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Mr. David A. Stawick
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Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
REQUESTED

**Re: NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-103 – Notice Announcing Designated
Market Maker Program for Options on Mini-Sized Gold and Silver Futures
Contracts.**

Dear Mr. Stawick:

I am Senior Vice-President of NYSE Liffe US LLC ("NYSE Liffe US" or the "Exchange"). Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the "Act"), and U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission") Regulations (the "Regulations") Section 40.6(a), I enclose a Cover Sheet for NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-103 and NYSE Liffe US Notice 3/2012 which announces the designated market maker program in options on mini-sized (33.2 oz) gold ("Mini-Sized Gold Options") and mini-sized (1,000 oz) silver futures contracts ("Mini-Sized Silver options" collectively "Mini-Sized Precious Metals Options") effective with the February 22, 2012, trading session.

NYSE Liffe US hereby certifies that: (i) the market maker program for Mini-Sized Precious Metals Options complies with the Act and the regulations thereunder and (ii) a notice and copy of this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's web site. Additionally, a concise explanation and analysis of the Mini-Sized Precious Metals Options market maker program and its compliance with applicable provisions of the Act, including core principles and the Commission's regulations thereunder, is attached. No substantive opposing views were expressed by members or others with respect to the market maker programs.

If you have any questions, please call me at (212) 656-4312.

Yours Truly,

Marco Bianchi
Enclosures

**Designated Contract Market Core Principles Implicated by
NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-103**

CORE PRINCIPLE	ANALYSIS
<p><i>Core Principle 2: Compliance with Rules</i></p>	<p>The Exchange has carefully vetted those participants selected for the program. All participants in the program are subject to a market making agreement by which each participant agrees to abide by the Act and all rules, regulations, orders and interpretations of the CFTC and any applicable self-regulatory organization. In addition, the Exchange has the right to terminate the agreement immediately if the membership or trading rights of any market maker are suspended or if, in the opinion of the Exchange's Market Regulation Department, the market maker's activity violates any applicable law or rule. Moreover, each participant agrees to not only comply with the requirements of the program, but also all existing rules of the Exchange including Chapter 3, governing access to the Exchange's Trading Platform, Chapter 6 governing the business conduct of Exchange members and prohibiting, among other things, fraudulent acts, fictitious and pre-arranged trades, market manipulation and acts inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade. The Exchange monitors its markets on a constant basis in real-time. In addition, through the operation of a regulatory services agreement, the National Futures Association provides to the Exchange comprehensive trade practice and market surveillance services designed to detect activities that are not in compliance with the Act, CFTC Rules, or Exchange rules and policies. Additionally, the Exchange has the authority, through Chapter 7 of the Exchange's rulebook, and the capacity to investigate any possible rule violations and, where appropriate, bring disciplinary actions and impose sanctions for any violations. Finally, the Exchange has in place effective international information sharing arrangements and has entered into accords such as the Boca Declaration and the Intermarket Surveillance Group Agreement.</p>
<p><i>Core Principle 3: Contracts not Readily Subject to Manipulation</i></p>	<p>The program does not incentivize manipulative or other abusive practices. In the Exchange's experience, programs of this type have not promoted abusive practices by participants. Further, the Exchange has policies and procedures to monitor the participants and trading in the Mini-Sized Precious Metals Options and to detect and prevent manipulative or abusive trading and practices.</p>

CORE PRINCIPLE	ANALYSIS
<i>Core Principle 4: Prevention of Market Disruption</i>	Trading by participants in the programs, like all trading in the Mini-Sized Precious Metals Options will be subject to the existing trade practice and market surveillance policies and procedures of the Exchange. As stated above, the Exchange has real-time surveillance capabilities involving both human interaction as well as technological tools. Furthermore, the Exchange staff, in coordination with National Futures Association, has the capacity to detect and respond to manipulation and price distortions in its market and the ability to provide accurate and complete trade reconstruction.
<i>Core Principle 5: Position Limits or Accountability</i>	Participants in the programs will be subject to all applicable position limits and accountability levels. Further, the Exchange will make all amendments necessary to its existing position limits to be in compliance with the CFTC new Part 151 rules, when such rules become effective.
<i>Core Principle 9: Execution of Transactions</i>	Market maker programs are designed to enhance the market, providing liquidity and requiring consistent, tighter markets that tend to promote more accurate price discovery. Furthermore, the Exchange will, as it does for all such programs, monitor the impact, if any, that these programs have on trading on the centralized market and, in the event the Exchange identifies any deleterious effect to the centralized market, will take appropriate action.
<i>Core Principle 10: Trade Information</i>	The Exchange records and maintains an audit trail with all trade information regarding trading by all market participants, including the participants in these programs, necessary to monitor for customer and market abuse.
<i>Core Principle 12: Protection of Markets and Market Participants</i>	Participants in the programs remain subject to all of the Exchange's rules. Chapter 6 of the Exchange's rulebook governs the business conduct of Exchange members and prohibits, among other things, fraudulent acts, fictitious and pre-arranged trades and other activities that could disadvantage their customers, as well as acts detrimental to the Exchange and inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade. The Exchange monitors for and investigates any possible rule violations and where appropriate brings disciplinary actions and imposes sanctions for any violations by any participants in these programs.
<i>Core Principle 13: Disciplinary Procedures</i>	Chapter 7 of the Exchange's rulebook provides for disciplinary procedures by which the Exchange may impose sanctions for any violations of the Exchange's rules, including any violations by participants in these programs.
<i>Core Principle 18: Recordkeeping</i>	Data with regard to the programs shall be retained by the Exchange in secured storage for a period of at least five years and be readily accessible and open to review by the CFTC. Additionally, the Exchange has in place business continuity and disaster recovery policies and procedures that provide for back-up and off-site storage of Exchange records.



