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FUTURES CONTRACTS MARGIN REQUIREMENTS, INDEX PRODUCTS FLOATING MARGIN RATES, **CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES AND** TRACKING ERROR MARGIN RATES

Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the Bourse) sets futures contracts margin rates, index products floating margin rates and tracking error margin rates and currency options margin rates. The Bourse updates these rates on a monthly basis or when justified by market conditions.

The Bourse, in collaboration with Canadian Derivatives Clearing Corporation (CDCC), has determined that futures contract margin rates, in the case of speculators and hedgers, must be modified as follows:

FUTURES CONTRACTS	MARGIN TYPE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE
ONX - 30-Day Overnight Repo Rate	Speculator	\$950	\$800
ONA - 50-Day Overlinght Reportate	Hedger	\$900	\$750
DAY Three month Consider Denlard Assentance	Speculator	\$500	\$400
BAX - Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance	Hedger	\$450	\$350
CC7 Two year Canadian Cayammant Dand	Speculator	\$450	\$450
CGZ - Two-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$400	\$400
CCD Ton wood Consider Community Day 1	Speculator	\$1,600	\$1,400
CGB - Ten-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$1,500	\$1,300
CVE C 0.D/TCV (O I. J	Speculator	\$4,650	\$5,150
SXF - S&P/TSX 60 Index	Hedger	\$4,450	\$4,950
CVA C&D/TCV Conned Cold Indov	Speculator	\$5,200	\$6,800
SXA - S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	Hedger	\$5,000	\$6,600
CVD C & D/TCV Conned Financials Index	Speculator	\$1,000	\$1,000
SXB - S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	Hedger	\$950	\$950
CVII C & D/TCV Council Information Technology Index	Speculator	\$950	\$850
SXH - S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	Hedger	\$900	\$800
CVV C & D/TCV Conned Engage Index	Speculator	\$5,400	\$5,450
SXY - S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	Hedger	\$5,200	\$5,250

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FUTURES CONTRACT MARGIN REQUIREMENTS

The following is a summary of the various margin rates for the futures contracts listed at Bourse de Montréal Inc.:

MARGIN TYPE	INDEX FUTURES CONTRACTS					
	SXF	SXA	SXB	SXH	SXY	
SPECULATOR ¹ (simple position)	\$5,150	\$6,800	\$1,000	\$850	\$5,450	
HEDGER ¹ (simple position)	\$4,950	\$6,600	\$950	\$800	\$5,250	
SPREADS	\$350	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	

MARGIN TYPE	INTEREST RATE FUTURES CONTRACTS					
WIRGHVIIL	ONX BAX		CGZ	CGB		
SPECULATOR ¹ (simple position)	\$800	\$400	\$450	\$1,400		
HEDGER ¹ (simple position)	\$750	\$350	\$400	\$1,300		
SPREADS	\$132	\$ 85	\$200	\$200		
BUTTERFLY (consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$ 74	N/A	N/A		
BUTTERFLY (non-consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$127	N/A	N/A		

^{1.} The "Speculator" designation applies to all clients, except acceptable institutions, acceptable counterparties, regulated entities and bona fide hedgers, as defined in the Rules and Policies of the Bourse.

FLOATING MARGIN RATES

In regards to index products floating margin rates, the following rates have been determined:

	BASKET OF INDI	EX SECURITIES	INDEX PARTICIPATION SHARES		
FLOATING MARGIN RATES	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	
S&P/TSX 60 Index	3.25%	3.50%	3.25%	3.50%	
S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	8.50%	10.00%	8.50%	10.25%	
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	6.00%	5.75%	6.00%	6.00%	
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	

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CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES

CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	
USX - US Dollar Option	2.00%	2.00%	

TRACKING ERROR MARGIN RATES

In regards to index products tracking error margin rates, the following rates have been determined:

	PREVIOUS RATE			NEW RATE		
TRACKING ERROR MARGIN RATES	Index and IPU	Index and Futures	IPU and Futures	Index and IPU	Index and Futures	IPU and Futures
S&P/TSX 60 Index	0.75%	1.75%	1.75%	0.75%	2.50%	2.50%
S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	1.50%	4.00%	4.00%	1.50%	7.25%	7.25%
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	1.00%	1.50%	1.50%	0.75%	1.25%	1.50%
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	2.00%	3.25%	3.50%	2.00%	4.25%	4.00%
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	1.00%	4.00%	4.00%	1.00%	4.25%	4.25%

These new margin requirements will be effective at the close of business on Monday May 8, 2006.

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