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**By Electronic Mail** December 4, 2012

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

# Re: NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-137 – Notice Announcing the Extension of the Futures Incentive Program

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 2012-137 and NYSE Liffe US Notice 41/2012 which announces that the Exchange is extending its Futures Incentive Program ("FIP") from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, as set forth in the Notice.

NYSE Liffe US hereby certifies that: (i) the FIP 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 FIP 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 received from members or others with respect to the FIP.

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 2012-137

CORE PRINCIPLE	ANALYSIS		
Core Principle 2:	As with all Exchange members and participants, all		
Compliance with Rules	participants in the FIP are subject to 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, disruptive trading practices 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 FIP does not incentivize manipulative or other abusive		
Contracts not Readily	practices. In the Exchange's experience, programs of this type,		
Subject to Manipulation	including the current FIP, have not promoted abusive practices		
v 1	by participants. Further, the Exchange has policies and		
	procedures to monitor the participants and trading to detect and		
	prevent manipulative or abusive trading and practices.		
Core Principle 4:	Trading by participants in the FIP, like all trading on the		
Prevention of Market	Exchange, will continue to be subject to the existing trade		
Disruption	practice and market surveillance policies and procedures of the		
	Exchange. 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:	Participants in the FIP will continue to be subject to all		
Position Limits or	applicable position limits.		
Accountability			

CORE PRINCIPLE	ANALYSIS		
Core Principle 9:	Incentive programs are designed to enhance the market by		
Execution of Transactions	providing liquidity. Furthermore, the Exchange will, as it has		
	for the existing FIP, and 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:	The Exchange records and maintains an audit trail with all		
Trade Information	trade information regarding trading by all market participants,		
	including the participants in the FIP, necessary to monitor for		
Come Duin sints 12:	customer and market abuse.		
Core Principle 12: Protection of Markets and	Participants in the FIP remain subject to all of the Exchange's		
Market Participants	rules. Chapter 6 of the Exchange's rulebook governs the business conduct of Exchange members and prohibits, among		
Marker I articipantis	other things, fraudulent acts, fictitious and pre-arranged trades		
	and other activities that could disadvantage their customers, as		
	well as disruptive trading practices and 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 the FIP.		
Core Principle 13:	Chapter 7 of the Exchange's rulebook provides for disciplinary		
Disciplinary Procedures	procedures by which the Exchange may impose sanctions for		
	any violations of the Exchange's rules, including any		
	violations by participants in the FIP.		
Core Principle 18:	Data with regard to the FIP shall be retained by the Exchange		
Recordkeeping	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.		



### NYSE LIFFE U.S. NOTICE No. 41/2012

ISSUE DATE: December 4, 2012 EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2013

#### **Extension and Modification of the Futures Incentive Program**

#### Summary

This Notice announces the extension of the NYSE Liffe US Futures Incentive Program ("FIP") for the period of January 1, 2013 through close of business December 31, 2013.

#### 1. Background

- 1.1.1 <u>NYSE Liffe US Notice No. 10/2009</u>, issued March 30, 2009, informed members and market participants of the launch of the Pilot FIP for NYSE Arca ETV Participants. This Notice also included the application form for the FIP.
- 1.1.2 <u>NYSE Liffe US Notice No. 2/2010</u> announced enhancements to FIP that included adding mini MSCI Index Futures, off-exchange transactions, and two new metals ETFs.
- 1.1.3 <u>NYSE Liffe US Notice No. 15/2012</u> announced the extension of the FIP through December 31, 2012 as well as a modification of the rebate paid for mini MSCI Index Futures.
- 1.2 As previously mentioned in prior Notices, FIP participants must have a fully completed application submitted to, and approved by, the Exchange before any transactions may qualify for rebates available under the FIP.

#### 2. Extension of the Program

- 2.1 The Exchange hereby announces the extension of the FIP for the period January 1, 2013, through close of business December 31, 2013.
- 2.2 Members and market participants should be aware that the amount of shares of an exchangetraded vehicle (ETV) necessary to correspond with the relevant NYSE Liffe US contract (and the required monthly thresholds to qualify for any rebates under FIP) may change at any time due to stock splits or reverse stock splits.
- 2.3 The Exchange wishes to remind members and market participants that it will monitor the impact, if any, that the FIP has on trading on the centralized market. In the event that the Exchange identifies a deleterious effect to the centralized marketplace, the Exchange will take appropriate action.

2.4 The Exchange wishes to further remind members and market participants that it reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel the FIP in its entirety or to modify, limit or eliminate any or all of the terms, rules, benefits or eligibility requirements of the FIP at any time.

#### 3 Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulation

- 3.1 All members and participants in the NYSE Liffe US marketplace are reminded that they remain subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations otherwise applicable to their activities, including, but not limited to the NYSE Liffe US Rules, the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the Exchange will have no liability to pay rebates in connection with transactions that are not in compliance with any applicable laws, regulations or exchange rules, including, but not limited to, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the regulations promulgated thereunder, the Commodity Exchange Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder, NYSE Arca Rules, and NYSE Liffe US Rules.
- 3.3 Accordingly, trades between the same or different Individual Trader Mnemonics of a FIP participant will not be eligible for a FIP rebate, unless one or both sides of such trade is for a customer or customers of the FIP participant, i.e., a CTI-4 trade.

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

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