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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

ADDITION OF THREE-MONTH CANADIAN BANKERS' ACCEPTANCE FUTURES
CONTRACTS QUARTERLIES FIVE THROUGH EIGHT AND NINE THROUGH TWELVE
TO THE LIST OF SECURITIES AND DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS
ELIGIBLE FOR BLOCK TRADES

AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURES FOR THE EXECUTION OF BLOCK TRADES

The Rules and Policies Committee of Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the "Bourse") has approved the amendments to the Procedures for the execution of Block Trades in order to add Three-Month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance Futures Contracts quarterlies five through eight (BAX Reds) and nine through twelve (BAX Greens) to the list of securities and derivative instruments eligible for Block Trades.

Comments on the proposed amendments must be submitted within 30 days following the date of publication of this notice, at the latest on **November 30, 2012**. Please submit your comments to:

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Appendices

For your information, you will find in appendices an analysis as well as the amended procedures. The implementation date of the proposed amendments will be determined by the Bourse, in accordance with the self-certification process as determined by the *Derivatives Act* (R.S.Q., chapter I-14.01).

Process for Changes to the Rules

The Bourse is authorized to carry on business as an exchange and is recognized as a self-regulatory organization (SRO) by the Autorité. The Board of Directors of the Bourse has delegated to the Rules and Policies Committee of the Bourse its powers to approve and amend the Rules and Procedures. The Rules of the Bourse are submitted to the Autorité in accordance to the self-certification process as determined by the Derivatives Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-14.01).

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ADDITION OF THREE-MONTH CANADIAN BANKERS' ACCEPTANCE FUTURES CONTRACTS QUARTERLIES FIVE THROUGH EIGHT AND NINE THROUGH TWELVE TO THE LIST OF SECURITIES AND DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR BLOCK TRADES

AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURES FOR THE EXECUTION OF BLOCK TRADES

I. Introduction

Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the "Bourse") proposes to add Three-Month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance Futures Contracts quarterlies five through eight (Reds) and nine through twelve (Greens) to the list of securities and derivative instruments eligible to block trades under the Bourse's Procedures Applicable to the Execution of Block Trades.

In drafting the proposed changes to these Procedures, the Bourse took direction from consultations with market participants, as well as from the practices and standardised parameters for similar products on major electronic derivatives exchanges worldwide.

II. Detailed Analysis

A. Definition

Block Trade: A block trade occurs when one or more approved participants and/or clients engage in prenegotiation discussions to arrange large size transactions away from the electronic trading system of the Bourse at prices mutually agreed upon.

B. Rationale: Block Trade Facility for BAX Reds and Greens

Block trades are intended to meet institutional demand for prompt and straightforward execution of large orders, as well as to mitigate the detrimental impact of large market-clearing trades on the quality of the order book.

Block trading enables clients and approved participants to arrange large volume transactions away from the electronic order book that might otherwise have a negative impact on the market by inducing excess volatility. When the order book cannot assimilate sizable orders in an efficient manner, price gaps typically occur, leading to unnecessary volatility which can disrupt orderly markets and affect investor confidence. The minimum transaction size for a block trade must therefore be large enough that its execution in the order book would cause a disruption in the market

While block trades may occur at prices outside of the prevailing best bid and offer in the central limit order book, the price of the block trade must be deemed fair and reasonable in light of factors such as the trade size, the currently traded prices as well as bid and ask prices on the same contract at the relevant time period, the volatility and liquidity of the relevant market and general market conditions.

The Bourse currently offers block trades on its 30-Day Overnight Repo Rate Futures Contracts (ONX), Overnight Index Swap Futures Contracts (OIS), Ten-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts (CGB), Two-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts (CGZ), 30-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts (LGB), Five-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts (CGF), Options on Three-Month Canadian Bankers Acceptance Futures Contracts (OBX), Canadian Crude Oil Futures Contracts (Crude) and now plans to add Three-Month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance Futures Contracts (BAX) quarterlies five through eight (Reds) and nine through twelve (Greens).

The Bourse offered a block trade facility for the BAX until 2006, at which time there was insignificant activity in the Reds and Greens that did not demand a block trade facility, and sufficient liquidity in the BAX quarterlies one through four (Whites) that a block facility was no longer required.

Since this time however, the Short Term Interest Rate ("STIR") market in Canada has experienced unprecedented growth as witnessed by volume and open interest growth in BAX markets. Given the current interest rate environment of low and stable short-term rates, the market interest for STIR contracts has been expressed in further dated segments of the STIR curve, such as in the Reds and Greens. Additional factors that lead to a growth in client demand for BAX contracts are inflows of foreign capital into Canadian fixed-income markets, and the implementation of market-making on BAX Reds and Greens contracts as part of MX efforts to develop the Canadian sovereign yield curve market.

