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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:

Modifications to the CME FX Futures Cross Currency Liquidity Market

**Making Program** 

CME Submission No. 11-447R

Dear Mr. Stawick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or the "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") of modifications to an existing market making program for certain Foreign Exchange ("FX") futures contracts that are traded on Globex® ("Program"). The proposed modifications to the Program will become effective on January 01, 2012.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of this Program. The modifications appear below, with additions underscored and deletions overstruck.

CME business staff responsible for the Program and the CME legal department collectively reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodities Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, CME 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 Program and proposed modifications will not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA and the Exchange's market regulation staff will continue to monitor all market participants that trade the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' obligations under the Program to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The incentives in the Program do not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the CME rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchange in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and CME rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

CME certifies that the Program and the modifications to the Program comply with the Commodity Exchange Act and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program or the proposed modifications.

The Exchange certifies 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 Submission No. 11-447R in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen Managing Director, Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachments

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# CME FX Futures Cross Currency Liquidity Market Maker Program

#### Program Purpose.

The purpose of this Program is to incent market makers to enhance liquidity in the products listed below. The resulting increase in central limit order book liquidity for FX futures on the CME Globex® platform benefits all participants segments in the market.

#### **Product Scope**

The following CME FX futures products available for trading on the Globex® Platform ("Products");

African Rand Futures
Austr. Dollar/Canad. Dollar Futures
Austr. Dollar/Japan. Yen Futures
Austr. Dollar/New Zealand Futures
Brazilian Real Futures
British Pound/Japan. Yen Futures
British Pound/Swiss Franc Futures
Canadian Dollar/Jap. Yen Futures
Czech Koruna Futures
Czech Koruna/Euro Futures
Dj Cme Fx Dollar Index Futures
E-Mini Euro Fx Futures
E-Mini J-Yen Futures
Euro Fx/Bp Futures
Euro Fx/Canadian Dollar Futures

Euro Fx/Jy Futures Euro Fx/Norwegian Krone Futures Euro Fx/Sf Futures Euro Fx/Swedish Krona Futures
Euro Renminbi Futures
Euro Turkish Lira Futures
Hungarian Forint (Usd) Futures
Hungarian Forint/Euro Fx Futures
Israeli Shekel Futures
Japanese Yen Renminbi Futures
Korean Won Us Dollar Futures
Polish Zloty Futures
Polish Zloty/Euro Fx Futures
Russian Ruble Futures
Swiss Franc/Japanese Yen Futures
U.S. Dollar/Norwegian Krone Futures
U.S. Dollar/Swedish Krona Futures
U.S. Dollar Renminbi Futures

U.S. Dollar Turkish Lira Futures

### Eligible Participants

Up to ten (10) twenty (20) participants may be selected into the Program. Participants can be CME members or non-members. Potential participants are required to submit an application/bid sheet to the Exchange which is used to determine eligibility. CME staff will use a variety of factors in determining whether or not a prospective market maker is selected to participate in the Program, including but not limited to past performance in FX Futures and the ability to commit to and maintain at least the required quoting obligations.

#### **Program Term**

Start date is September 1, 2008. End date is December 31, 2011 December 31, 2012.

### <u>Hours</u>

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

## **Obligations**

### **Quoting Requirements:**

Market makers will be required to provide two-sided electronic markets in respective Products (low liquidity currency and cross currency futures contracts) with contracted spreads, bid/ask volume and time frame. All Product activity shall be conducted through a proprietary account of the market maker.

### **Program Incentives:**

Upon satisfying all Program obligations, as determined by the Exchange, each Program participant shall be eligible for the following incentive:

#### Fee Waivers

CME shall waive all of market maker's CME Globex® execution and clearing fees for the Products traded through the market-making account(s).

### **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchange 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.