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Melissa Jurgens
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Center
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20581

Re: TeraExchange Submission 14-09: Listing of AUD BBSW Fixed for Float Interest Rate Swaps by Certification Pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.2(a)

Dear Secretary Jurgens:

TeraExchange, LLC ("TeraExchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission" or "CFTC"), pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.2(a), that it is certifying AUD BBSW Fixed for Float interest rate swaps ("IRS") for trading on its swap execution facility.

The intended listing date of the IRS certified in this letter is February 26, 2014. This submission letter includes the following attachments:

- The submission cover sheet;
- The terms and conditions for the IRS (Exhibit A); and
- A concise explanation and analysis of the IRS's compliance with applicable provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act (the "CEA"), including the relevant Core Principles, and the Commission's Regulations thereunder (Exhibit B).

#### Certifications

I hereby certify that each IRS swap complies with the CEA and Commission Regulations thereunder. I further certify that TeraExchange has concurrently posted a copy of this submission letter and all attachments on the TeraExchange website at http://www.teraexchange.com/regulatory.html.

Please contact the undersigned at (908) 273-8277 or at LNuara@teraexchange.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

Leonard T. Nuara

Leonard T. Nuara President and COO

# Exhibit A

Terms and Conditions
(Attached)

|                                       | AUD BBSW FIXED FOR FLOAT IRS  |
|---------------------------------------|---|
|                                       | General   |
| Swap Structure                        | A spot starting, fixed notional, fixed for float Interest Rate Swap whose value is based upon the difference between a stream of fixed                        |
| ·                                     | cash flows and floating interest payments that are tied to a floating reference rate, over a term to maturity.  |
| Currencies                            | AUD  CME available at http://www.cmegroup.com/trading/interest-rates/cleared-otc/files/cme-otc-irs-supported-product-list.xls                                 |
| Clearing Venue Specifications         | LCH available at http://www.lchclearnet.com/swaps/swapclear_for_clearing_members/products.asp   |
| *Quoting Convention                   | Standard: Fixed coupon in points (00.000)   |
|                                       | Upfront: NPV per hundred million notional   |
| *Price Increment                      | Standards: 0.001 points = 0.1 basis points  |
|                                       | Upfront: A\$ 20 per hundred million notional  |
| *Minimum Notional Size                | A\$ 1,000   |
| *Minimum Notional Size Increment      | A\$ 1,000   |
| Trading Conventions                   | Buy = Pay Fixed  Sell = Receive Fixed   |
| Trading Hours                         | 1:00 AM to 5:00 PM Eastern Time   |
| Last Trade Date                       | Available to trade on every US business day   |
|                                       | The Effective Date is the first date for which fixed and floating payments accrue.  |
| *Effective Date                       | For sport starting instruments, the Effective Date is Trade Date + 1, subject to adjustment based on Modified Following convention.                           |
|                                       | For forward starting instruments, the Effective Date is Trade Date + 1 + Forward Starting Period, subject to adjustment based on                              |
|                                       | Modified Following convention.  |
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| *Maturity Date                        | The Maturity Date (also referred to as the Termination Date) is the final date to which fixed and floating amounts accrue. For AUD                            |
| •                                     | instruments, this date is Effective Date + Tenor. This date is subject to adjustment based on Modified Following convention.  Spot starting instruments: None |
| *Forward Starting Period              | Forward starting instruments: Up to 10 years  |
| Tenor                                 | Up to 31 Years  |
| *Upfront Payment                      | Standard: None  |
|                                       | Variable: As determined by Participant or Industry Standards  |
| *Roll and Payment Date Holiday        | Australia   |
| Calendars                             | Australia   |
| Settlement Procedure                  | As determined by the Clearing Venue   |
| Position Accountability               | As may be determined and published by TeraExchange under CFTC Regulation 37.600 (c)   |
|                                       | Fixed Leg   |
| Fixed Coupon                          | Standard: The fixed coupon is determined by the price of execution and remains static throughout the life of the contract.                                    |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Upfront: As defined by Market Participants  Quarterly (1, 2, and 3 year Tenors)   |
| *Payment Frequency                    | Semiannual  |
| *Compounding                          | None  |
| *Day Count Convention                 | ACT/365.FIXED   |
| *Business Day Convention              | Modified Following  |
| zasmess za, com emilion               | Float Leg   |
| *Payment Frequency                    | Semiannual  |
| *5 5                                  | Quarterly (3M BBSW)   |
| *Reset Frequency                      | Semiannual (6M BBSW)  |
| *Compounding                          | Flat (3M BBSW)  |
|                                       | None (6M BBSW)  |
| *Day Count Convention                 | ACT/365.FIXED   |
| *Business Day Convention              | Modified Following  |
| *Reset Dates                          | Reset Dates define the beginning and end of accrual periods. Floating Rate Reset Dates facilitate the determination of the BBSW Fixing                        |
|                                       | Dates. Each Reset Date is subject to adjustment based on Modified Following convention.   |
| Fixing Dates                          | Reset Dates   |
| *Floating Rate Index                  | Australian Financial Markets Association 3,6 Month AUD BBSW   |
| *Fixing Date Holiday Calendar         | Australia   |