In as much as the BAX market has grown tremendously over the last few years, clients continue to express an ongoing desire to further increase their participation in longer dated BAX contracts, but are unable to do so without incurring undue market impact costs from current liquidity levels.

In addition, the Bourse intends the Reds and Greens block trade facility for over-the-counter (OTC) interest rate swap participants who have to hedge the floating leg of their interest rate swaps with price certainty and trade execution without delay. This block trade facility will be required in order to satisfy the requirements of this market.

The Bourse therefore judges that the market requires a block trade facility for BAX Reds and Greens.

C. Rationale: Block Trade Thresholds

In order to determine the appropriate block trade thresholds for BAX Reds and Greens, the Bourse surveyed market participants, consulted with designated market makers and benchmarked block trade thresholds with comparable products at major international derivatives exchanges. The Bourse also took into consideration the minimum quantity thresholds in place for the Bourse's other block trade-eligible products, and compared the trading volumes and open interest of those products to those of BAX Reds and Greens. The findings of this analysis have led the Bourse to propose minimum quantity thresholds of 1,000 contracts for BAX Reds and 500 contracts BAX Greens. The Bourse proposes that these thresholds strike a healthy balance between providing market transparency and fairness, while protecting the clients from undue market impact costs. The maximum prescribed time delay for reporting the trade to the Bourse would be 15 minutes, as with the Bourse's other block trade-eligible products.

Table I: International Benchmarking of Block Trading Activity (05/01/2010 - 04/30/2012)

EURIBORS (LIFFE	i)	
Year 1	Whites ADV	648 067
	Blocks	3000
	% Proportion	0,46%
Year 2	Reds ADV	305 227
	Blocks	1500
	% Proportion	0,49%
Year 3	Greens ADV	54 310
	Blocks	500
	% Proportion	0,92%
Year 4	Blues	2 460
	Blocks	500
	% Proportion	20%
Year 5	Gold ADV	97
	Blocks	500
	% Proportion	517%

EURODOLLAR (CI	ME)	
Year 1	Whites ADV	853 603
	Blocks	4000
	% Proportion	0,47%
Year 2	Reds ADV	762 586
•	Blocks	4000
	% Proportion	0,52%
Year 3	Greens ADV	316 134
	Blocks	4000
	% Proportion	1,27%
Year 4	Blues ADV	99 244
	Blocks	4000
	% Proportion	4%
Year 5	Gold ADV	38802
	Blocks	4000
	% Proportion	10%
	Purple ADV	5 252
	Blocks	1000
Year 6	% Proportion	9,52%
	Orange ADV	430
	Blocks	1000
Year 7	% Proportion	116%

SHORT STERLING (LI	FFE)	
Year 1	Whites ADV	229 330
	Blocks	2000
	% Proportion	0,87%
Year 2	Reds ADV	187 260
	Blocks	1000
	% Proportion	0,53%
Year 3	Greens ADV	34 364
	Blocks	500
	% Proportion	1,45%
Year 4	Blues	782
·	Blocks	500
	% Proportion	64%

90-day Bank Bill (ASX)	Spot Month	All other months
Year 1 Whites ADV	124 298	48 166
Blocks	1500	750
% Proportion	1,21%	1,56%
Year 2	Reds ADV	6 806
	Blocks	750
	% Proportion	11,02%
Year 3	Greens ADV	214
	Blocks	750
	% Proportion	349,92%
BAX (MX) Year 1	Whites ADV	66 506
	Blocks N.	A
	% Proportion	
Year 2	Reds ADV	19 598
	Blocks N.	A
	% Proportion	
Year 3	Greens ADV	898
·	Blocks N.	A

The tables above present a snapshot of competing international exchanges' comparable STIR futures contracts. It is important to note that we are not comparing and contrasting timeframes of the underlying STIR futures in question, such as CME Greens to BAX Greens but rather contract 'colours', which compare and contrast contracts with similar average daily trading volumes.

BAX Reds have an average daily trading volume of 19,598 contracts. The contracts that are most comparable in terms of trading volumes are the Euribor Greens with an average daily trading volume of 54,310, the Eurodollar Golds with an average daily trading volume of 38,802, the Short Sterling Greens with an average daily trading volume of 34,364 and the Bank Bill Reds with an average daily trading volume of 6,806. The respective block trade to average daily trading volume proportions of the latter are: .92%, 10%, 1.45%, 11.02%, while the Bourse's proposed block trade proportion for the BAX Reds is 1000/19,598, or 5.10%, which is well within range of the comparable proportions.

