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Ms. Melissa Jurgens
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Dear Ms. Jurgens:

Pursuant to CFTC regulation §40.6(a), LCH.Clearnet SA ("LCH.Clearnet"), a derivatives clearing organization registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC"), is submitting for self-certification its Remuneration Committee Terms of Reference. Please find attached the relevant Remuneration Committee Terms of Reference that were approved by the Board of Directors on 16 April 2014.

Part I: Explanation and Analysis

As part of the implementation of its process to be recognised as an authorised CCP in the European Union under Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories ("EMIR"), LCH.Clearnet, through its Board of Directors, is responsible for the direction of clearing house activities including, *inter alia*, its remuneration policy and arrangements.

The previous remuneration arrangements applying to LCH.Clearnet were determined by LCH.Clearnet Group Remuneration Committee. Under EMIR, Remuneration Committees are to be formed at CCP level and each of them will operate in accordance with the relevant local Board of Directors' approved Remuneration policy.

As a consequence, LCH.Clearnet is required to establish its own Remuneration Committee in accordance with its own Remuneration Policy.

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Part II: Description of Rule Changes

No Rules were modified as a result of the entry into force of such LCH.Clearnet SA's Remuneration Committee Terms of Reference.

Part III: Core Principle Compliance

The changes described above relate primarily to LCH.Clearnet's compliance with Core Principle O (Governance fitness standards) and Core Principle L (Public Information). LCH.Clearnet will continue to comply with all Core Principles following the introduction of these changes and has concluded that its compliance with the Core Principles would not be adversely affected by these changes.

Part IV: Public Information

LCH.Clearnet has posted a notice of pending certification with the CFTC and a copy of the submission on LCH.Clearnet's website at:

http://www.lchclearnet.com/rules_and_regulations/sa/proposed_cds_clearing_rules.asp

Part V: Opposing Views

There were no opposing views expressed to LCH.Clearnet by governing board or committee members, members of LCH.Clearnet that were not incorporated into the rule.

Certification

LCH.Clearnet SA hereby certifies to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Commission regulation § 40.6, that attached rule submission complies with the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and the regulations promulgated there under.

Should you have any questions please contact me at: François.faure@lchclearnet.com.

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APPENDIX

LCH.CLEARNET SA
(the *Company*)

**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE REMUNERATION COMMITTEE OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Adopted by the board of directors on 16 April 2014

1. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

- 1.1 The Remuneration Committee (the *Committee*) is a committee of the board of directors of the Company (the *Board*). The Board shall approve the remuneration packages which relate to its employees, based on the recommendations of the Committee.
- 1.2 The Committee should carry out the following duties for the Company:

Broad Remuneration Policy

- 1.2.1 determine the broad remuneration policy and principles for the Company, the Executive Management (defined below) and the chairman of the Board in the context of the Group as a whole taking into account all factors which it deems necessary, including the remuneration policy and principles applied by the remuneration committee of LCH.Clearnet Group Limited (*Group*) and the remuneration committee of London Stock Exchange Group plc (*LSEG*) for its executive management, for approval by the Board;
- 1.2.2 the objective of such policy and principles shall be to ensure that (i) such policies are aligned with the risk tolerance and corporate strategy of the Company, (ii) Executive Management, and employees of the Company (as relevant), are provided with appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance with a particular focus on risk management as the core purpose of the Company and (iii) such members of Executive Management and employees of the Company are, in a fair and responsible manner, rewarded for their individual contributions to the success of the Company;
- 1.2.3 review the ongoing appropriateness and relevance of such policy and principles, including testing how the policy will react to future external and internal events;
- 1.2.4 if, and to the extent that, any remuneration policy or proposal includes long term or other incentive or bonus plans which involve the issue of, or the creation of rights over, the shares of LSEG (*LSEG Shares*), or are otherwise linked to the price or market performance of LSEG Shares, ensure that such plans are subject to the approval of LSEG's remuneration committee;

Individual Remuneration

- 1.2.5 subject to paragraph 1.2.9, within the terms of the remuneration policy and in consultation with the chairman and/or chief executive, as appropriate, determine the total individual remuneration package of the executive directors of the Company, the members of the Executive Committee of the Company, the Chief Compliance Officer of the Company, and any other senior executive

personnel designated by any of the Board from time to time, including any personnel with an annual remuneration package of more than £500,000 or equivalent (together, *Executive Management*), and the chairman of the Board;¹

