

26 May 2014

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

VIA EMAIL

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).
- 1.2 The Submission Cover Sheet is attached as <u>Appendix 1</u>.

2 Intended Implementation Date

2.1 The Amendments are proposed to be implemented in July 2014, 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 following contracts (the "**Contracts**") that are to be launched in July 2014:

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- (a) SGX TSI CFR China Premium JM25 Coking Coal Swap;
- (b) SGX TSI FOB Australia Premium Coking Coal Swap;
- (c) SGX API 4 FOB Richards Bay Coal Swap; and
- (d) SGX API 5 FOB Newcastle Coal Swap.
- 3.2 In particular, the Amendments specify the methodology for the calculation of final settlement prices of the Contracts in the SGX-DC Clearing Rules.
- 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 2</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 Contracts.
- 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 http://www.sgx.com/wps/portal/sgxweb/home/regulation/consult_pub/dco_submission ons.



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 eli.cohen@sgx.com or +65 6236 5104 should you require any clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1

Submission Cover Sheet

Appendix 2

Text of the Amendments

Proposed Rule Amendments to SGX-DC Clearing Rules

Appendix 1 – Final Settlement Price

Coal Swap Contracts

Product	Coal Swap					
Contract	IHS McCloskey Indonesian Sub-Bit FOB Swap	API 8 CFR China Coal Swap	SGX TSI CFR China Premium JM25 Coking Coal Swap	SGX TSI FOB Australia Premium Coking Coal Swap	<u>SGX API 4</u> <u>FOB</u> <u>Richards Bay</u> <u>Coal Swap</u>	SGX API 5 FOB Newcastle Coal Swap
Final Settlement	Cash settlement using the arithmetic average of all publications of the IHS McCloskey Indonesian Sub-Bit FOB marker in the expiring contract month, rounded to 2 decimal places.	Cash settlement using the arithmetic average of all publications of the API 8 index published in the Argus/McClo skey Coal Price Index Report in the expiring contract month, rounded to 2 decimal places	Cash settlement using the arithmetic average of all publications of the relevant index published by TSI in the expiring contract month, rounded to 2 decimal places.	Cash settlement using the arithmetic average of all publications of the relevant index published by TSI in the expiring contract month, rounded to 2 decimal places.	Cash settlement using the arithmetic average of all publications of the API 4 index published in the Argus/McClo skey Coal Price Index Report in the expiring contract month, rounded to 2 decimal places.	Cash settlement using the arithmetic average of all publications of the API 5 index published in the Argus/McClos key Coal Price Index Report in the expiring contract month, rounded to 2 decimal places.