

ICE Benchmark Administration

Redacted Minutes



Meeting: Gold Price Oversight Committee
Date: Friday 27th February, 14:00
Location: Board Room, IBA Offices, Chiswell Street

Attendees:

Finbarr Hutcheson (Interim Chair)	Deborah Land (Secretary)
Emma Vick	Grant Angwin (T)
Rob Hayes (T)	Sakhila Mirza (T)
Tim Wood (T)	

Apologies:

Simon Weeks

In attendance from IBA:

James Montlake	Matthew Glenville
Stylianios Tselikas	

Circulation: IBA Website

Agenda Items/Questions Raised

1. Welcome and introductions

Introductions were made around the table and on the phone.

2. Terms of Reference – draft for approval

It was said that the Terms of Reference (“ToR”) were current as of today but that some new UK regulatory changes would be coming into effect in the next few months. These regulatory changes would very probably have some bearing on the ToR and it was likely that changes would have to be made and agreed by the Committee.

The Committee were informed that suggestions or modifications may come through Executive, the Committee Members or via an external party. IBA would expect Committee Members to call the Executive with any suggestions they had received, so that the Executive could discuss with the Committee Member, directly reach out to the requestor to discuss further and then bring details and proposed course of action to the Committee for discussion and if appropriate, approval.

A request was made by the Members to watch an auction so that they could get a better understating of the methodology of process. This was accepted by IBA.

IBA shared their responsibility to report any anomalous looking surveillance results. IBA said that this information would be shared with the Oversight Committee where and when appropriate. A dashboard of results would be presented at each Oversight Committee meeting.

The Committee were informed that IBA’s Internal Audit plan would be shared with them in due course.

The ToR were approved by all.

3. Overview of IBA – for information

No questions raised.

4. IBA’s Conflicts of Interest Policy – for information

IBA shared that this document had been through rigorous internal review and is IOSCO compliant. No comments received.

5. Seller’s Premium – oral update for information

The Committee were informed that a Seller's Premium applies to all precious metals. The current auction determines the price with 4 members of fixing company. Trades settled member to member at price of established benchmark +\$0.15 which is the Sellers' Premium.

IBA will not adjust convention prior to transition but will look to conduct market research after transition to gauge possible impact and the appropriate course of action.

6. Code of Conduct – for approval

IBA said that the Gold fixing Company had taken external legal advice and spent much time on this document.

It was advised that people trading through the auction would not be classified as submitters by the FCA. If prices are entered with the sole intention of trading Gold then the participants are not benchmark submitters.

The Code was approved.

7. Meeting Schedule

Calendar of agenda items – for discussion

IBA shared their proposed schedule of agenda items. All members were in agreement with the calendar.

Frequency, time and duration of meetings – for discussion

IBA are looking to hold the next meeting within a month but thereafter approximately every 2 months for duration of 90 minutes. This motion was approved by the Committee.

Proposed time and date of next meeting

31st March 2015, Boardroom, IBA Offices, Milton Gate / Dial in

8. AOB

None