- 1.2.6 when setting remuneration policy for any relevant person, review and have regard to the remuneration trends across Group and the companies owned by Group (together *LCH.Clearnet Group*) as a whole and within LSEG;
- 1.2.7 ensure that contractual terms upon recruitment and upon termination, and any payments made, are fair to the individual and the Company;
- 1.2.8 when determining remuneration for personnel engaged in risk management, compliance and internal audit, ensure that they are compensated in a manner that is independent of the business performance of the Company and that the level of remuneration is adequate in terms of responsibility as well as in comparison to the level of remuneration in the business areas;
- 1.2.9 when making any change in the remuneration (including salary, bonus and long term incentives) of either the Chief Executive Officer of the Company (the *CEO*) or any personnel with an annual remuneration package of more than £500,000 or equivalent the following procedure shall be followed:
 - (a) the chief executive officer of Group and the LSEG chief executive officer shall agree and propose a joint recommendation to the Committee in the case of the remuneration of the CEO or of any personnel with an annual remuneration package of more than £500,000 or equivalent;
 - (b) following receipt by the Committee of such a joint recommendation, the Committee shall discuss the recommendation with the relevant recommending persons and, having considered the proposal and made any changes considered appropriate (having obtained the approval of the relevant recommending persons for any significant changes), the Committee shall recommend the proposal for approval to the Board of the Company;
 - (c) once approved by the Board of the Company, the proposal shall be shared with LSEG's remuneration committee for its approval before it is implemented;
 - (d) in the event that LSEG's remuneration committee does not approve the proposal, the proposal shall be revisited by the relevant recommending persons and reviewed with the Committee, which shall submit a revised proposal to the Board of the Company for approval and then to LSEG's remuneration committee for its approval;

¹ The remuneration (if any) of the non-executive directors (other than the chairman of the Company) shall be a matter for the Board (excluding the non-executive directors), provided that the compensation of such non-executive directors shall not be linked to the business performance of the Group. No person shall be involved in any decisions as to their own remuneration.

- (e) in the event that LSEG's remuneration committee does not approve the revised proposal, the chairman of the Group remuneration committee shall over the following 10 business days mediate between the Committee and the LSEG remuneration committee with the objective of reaching agreement on a final revised proposal. Following the end of this mediation process, the Committee shall recommend a final revised proposal for approval to the Board of the Company.

Benefits/incentives

- 1.2.10 review the design of all incentive plans and performance related pay schemes of the Company which shall be set in accordance with the policies and reward framework set by the Group, for approval by the Board. For any such plans, determine each year whether awards will be made, and if so, the overall amount of such awards (e.g. the "total bonus pool"), approve the performance targets to be used, and determine the individual awards to any member of Executive Management;
- 1.2.11 determine the policy for, and scope of, pension arrangements for the Company and for each member of Executive Management;
- 1.2.12 oversee any major changes in employee benefits structures of the Company;
- 1.2.13 agree the policy for authorising claims for expenses from the directors;

Peer review/consultants

- 1.2.14 obtain reliable, up-to-date information about remuneration in other companies. To help it fulfil its obligations the Committee shall have full authority to appoint remuneration consultants and to commission or purchase any reports, surveys or information which it deems necessary, within any budgetary restraints imposed by the Board and having regard to the approach of the LCH.Cleartnet Group as a whole;
 - 1.2.15 if requested by the Board, obtain and provide the Board with reliable, up-to-date information about remuneration of non-executive directors in other companies and make recommendations to assist the Board (excluding the non-executive directors) in its determination of the remuneration of the non-executive directors; and
 - 1.2.16 be exclusively responsible for approving the selection criteria, selecting, appointing and setting the terms of reference for any remuneration consultants who advise the Committee.
- 1.3 In exercising its duties and powers, the Committee shall be mindful of its obligation to:
- 1.3.1 implement and maintain a remuneration policy which promotes sound and effective risk management and which does not create incentives to relax risk standards;

- 1.3.2 ensure that the remuneration policy and pension policy of the Company is maintained in line with the business strategy, objectives, values and long-term interests of the Company's stakeholders; and
- 1.3.3 operate in accordance with the terms set out in clause 12 of the relationship agreement between inter alia Group and LSEG (the **RA**), as amended from time to time, including liaising with LSEG on a regular basis and in any case prior to changing the remuneration (including salary, bonus and long term incentives) of the CEO or of any personnel with an annual remuneration package of more than £500,000 or equivalent.
- 1.4 The chairman of the Committee (the **Committee Chairman**) and the chairman of the LSEG Remuneration Committee shall consult with each other on a regular basis in respect of the broad policies and principles applicable to the remuneration of their respective directors and employees.
- 1.5 The Committee shall keep itself informed of any changes in the laws and regulations applicable to the Group remuneration policy and the matters for which the Committee is responsible, and shall take these into account in determining remuneration policy.
- 1.6 Nothing in these Terms of Reference shall diminish the responsibility of the Board of the Company to maintain ongoing oversight of the Company's remuneration policy.

2. **COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE**

- 2.1 The Committee shall comprise at least four members, the majority of whom shall be independent non-executive directors of the Board of the Company, each of whom has been appointed in accordance with, and satisfies the criteria for independence set out in, the terms of reference of the LCH.Clearnet Group Nomination Committee (the **Independent Directors**). The Chairman of the Board of the Company may also serve on the Committee as an additional member if he or she was considered independent on appointment as chairman. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of the Company, in consultation with the Committee Chairman.
- 2.2 For so long as LSEG is entitled to exercise or control the exercise of at least 5 per cent of the votes able to be cast on all or substantially all matters at general meetings in Group, LSEG shall be entitled to appoint one representative (who is a director appointed to the Board of the Company by LSEG) to the Committee.
- 2.3 The Committee Chairman, who shall be an Independent Director, shall be appointed by the Board of the Company. In the absence of the Committee Chairman and/or an appointed deputy at any meeting, the remaining members present shall elect one of themselves to chair the meeting. The chairman of the Board of the Company shall not be the Committee Chairman.
- 2.4 Appointments to the Committee are made by the Board of the Company and shall be for a period of three years, which may be extended for further periods of up to three-years, provided the director still meets the criteria for membership of the Committee.
- 2.5 The Committee Chairman will keep the Committee's composition under review, and shall make proposals to the Board of the Company accordingly.

