

ICE Benchmark Administration **Redacted Minutes**



Meeting: Gold Price Oversight Committee
Date: Tuesday 31st March 2015, 13:30
Location: Board Room, IBA Offices, Chiswell Street

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Aram Shishmanian	Emma Vick
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In attendance from IBA:

James Montlake	Matthew Glenville
Stylianios Tselikas	

Circulation: IBA Website

Agenda Items/Questions Raised

1. Minutes from the last meeting for approval

The minutes from 27th February 2015 were approved.

2. Launch of LBMA Gold Price

IBA shared with the Committee that on Friday 20th March IBA went live with 6 participants, including 4 members of the old fixing company. Currently there are 7 participants, as a further participant joined last Friday.

IBA is pleased at the confidence participants have shown in the system, with the majority of participants logging in each day.

IBA talked the Committee through the dashboard, showing healthy volumes and trading.

IBA mentioned that they intended to monitor trading imbalance and duration of rounds, with a view to assess if the current methods suited the majority of participants in 3 months-time.

3. Terms of Reference – updated for regulation from 1st April for approval

IBA drew the Committee's attention to 3 new items added to the ToR to comply with the FCA ruling which makes Gold a regulated Benchmark.

IBA and the Committee discussed suspected manipulation and how this would be dealt with. Practice standards would be more simply addressed through the Code of Conduct.

IBA agreed to prepare an anonymised dashboard for the next Committee meeting.

A WebEx day, where the Oversight Committee members could watch the auction from the perspective of a participant and with a phone link to explain the workings was offered by IBA.

4. Consultation Paper – draft for discussion

All approved for circulation.

5. EUR & GBP prices

It was shared that EUR and GBP LBMA Gold Prices are, as of today, regulated benchmarks. Finding a suitable fx rate is challenging particularly around surveillance and scrutiny of the rate. The FCA have agreed to allow IBA more time to implement a more robust methodology.

6. Participation

IBA shared that they are still talking with some potential participants and hope to have increased participants by the end of June.

7. Proposed time and date of next meeting

It was agreed that 90 minute meetings would take place approximately every 8 weeks.

8. AOB

Code of Conduct

Comments on the Code of Conduct were called for before the close of business, so that this could be published.

INED involvement in the Oversight Meetings

As of 1st April the benchmark would be regulated by the FCA so the Committee will need an INED (or 2) to attend meetings going forward.

IBA were asked if they had any contingency plans in place, if one day someone could not log in?
IBA said that they would ensure that all participants know what to do in an emergency.