

**Commodity Futures Trading Commission** 

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December 13, 2013

Ms. Melissa Jurgens Office of the Secretariat

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VIA E-MAIL

CONFIDENTIAL TRE REQUESTE

## RE: SUPPLEMENTAL SUBMISSION: NYMEX Submission No. 13-576S: Additional Supplemental Information Relating to the Brent - DME Oman Spread Market Maker Program. Subject to a Freedom of Information Act Protection.

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

Previously, pursuant to Submission No. 13-576 dated December 13, 2013, the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") notified the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of the implementation of the Brent - DME Oman Spread Market Maker Program ("Program").

In this letter, the Exchange is providing the Commission with certain additional information related to the incentives under the Program. The additional supplemental information is provided in Appendix A, for which a request for confidential treatment is being simultaneously submitted to the Commission. A copy of that request for confidential treatment is included with this supplemental filing.

NYMEX certifies that the Program complies with the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA") and the regulations thereunder. A concise explanation and analysis of the operation, purpose and effect of the Program was provided in Submission No. 13-576. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

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

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please contact Tim Elliott at 312-466-7478 or via e-mail at <u>tim.elliott@cmegroup.com</u>, or contact me at 212-299-2200. Please reference our NYMEX Submission No. 13-576 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

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

Attachment: Appendix A

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CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUESTED

## Re: FOIA Confidential Treatment Request

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

By e-mail dated today, December 13, 2013, the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") submitted a supplemental rule certification filing (Submission No. 13-576S) to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission"). This supplemental filing includes an appendix ("Appendix A"), which is attached.

Pursuant to Sections 8 and 8(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"), as amended, and Commission Regulation 145.9(d), NYMEX requests confidential treatment of Appendix A, on the grounds that Appendix A contains confidential commercial information of the submitter (NYMEX). Pursuant to Commission Regulation 145.9(d)(5), NYMEX requests that confidential treatment be maintained for Appendix A <u>until further notice from NYMEX</u>. We also request that the Commission notify the undersigned immediately after receiving any FOIA request for said Appendix A or any other court order, subpoena or summons for same. Finally, we request that we be notified in the event the Commission intends to disclose such Appendix A to Congress or to any other governmental agency or unit pursuant to Section 8 of the CEA. NYMEX does not waive its notification rights under Section 8(f) of the CEA with respect to any subpoena or summons for such Appendix A.

Please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200 should you have any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure: Exhibit 1