



December 10, 2013

## **VIA E-MAIL**

Ms. Melissa Jurgens Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20581

RE: Extension of the CME Individual Member Equity Index Maxi-Mini Incentive Program CME Submission No. 13-431

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it plans to extend the CME Individual Member Equity Index Maxi-Mini Incentive Program ("Program"). The Program was set to expire on December 31, 2013. The extension will become effective on January 2, 2014.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program. Modifications appear below with additions <u>underscored</u> and deletions <del>overstruck</del>.

CME reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity 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, and Compliance with Rules.

The Program's incentive structure does not incentivize manipulative trading or market abuse and does not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchange's market regulation staff will monitor all trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. The trading incentive in the Program does not impact the Exchange's order execution. All individual members that execute trades in the Program's products on Globex® shall be entitled to participate. Chapter 4 of the Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules.

CME certifies that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at <a href="http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html">http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html</a>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please contact Tim Elliott at 312-466-7478 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:tim.elliott@cmegroup.com">tim.elliott@cmegroup.com</a>, or contact me at 212-299-2200. Please reference our CME Submission No. 13-431 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher K. Bowen Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

## **EXHIBIT 1**

# CME INDIVIDUAL MEMBER EQUITY INDEX MAXI-MINI INCENTIVE PROGRAM

#### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize CME individual members to trade E-mini Equity index futures on the CME Globex® Platform and Equity Index futures traded via open outcry. The resulting increase in liquidity for both venues benefits all participant segments in the market.

## **Product Scope**

CME E-mini Equity Index futures contracts that are traded on the CME Globex® Platform and CME Equity Index futures traded via open outcry ("Products").

## **Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the number of participants under the Program. All CME individual members are eligible to participate. The trading incentive described below will be applied to all eligible trades executed in the Products by CME individual members who notify the Exchange.

#### **Program Term**

Start date is December 16, 2011. End date is December 31, 2013 December 31, 2014.

## **Hours**

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

#### **Program Incentives**

Fee Credits

Program participants will receive a fee credit of \$0.02 for each CME Equity Index futures trade completed in open outcry trading, to be applied against fees for the participant for CME E-mini Equity Index futures trades on Globex®.

## **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 of the Program.