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January 16, 2024

#### **VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20581

RE: Modifications to the Gold Options ETH Market Maker Program

**COMEX Submission No. 24-012** 

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it plans to modify the Gold Options ETH Market Maker Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on February 1, 2024.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program. Modifications appear below, with additions <u>underlined</u> and deletions <del>overstruck</del>.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or "Act"). During the review, Exchange staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Monitoring of Trading, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, Availability of General Information, and Recordkeeping.

The Program does not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchange's market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's product to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The products included in this Program are listed for trading in the open and competitive market. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchange in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and Exchange rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

COMEX certifies that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at <a href="http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html">http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html</a>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail <a href="mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com">CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com</a> or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com">Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com</a>. Please reference our COMEX Submission No. 24-012 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# **Gold Options ETH Market Maker Program**

## **Program Purpose**

The purpose of the Program is to build liquidity in the products listed below that are traded on the CME Globex Platform and cleared through CME ClearPort. More liquid contracts on the central limit order book benefit all participants in the market.

## **Product Scope**

All Gold Options that are traded on the CME Globex Platform and cleared through CME ClearPort ("Products").

### **Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants may be COMEX members or non-members.

## **Program Term**

Start date is June 1, 2018. End date is January 31, 2024 January 31, 2025.

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

7:00AM 1:00PM London Time. RTH, ETH, and ATH.

#### **Obligations**

In order to be eligible to receive the incentives, participants must quote two-sided markets in the applicable Products, at predetermined average bid/ask spreads and minimum quote sizes during a certain percentage of time-in-market.

#### **Incentives**

Upon meeting all obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants may be eligible to receive predetermined incentives.

### **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke participant status if it concludes from review that a participant has failed to meet its obligations or no longer meets the eligibility the requirements of the Program.