

Public Minutes of a Meeting of the Precious Metals Oversight Committee of ICE Benchmark Administration ("IBA") held on Monday, 05 November 2018 14:30 GMT

PRESENT: Mr S Pickford (Independent), Chairman

Mr G Angwin (Asahi Refining) - by phone

Mr J Crompton (IBA INED)

Mr T Evanson (Brink's Global Services) Mr R Hayes (AngloGold Ashanti) - by phone Mr S Lodder (Jane Street) - by phone

Ms C Lynn (Kaiser Aluminum) - by phone (for part of the meeting)

Ms R Crowell (LBMA) as alternate for Ms S Mirza

Mr M Prada (IBA INED) - by phone

Mr T Wood (Denver Gold Group) - by phone

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr T Bowler (IBA President)

Ms J ten Elsen (Committee Secretary)

Mr S Gandy (IBA Surveillance) Mr S Tselikas (IBA COO) Ms E Vick (IBA Benchmarks)

APOLOGIES: Mr S Bhandari (Kotak Mahindra Bank)

Mr J Hallenbeck (Newmont Mining)

Ms S Mirza (LBMA)
Mr J Oliff (Independent)
Mr S Weeks (Scotia Bank)

CIRCULATION: IBA Website

Chairman's Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed the Members to the Precious Metals Oversight Committee (PMOC) meeting, and noted the apologies as listed above.

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No members declared any new conflicts of interest.

Previous Meeting

Full Minutes

The minutes for the PMOC meeting held on 02 August 2018 were considered and approved with minor edits.

Public Minutes

The public minutes for the PMOC meeting held on 02 August 2018 were considered and approved for publication.

Matters Arising

The Chairman noted that all matters arising were either closed or covered in the agenda.

Dashboards

IBA presented to the Committee the LBMA Gold and Silver Price Dashboards for August, September and October, covering:

- a summary chart of the LBMA Gold and Silver Prices, respectively,
- charts covering key performance indicators of volumes, trading flexibility and large auctions;
 and
- management information on surveillance.

IBA highlighted that

- the Gold Price had declined over the past few months;
- the average number of rounds had been broadly constant; and
- Gold Auction volumes had risen over the past few months.

The Committee noted that the percentage of alerts leading to further investigation and/or escalation was at its normal level.

The Committee noted that, although Silver approximately followed Gold price movements, that relation had recently diverged. The Committee briefly discussed the difference of usage of the two metals.

IBA agreed to review the Dashboard presentation and include further Auction Metrics.

Incidents

There were no incidents to report.

Periodic Review

Auction Rule Book and Code of Conduct

The Committee was advised that the Auction Rule Book and Code of Conduct were last reviewed in January 2018 and September 2017 respectively. The Committee further noted that IBA proposes a few changes to the documents and that they would be circulated shortly to the Committee for comment.

Minimum number of participants required to commence an auction

The Committee noted that IBA had reviewed the current conditions for commencing an auction and proposed to maintain the current number of three with the proviso that two of the three must be direct participants.

The Committee considered and approved that the minimum number of participants for an auction to commence should remain at three participants, of which at least two should be direct participants. IBA agreed to highlight the differences between direct and indirect participants when informing the market of the minimum number of participants to be logged in for an auction.

Discussion

Auction Participant Update

IBA noted that a new participant had now joined the Gold Auction and that other prospective candidates were expected to join in due course.

LBMA Conference Boston Update

The LBMA thanked all those who attended this year's LBMA Conference in Boston adding that the association had received nothing but positive feedback about the benchmark.

The LBMA noted that the LBMA Conference would take place in China in 2019, which marked the centenary of the gold price.

Surveillance Update

IBA provided the Committee with a Surveillance update covering relevant tools, processes, daily activities, alerts and capabilities.

2019 Development Roadmap

IBA drew the Committee's attention to the Roadmap for 2019 noting that it had been shared with Auction Participants as well as the LBMA's user group.

IBA highlighted that the Company was

- working towards further increasing Auction Participant numbers;
- updating the Rule Book and Code of Conduct;
- working on automating order entry and surveillance, where IBA would be able to share IBA's surveillance data to feed into Auction Participants' systems; and
- reviewing and maintaining the adequacy of circuit breakers for the market.

Any Other Business

The Chairman thanked the Committee Members for their attendance and contributions and, with there being no further business to discuss, closed the meeting.

Stephen Pickford
Chairman