NYSE LIFFE US NOTICE No. 3/2012

ISSUE DATE: February 6, 2012
EFFECTIVE DATE: February 22, 2012

Announcement of Designated Market Maker Program for Mini-Sized Precious Metals Options

Summary

This Notice announces the appointment of Designated Market Makers ("DMMs") in options on mini-sized gold and silver futures contracts.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 As noted in NYSE Liffe US Notice No. 2/2012, commencing with the February 22, 2012, Trading Session, NYSE Liffe US will begin trading options on the 33.2 Ounce Mini Gold Futures Contract ("Mini-Sized Gold Options") and on the 1,000 Ounce Mini Silver Futures Contract ("Mini-Sized Silver Options") (collectively "Mini-Sized Precious Metals Options").

2. Appointment of Designated Market Makers

- 2.1 Pursuant to Rule 426, NYSE Liffe US has determined to introduce a DMM program in the Mini-Sized Precious Metals Options commencing with the February 22, 2012 Trading Session. The DMM program will remain in place until the close of business on August 22, 2012. For details of the program, please see the attached program description.
- 2.2 The Exchange solicited market making proposals from a broad range of market participants. After a comprehensive vetting process that included a comparative analysis of the nature of the quoting commitments prospective DMMs were willing to make as well as an evaluation of their ability to act as DMMs with affirmative quoting obligations, firms were selected as DMMs in the Mini-Sized Precious Metals Options.
- 2.3 All DMM appointments are subject to the terms of a contractual agreement between the Exchange and each DMM. Under the terms of the agreements, each DMM 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 monitor

each DMM's performance of market making activity under the contract and may adjust benefits otherwise due under the agreement and/or terminate the agreement if it determines the DMM has failed to perform its obligations as a DMM under the agreement.

Members who have questions or seek additional information in respect of this Notice should contact:

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Designated Market Maker Program for Mini-Sized Precious Metals Options

Eligible Participants

- Market Participants

Hours

- US Session: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. ET

Program Term

- February 22, 2012 - August 22, 2012

Obligations

- Market Participant that is registered as a market maker in the program must be in full compliance with Exchange Rules.
- Participants must post bids and offers at contracted bid/ask spreads and sizes during designated trading hours under normal market conditions for outright trades in the 33.2 oz. mini-sized gold options on futures and 1,000 oz. mini-sized silver options on futures.

Incentives

- Exchange trading fees waived
- Monthly stipend based on MM achieving certain minimum market share thresholds in each contract
- During the last three months of the program term, top contributing MMs will receive an additional bonus if market share exceeds a certain higher minimum threshold.

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 market-making obligations of the program.



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**FOIA CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUEST
BY NYSE LIFFE US LLC**

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CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
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Re: FOIA Confidential Treatment Request

Dear Ms. Mauldin:

By e-mail dated today, February 6, 2012, NYSE Liffe US LLC ("NYSE Liffe US" or the "Exchange") in connection with NYSE Liffe US Submission 2012-103, voluntarily provided the supplemental information attached.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 145.9(d), the Exchange requests confidential treatment of the information attached and this letter on the grounds that disclosure of this information would reveal confidential commercial or financial information of the Exchange. Pursuant to Commission Rule 145.9(d)(5) the Exchange requests that confidential treatment of the attached information be maintained until further notice from the Exchange. The Exchange requests that the Commission notify it immediately after receiving any request under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") or any other court order, subpoena or summons for the attached information. The Exchange specifically notes that it does not waive in any manner its rights under Section 8(f) of the Commodity Exchange Act to receive a copy of any subpoena or summons for the attached information prior to the Commission's disclosure of such information pursuant to such subpoena or summons. Finally, the Exchange requests that the Commission notify it in the event that the Commission intends to disclose the attached information to Congress or any federal or state governmental agency or department.

In connection with this request for confidential treatment, and pursuant to Commission Rule 40.8, the Exchange is submitting the attached detailed written justification in support of the request for confidential treatment.

If you have any questions, please call me at (312) 442-7984.

Yours truly,

Matt Lisle
Enclosure