## **U.S. COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**



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Division of Market Oversight

September 27, 2013

Wayne Pestone Chief Compliance Officer Thomson Reuters (SEF) LLC 1100 13<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20005

Re: Notice of Grant of Temporary Registration of Thomson Reuters (SEF) LLC as a Swap Execution Facility Pursuant to Part 37 of the Commission's Regulations

Dear Mr. Pestone:

By submissions dated September 9, 2013 through September 26, 2013 ("SEF Application"), Thomson Reuters (SEF) LLC ("TR SEF") applied to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to part 37 of the Commission's regulations, 17 C.F.R. Part 37, for temporary registration as a swap execution facility ("SEF"). The Division of Market Oversight ("Division") has reviewed the SEF Application for completeness only and based upon this limited review has determined to issue, under the authority delegated by section 37.3(h), this notice granting temporary registration as a SEF to TR SEF, pursuant to section 37.3(c) of the Commission's regulations.

The Division notes that this grant of temporary registration is subject to TR SEF's compliance with all applicable provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA") and Commission regulations, including part 37 and any future regulations, amendments, guidance, and interpretations issued by the Commission. Further, this grant of temporary registration does not reflect any substantive review of TR SEF's application and therefore does not mean that the Commission has determined that TR SEF is fully compliant with the CEA and Commission regulations. This grant of temporary registration does not affect the right of the Commission to grant or deny full registration as provided under section 37.3(b) of the Commission's regulations. The Division also emphasizes that this grant of temporary registration does not provide TR SEF with approval to list any product for trading. Prior to listing a product for trading, TR SEF must comply with the submission requirements for certification under section 40.2 or seek approval under section 40.3 of the Commission's regulations.

In granting temporary registration as a SEF to TR SEF, the Division is not endorsing or otherwise approving any agreements enacted for services between TR SEF and any third party service provider. TR SEF remains directly responsible for ensuring the performance of its

regulatory duties and obligations as a SEF under the CEA and the Commission's regulations. The Division notes that by e-mail dated September 25, 2013, TR SEF acknowledged and confirmed that it would not begin operating as a SEF until it has an executed clearing agreement with a Commission-registered derivatives clearing organization.

To the extent that there are any changes to information provided in its SEF Application, TR SEF must promptly file an amendment to its SEF Application with the Commission. In addition, to the extent that TR SEF seeks to implement a new rule, TR SEF should comply with the submission requirements for certification under section 40.6 or seek approval under 40.5 of the Commission's regulations. The Division notes that "rule" is defined in section 40.1(i) of the Commission's regulations.

As a next step, the Commission will review TR SEF's SEF Application to assess whether it is fully compliant with the requirements of the CEA and the Commission's regulations applicable to SEFs. During such assessment, the Commission may request from TR SEF additional information in order to make a determination whether to issue a final order of registration.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this notice, please contact Lois Gregory at 202-418-5596 or LGregory@CFTC.gov.

Sincerely,

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