

# NYSE LIFFE US NOTICE No. 24/2013

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#### **Renewal of the Designated Market Maker Program for Precious Metals Futures**

#### Summary

This Notice announces that the Exchange is renewing the Designated Market Maker ("DMM") program in the 100 oz. and 33.2 oz. mini-sized Gold Futures contracts and the 5,000 oz. and 1,000 oz. mini-sized Silver Futures contracts ("Precious Metals Futures") beginning with the October 1, 2013, Trading Session.

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 NYSE Liffe US <u>Notice No. 32/2012</u> announced the renewal of the DMM Program in Full-sized Precious Metals Futures through December 31, 2012 and the renewal of the Mini-sized Precious Metals Futures and Overnight Metals Plan through March 30, 2013.
- 1.2 NYSE Liffe US <u>Notice No. 45/2012</u> announced the renewal of the DMM Program in Full-Sized Precious Metals Futures through March 30, 2013.
- 1.3 NYSE Liffe US <u>Notice No. 07/2013</u> announced the renewal of the DMM Program in Full-Sized Precious Metals Futures and the renewal of the Mini-sized Precious Metals Futures and Overnight Metals Plan through September 30, 2013.

#### 2. Appointment of Designated Market Makers

- 2.1 After considering the performance of the market makers ("MMs") participating in the current term of the Precious Metals Futures DMM Program, which expires on September 30, 2013, the Exchange has determined to appoint a core group of firms to participate in the DMM Program for Precious Metals Futures for a new term commencing with the October 1, 2013 trading session to continue through March 31, 2014. For details of the programs, please see the attached plan description.
- 2.2 All MM appointments are subject to the terms of a contractual agreement between the Exchange and each MM. Under the terms of the agreement, each MM represents that its market making activity will comply with all applicable provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act, the rules and regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Rules of the Exchange. The Exchange will continue to monitor each MM's performance of market making activity under the agreement and may adjust benefits

otherwise due under the agreement and/or terminate the agreement if it determines the MM has failed to perform its obligations as a DMM under the agreement.

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# **Designated Market Maker Program for Precious Metals Futures**

#### **Full-sized Precious Metals Plan**

#### **Product(s)**

- 100 oz. Gold Futures
- 5,000 oz. Silver Futures

#### **Eligible Participants**

• Market participants

#### <u>Hours</u>

• US Session: 8 am – 5 pm ET

## Program Term

• October 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014

#### **Obligations**

- To be registered as a market maker in this program, the market participant must be in full compliance with Exchange rules
- Post two sided markets at contracted bid/offer spreads and sizes for a substantial percentage of the Trading Session as indicated in the Designated Market Making Agreement

## **Incentives**

- Waiver of exchange fees
- Rebate per side transacted up to certain limit

## **Monitoring and Termination Status**

NYSE Liffe US will monitor Market Maker activity on an ongoing basis, and retains the right to revoke market making status if NYSE Liffe US concludes, from its review that a program participant is not complying with the market-making obligations of the program.

## Mini-sized Metals Plan

## Product(s)

- 33.2 oz. mini-sized Gold Futures
- 1,000 oz. mini-sized Silver Futures

# **Eligible Participants**

• Market Participants

## <u>Hours</u>

• Entire Trading Session: 7:16pm – 5pm next day

## Program Term

• October 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014

## **Obligations**

- Market Participant that is registered as a market maker in this program must be in full compliance with Exchange rules
- Post two sided markets at contracted bid/offer spreads and sizes for a substantial percentage of Trading Session as indicated in the Designated Market Making Agreement

## **Incentives**

- Waiver of exchange fees;
- A pro rata share of CTI 4 exchange trading fee revenue subject to certain market share thresholds.

## **Overnight Metals Plan**

# **Product**(s)

- 33.2 oz. mini-sized Gold Futures
- 1,000 oz. mini-sized Silver Futures

# **Eligible Participants**

• Market Participants

## <u>Hours</u>

• Overnight Session: 7:16 pm - 8 am ET

## Program Term

• October 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014

## **Obligations**

- Market Participant that is registered as a market maker in this program must be in full compliance with Exchange rules
- Post two sided markets at contracted bid/offer spreads and sizes for a substantial percentage of Trading Session as indicated in the Designated Market Making Agreement

## **Incentives**

- Waiver of exchange fees
- Fixed stipend

## **Monitoring and Termination Status**

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