<sup>\*</sup>The above items represent the customary attributes of the swap agreements; those items market with an asterisk "\*" may be customized but only in conformance with the Clearing Venue Specifications.

#### Exhibit B

This exhibit includes a concise explanation and analysis of the certified IRS's compliance with applicable provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act (the "CEA"), including the relevant Core Principles, and the Commission's Regulations thereunder.

### Core Principle 2 - Compliance with Rules

As with all products listed for trading on TeraExchange, trading in IRS will be subject to compliance with the CEA, CFTC Regulations and the TeraExchange Rulebook (the "Rules"). Chapter 5 of the Rules sets out in detail the trading practice and business conduct rules applicable to all Participants. In general, under Rule 517, Participants are prohibited from engaging in any conduct in violation of Applicable Law or the Rules. Under Rule 518, any violation of the Rules or act constituting fraud, dishonorable or dishonest conduct, or conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade is an offense. Fraudulent acts of any kind, including but not limited to front-running, money passes, trading ahead of or against customers, and accommodation trading, are all prohibited under Rule 519. Also included in Chapter 5 is a series of specific Rules intended to deter abusive and disruptive trading practices, including prohibitions on the following: fictitious, wash or non-competitive transactions (Rule 520); market disruption, including violating bids and offers, closing period violations, and spoofing (Rule 521); market manipulation (Rule 522); misstatements (Rule 523); acts detrimental to the SEF (Rule 524); misuse of the SEF (Rule 525); withholding of orders (Rule 526); trading against or crossing orders (Rule 527); and disclosing orders (Rule 528).

TeraExchange market regulation staff, working in partnership with the staff of the National Futures Association as regulatory services provider, will conduct surveillance and initiate disciplinary proceedings as necessary to enforce compliance with the Rules, the CEA and Commission Regulations.

#### Core Principle 3 – Swaps not Readily Susceptible to Manipulation

All IRS traded on Tera Exchange will be cash-settled by a registered Derivatives Clearing Organization ("DCO") pursuant to the DCO's rules. As a general matter, IRS trade in extremely deep and liquid markets that are difficult to manipulate. According to the Bank for International Settlements, more than \$400 trillion in notional principal was outstanding in the IRS market at the end of 2012 (see BIS Quarterly Review, September 2013). In addition, the reference rates for the IRS are derived from reputable third-party sources, as described below:

The Australian Fianancial Markets Association ("AFMA") Bank Bill Swap Reference Rate ("BBSW") rate plays a prominent role in Australia's financial infrastructure. It finds extensive application in both lending transactions and interest rate derivative products and is critical for the good operation and stability of Australia's financial markets. BBSW is the trimmed average of mid-rates observed by 13 survey panellists at exactly 10:00 a.m. on a Business Day for AFMA Prime Bank paper that has a remaining maturity of between one and six months. Prime Bank paper comprises bank accepted bills (BABs) and negotiable certificates of deposit (NCDs) issued by banks that, having met the eligibility criteria and conditions, are designated AFMA 'Prime Banks'. Prime Banks are elected by the wider market on an annual basis and, as at January 2013, there are four Prime Banks. Paper issued by Prime Banks is traded on a homogeneous basis and is recognised as being of the highest quality with regard to liquidity, credit and consistency of relative yield

# **Core Principle 7 – Financial Integrity of Transactions**

As with all transactions on TeraExchange, pursuant to CFTC Regulations and TeraExchnage Rules all orders for IRS are subject to mandatory pre-trade credit checks to ensure that counterparties have sufficient credit limits in place to meet their financial obligations. See CFTC Regulation 1.73 and TeraExchange Rule 405. All IRS being certified for trading herein will be submitted for clearing at a registered DCO subject to the DCO's rules and specifications. See TeraExchange Rule 601. These pre-trade credit check and clearing requirements are designed to enhance the financial integrity of transactions in IRS and all other products traded on TeraExchange.