

7 February 2015

Ms. Melissa Jurgens Secretary Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Center 1155 21<sup>st</sup> St., N.W. Washington, DC 20581 United States of America

Dear Ms. Jurgens,

## Self-certification of Amendments to SGX-DC Clearing Rules

#### 1 Introduction

1.1 Singapore Exchange Derivatives Clearing Limited ("SGX-DC"), a derivatives clearing organisation ("DCO") registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission"), hereby submits a self-certification for amendments to its Clearing Rules (the "Amendments") pursuant to Commission regulation 40.6(a).

### 2 Intended Implementation Date

2.1 The Amendments are proposed to be implemented in April 2015, but will not be implemented prior to the Commission's 10 business day review period.

#### 3 **Explanation and Analysis**

- 3.1 The Amendments are to facilitate SGX-DC's acceptance for clearing of the Dated Brent Swap (the "**Contract**") that is to be launched in April 2015.
- 3.2 In particular, the Amendments specify the methodology for the calculation of final settlement prices of the Contract in the SGX-DC Clearing Rules.

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3.3 SGX-DC is registered as an approved clearing house under the Securities and Futures Act of Singapore and regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore ("**MAS**"). The Amendments are subject to the MAS' regulatory concurrence.

### 4 **Description of Amendments**

- 4.1 Appendix 1 of the SGX-DC Clearing Rules would be amended as a result of the Amendments.
- 4.2 The text of the Amendments with the changes indicated is attached as <u>Appendix 1</u>.

## 5 **Certification of Compliance with Core Principles**

- 5.1 The Amendments have been promulgated in respect of SGX-DC's compliance with Core Principle E on settlement procedures and seek to provide clarity on the final settlement prices for the Contract.
- 5.2 SGX-DC hereby certifies to the Commission that the Amendments comply with the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

### 6 **Public Notice of Pending Certification**

6.1 SGX-DC has made publicly available a notice of the Amendments' pending certification with the Commission, together with a copy of this submission on its website at <a href="http://www.sgx.com/wps/portal/sgxweb/home/regulation/consult\_pub/dco\_submissions">http://www.sgx.com/wps/portal/sgxweb/home/regulation/consult\_pub/dco\_submissions</a>.

# 7 **Opposing Views**

7.1 There were no opposing views expressed to SGX-DC by its board or committee members, SGX-DC Clearing Members or market participants that were not incorporated into the Amendments. If any opposing views are received by SGX-DC during the Commission's review period, such views will be communicated to the Commission accordingly.



### 8 Contact Details

8.1 Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at jeth.lee@sgx.com or +65 6236 8513 should you require any clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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# Appendix 1

# **Text of the Amendments**

## Appendix 1 of the SGX-DC Clearing Rules – Final Settlement Price

#### **Oil Swaps Contract**

Product	Dated Brent
Contract	Dated Brent Swap
Final Settlement Price	Cash settlement using arithmetic average of Platts daily spot assessments in the contract month, rounded to three decimal places.

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