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**By Electronic Mail** December 5, 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 2012-138R – Notice Announcing the Extension of the Designated Market Maker Program in Mini MSCI Index Futures.

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 2012-138R and NYSE Liffe US Notice 42/2012 which announces that the Exchange is extending the designated market maker program in mini MSCI Index Futures (collectively "mini MSCIs") for an additional six months. This revised version clarifies that the market maker program will be effective from January 1, 2013, through June 30, 2013.

NYSE Liffe US hereby certifies that: (i) the market maker program for mini MSCIs 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 MSCIs 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 received from members or others with respect to the market maker programs.

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 2012-138R

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, 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 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 mini MSCIs market maker
<i>y</i>	program, have not promoted abusive practices by participants.
	Further, the Exchange has policies and procedures to monitor
	the participants and trading in the mini MSCIs and to detect
	and prevent manipulative or abusive trading and practices.

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Core Principle 4: Prevention of Market	Trading by participants in the programs, like all trading in the mini MSCIs will continue to be subject to the existing trade
Disruption	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
Core Principle 5: Position Limits or Accountability	complete trade reconstruction. Participants in the programs will continue to be subject to all applicable position limits.
<i>Core Principle 9:</i> <i>Execution of Transactions</i>	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 has for the existing mini MSCIs program, 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: 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 programs 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 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 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 programs 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.



# NYSE LIFFE US NOTICE No. 42/2012

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

#### Extension of the Designated Market Maker Program for Mini MSCI Index Futures

#### Summary

This Notice announces that the Exchange is appointing, for a new term, Market Makers ("MMs") in Mini MSCI Index Futures ("min MSCIs"). Under the mini MSCI Designated Market Maker ("DMM") program, the Exchange offers incentives to MMs to post two-sided quotations, and provide liquidity in, mini MSCIs. The term of the DMM program will be January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 <u>NYSE Liffe US Notice No. 20/2009</u> announced the appointment pursuant to NYSE Liffe US Rule 426 of MMs for an initial term for certain mini MSCIs along with corresponding details concerning the program and participation.
- 1.2 <u>NYSE Liffe US Notice Nos. 12/2010, 24/2011, 40/2011</u>, and <u>17/2012</u> announced the appointment of MMs for new terms, ultimately extending the program through December 31, 2012.

#### 2. Extension of the Designated Market Maker Program

- 2.1 After considering the performance of the MMs participating in the current term of the mini MSCIs DMM program, which expires on December 31, 2012, the Exchange has determined to appoint a core group of firms to participate in the DMM program for one or more mini MSCIs for a new term, commencing January 1, 2013 and continuing through June 30, 2013.
- 2.2 All MM appointments remain 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 continue to 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. Please see Attachment 1 for further details.

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

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# Attachment 1

## Designated Market Maker Program for mini MSCIs January 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013

## **Product(s)**

- mini MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Index Futures
- mini MSCI EAFE Index Futures
- mini MSCI Pan-Euro Index Futures

## **Eligible Participants**

• Designated Market Makers with a valid Designated Market Making Agreement.

## <u>Hours</u>

- European Trading Session: 3:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. New York Time (NYT)
- US Trading Session: 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. (NYT)

## Program Term

• January 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013

## **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**

*Early Morning Session* (European Program available for mini MSCI Pan Euro, mini MSCI EM and mini MSCI EAFE Futures)

- Pro-rata shared pool
- Waiver of exchange fees in the relevant contracts

*U.S. Trading Sessions* (Algo Program available for mini MSCI EAFE and mini MSCI EM Futures)

• Waiver of exchange fees in the relevant contracts

## Calendar Roll Bonus (mini MSCI EM and mini MSCI EAFE Futures only)

• Additional bonus for the top three in calendar roll spread volume traded in the central order book during March 2013 and June 2013 Calendar Rolls subject to a minimum number of explicit calendar spreads between the first and second expiry

months traded in the central order book. (EFRP and block transactions are excluded from the calendar roll bonus pool).

# **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.