

April 21, 2014

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: Aluminum Futures Market Maker Program COMEX Submission No. 14-141

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it plans to implement the Aluminum Futures Market Maker Program ("Program"). The proposed Program will become effective on May 6, 2014.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the proposed Program.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or "Act"). During the review, Exchange staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted; Prevention of Market Disruption, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, and Recordkeeping.

The proposed Program will 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 trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The products included in this Program are listed for trading in the open and competitive market. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the NYMEX rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchange in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and NYMEX rules. The Program will be subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

COMEX 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 <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 COMEX Submission No. 14-141 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

Aluminum Futures Market Maker Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to improve liquidity in the products listed below that are traded on the CME Globex Platform. A more liquid contract benefits all participants in the market.

Product Scope

Physical Aluminum ("ALI") futures that are traded on the CME Globex Platform ("Products").

Eligible Participants

The Exchange may designate up to five (5) participants in the Program. Participants may be COMEX members or non-members. When selecting participants for the Program, the Exchange will take into account (i) historical volume and experience trading COMEX Products and similar futures contracts, and (ii) the participant's ability to quote two-sided markets and meet quoting obligations for futures products on an electronic platform. The Exchange may, in its sole discretion, add or subtract from the aforementioned factors as it deems necessary.

Program Term

Start date is May 6, 2014. End date is April 30, 2015.

<u>Hours</u>

Designated hours during RTH/ETH.

Obligations

Participants must quote two-sided markets in the applicable products, at predetermined average bid/ask spreads and minimum quote sizes.

Incentives

For each calendar month that a participant meets its obligations, as determined by the Exchange, the participant may be eligible for predetermined incentives.

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 has failed to meet its obligations or no longer meets the eligibility requirements of the Program.