3. **SECRETARY**

The person responsible for the Company's secretariat shall be secretary of the Committee (the *Committee Secretary*)

4. **TIMING OF MEETINGS**

The Committee shall meet at least twice a year and additional meetings shall be arranged as necessary in order to fulfil the duties of the Committee.

5. **NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

5.1 Notice of meetings shall be given by the Committee Chairman, or the Committee Secretary at the request of the Committee Chairman.

5.2 Unless otherwise agreed, notice of each meeting confirming the venue, time and date, together with an agenda of items to be discussed, shall be forwarded to each member of the Committee and any other person required to attend prior to the date of the meeting in a timely manner. Supporting papers shall be sent to Committee members, and to other attendees as appropriate, at the same time.

6. **ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

6.1 Only members of the Committee have the right to attend Committee meetings. Other individuals, such as appropriate senior employees and/or external advisers, may attend all or part of any meeting, as and when appropriate, at the invitation of the Committee Chairman.

6.2 Members of the Committee may hold meetings in person, by telephone or by video conferences.

7. **QUORUM**

The quorum for meetings shall be two members of the Committee, at least one of whom should be independent. A duly convened meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers and discretions vested in or exercisable by the Committee.

8. **CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

Except as outlined above, meetings of the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Company's articles of association and *reglement interieur* governing the proceedings of directors.

9. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

9.1 The Committee Secretary shall minute the proceedings and resolutions of all meetings of the Committee, including recording the names of those present and in attendance.

9.2 Minutes of Committee meetings shall be circulated promptly to all members of the Committee and, once agreed, to all members of the Board unless it would be inappropriate to do so.

10. AMENDMENT

- 10.1 Subject to paragraph 10.2, these Terms of Reference may be amended only with approval of the Board.
- 10.2 Paragraphs 1.2.1, 1.2.4, 1.2.6, 1.2.9, 1.2.10, 1.3.3, 1.4, 2.2, this paragraph 10.2 and 14.4 of these Terms of Reference may be amended only with approval of the Board and (for so long as LSEG is entitled to exercise or control the exercise of at least 40 per cent of the votes able to be cast on all or substantially all matters at general meetings in Group and only to the extent that LSEG's rights or interests in those paragraphs are being amended) the consent of LSEG.

11. REPORTING

- 11.1 The Committee Chairman shall report to the Board on the discussions, decisions and recommendations of the Committee.
- 11.2 The Committee shall produce a report of the Company's remuneration policy and practices (including identifying any remuneration consultants which have been appointed and stating whether they have any other connection with the LCH.Clearnet Group) which shall be put to the Board for approval each year. Following such approval, that report is to be included in the Company's annual report.

12. CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 12.1 Without prejudice to any rights LSEG may have in the RA, all confidential matters considered by the Committee and any confidential information disclosed to members of the Committee in connection with their position as a member of the Committee must remain confidential, notwithstanding the company to which that information relates, nor whether the member is a director of that company or not, save as required to be disclosed by law or regulation. Any other persons involved in the Committee's work shall either be bound by undertakings of professional secrecy or by ad hoc confidentiality agreements with the Committee.
- 12.2 Conflicts of interest relating to Committee members shall be governed by the relevant articles in the *reglement interieur*² of the Company from time to time.

13. RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

- 13.1 The Committee shall have access to sufficient resources and information in order to carry out its duties, including access to the Company secretariat for assistance as required and, where deemed necessary or appropriate, to professional advisors.
- 13.2 In particular, the Committee shall have access to (i) the human resource department, (ii) the risk management department (to assess how the remuneration structure affects the risk profile of the Company) (iii) the compliance department (to ensure legal and regulatory changes are properly implemented) and (iv) the internal audit department (who shall annually carry out and report to the Committee on an independent audit of the design, implementation and effects of the remuneration structure).

14. **OTHER**

- 14.1 Every member of the Committee shall be given a copy of these Terms of Reference.
- 14.2 The Committee shall be provided with appropriate and timely training, both as an induction process and on an ongoing basis, and provided with access to external consultancy support, when required.
- 14.3 The Committee shall arrange for periodic reviews of its own performance and, at least annually, shall arrange for independent internal review of its constitution and Terms of Reference to ensure it is operating at maximum effectiveness and recommend any changes it considers necessary to the Board for approval.
- 14.4 The rights of LSEG set out in these Terms of Reference shall cease automatically if LSEG ceases to be entitled to exercise or control the exercise of at least 5 per cent. of the votes able to be cast on all or substantially all matters at general meetings of Group.

