges' order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by the Exchanges' staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchanges' rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The proposed Program is subject to these rules. The proposed Program will be subject to the Exchanges' record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

CME, CBOT, NYMEX, and COMEX certify that the Program complies with the Commodity Exchange Act and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

The Exchanges certify that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html

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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 CME/CBOT/NYMEX/COMEX Submission No. 11-428 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director, Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachments

# EXHIBIT 1 LATIN AMERICA BANK INCENTIVE PROGRAM

## Program Purpose.

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize banks in Latin American countries to trade the products listed below on the CME Globex Platform. The resulting increase in liquidity in the products listed below benefits all participant segments in the market.

#### Product Scope

All CME, CBOT, NYMEX, and COMEX products available for trading on the Globex® Platform ("Products").

#### **Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the amount of participants that may be selected in the Program. All approved CME, CBOT, NYMEX and COMEX non-members may participante. Additionally participants must meet the following criteria:

#### To qualify for LABIP, a bank must:

- Be located in a Latin American country. (See below)
- Have all traders physically located in Latin America.
- Complete a LABIP application and be approved by the Exchanges.
- Execute all trades in the LABIP participant's name.
- Register all participating traders who must be owners, bona fide employees or independent contractors of the LABIP participant.
- Have a relationship with an Exchange clearing member

# Banks from the following countries qualify for the LABIP:

| Argentina<br>Belize | Ecuador<br>El Salvador | Panama<br>Paraguay |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Bolivia             | French Guiana          | Peru               |
| Brazil              | Guatemala              | Suriname           |
| Chile               | Guyana                 | Uruguay            |
| Colombia            | Honduras               | Venezuela          |
| Costa Rica Mexico   | Mexico                 |                    |
| Dominican Republic  | Nicaragua              |                    |

# **Program Term**

Start date is December 4, 2011. End date is December 31, 2012.

# <u>Hours</u>

The incentives will apply to all trades made in the Products regardless of the execution time.

# **Program Incentives:**

Once accepted into the Program, participants will be eligible to receive the following incentives:

<u>Fee Discounts.</u> Participants will be eligible to receive fee discounts for the Products that are traded on Globex® in accordance with the following table:

| Product Category<br>(For Executed trades on Globex only) | LABIP fees<br>(per side) |
|--|--------------------------|
| CME Products   |                          |
| E-mini Equity Index - futures                            | \$0.75                   |
| E-mini Equity Index - option                             | \$0.44                   |
| Full Size Equity Index contract                          | \$1.50                   |
| Interest Rate contracts                                  | \$0.75                   |
| Foreign Exchange contract                                | \$1.00                   |
| Agricultural contracts - future                          | \$1.50                   |
| Agricultural contracts - option                          | \$0.81                   |
| CBOT Products  |                          |
| Mini Equity contracts **                                 | \$.075                   |
| Full size Equity contract                                | \$0.90                   |
| Interest Rates contract                                  | \$0.44                   |
| Agricultural contract                                    | \$1.35                   |
| NYMEX Products   |                          |
| Energy contracts (Physicals) on CME Globex               | \$1.00                   |
| COMEX Product  |                          |
| Metals futures contracts (Physicals) on CME<br>Globex    | \$1.00                   |

<sup>\*\*</sup> For CBOT Mini Dow product only

# **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchanges shall monitor trading activity and participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke Program participant status if it concludes from review that a Program participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements or fails to meet the obligations of the Program.