BAX Greens have an average daily trading volume of 898 contracts. The contracts that are most comparable in terms of trading volumes are the Euribor Blues with an average daily trading volume of 2,460, Eurodollar Oranges with an average daily trading volume of 430, Short Sterling Blues with an average daily trading volume of 782 and the Bank Bill Greens with an average daily trading volume of 214. The respective block trade to average daily trading volume proportions of the latter are: 20 %, 116%, 64%, 349.92%, while the Bourse's proposed block trade proportion for the BAX Greens is 500/898, or 55.67%, which is well within range of the comparable proportions.

The time delays and minimum quantity thresholds for the Bourse's block trade-eligible products are laid out in the following table.

Table II: The Bourse's Procedures for the Execution of Block Trades:

Table of Eligible Securities and Derivative Instruments

Eligible Securities and Derivative Instruments	Prescribed Time Delay	Minimum Quantity Threshold
ONX	15 minutes	1 000
OIS	15 minutes	200
CGB	15 minutes	1 500
CGZ	15 minutes	500
LGB	15 minutes	500
CGF	15 minutes	500
OBX	15 minutes	2 000
Crude	15 minutes	100
BAX Reds (proposed)	15 minutes	1 000
BAX Greens (proposed)	15 minutes	500

Three-Month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance Futures Contracts quarterlies one through four (Whites) are considered to be highly liquid and as such the Bourse has deemed that a block trading facility is not needed for these contracts.

D. Benchmarking

In addition to consulting market participants, the Bourse has also conducted an international benchmarking analysis based on the practices of major foreign electronic exchanges with similar products.

The international benchmarking research shows that major electronic derivatives exchanges in the world allow block trades that result from prenegotiation discussions within pre-established product-specific parameters.

Table III: International Benchmarking – Block Trade Parameters

	Bourse de	NYSE LIFFE	CME	ASX
	Montréal			
Eligible	Limited to interest	The Block Trade	Block trade	Block trade
products	rate futures,	Facility applies	eligible products:	eligible products:
	options on futures	only to Exchange	Eurodollars,	ASX 30 Day
	and commodities.	Contracts which	Eurodollar 5-Year	Interbank Cash
	Minimum	have been	E-Mini,	Rate Futures,

	quantity trade threshold levels vary by product.	designated as Block Trade Contracts. Variable block threshold level: for products similar to the BAX (Euribor and Short Sterling) the block size thresholds vary from 500 to 3,000 contracts, depending upon the contract expiry.	Eurodollar E-Mini Futures, T-Bills, Euroyen, One-Month Libor, 2-, 5- and 10-Year Swap Rates, etc.	ASX 90 Day Bank Bill Futures, ASX 3 Year Treasury Bond Futures, ASX 10 Year Treasury Bond Futures, ASX 3 Year Interest Rate Swap Futures, ASX 10 Year Interest Rate Swap Futures, ASX 10 Year Interest Rate Swap Futures, ASX SPI 200 Index Futures, ASX New Zealand 30 Day Official Cash Rate Futures, etc.
Prescribed time delay	Prescribed time delay for reporting a block	Once the Block Trade has been organised, the	Block trades must be reported to the Exchange by the	A Block Trade is executed as a Participant to
	trade is as soon as practicable but no later than 15 minutes.	Block Trade Executing Member must submit details, contained in Trading Procedure 4.5.17 (ii) to (vii) inclusive, of the Block Trade to the Relevant Euronext Market Undertaking via LIFFE CONNECT® as soon as practicable. In any event, the details of the Block Trade must be submitted by the Block Trade Executing Member: (a) within five	seller within five minutes of the transaction for block trades executed during Regular Trading Hours and within fifteen minutes of the transaction for block trades executed during European Trading Hours and Asian Trading Hours.	Participant to Participant transaction (or a cross transaction for a single Participant on behalf of a client) submitted to ASX via the SYCOM message facility immediately after the agreement of all details of the trade. With the exception of the night session Block Trades, Participants to the trade then have a further 5 minutes to submit a completed

minutes in the case of a Block Trade which was not dependent on the execution of a transaction in another instrument, unless market conditions are exceptional; or (b) within fifteen minutes in the case of: (i) exceptional market conditions; or (ii) a Block Trade which was dependent on the execution of a transaction in another instrument.

official Block **Trade Facility** Trade Registration Form to ASX to confirm the proposed transaction. **Participants** should not submit the proposed Block Trade to the Exchange for validation until all details of the trade have been agreed. As an example, Market-On-Close orders cannot be submitted until the close of the market because of the dependence on the closing price. For Night session Block Trades, Participants to the trade are required to notify the Exchange within 5 minutes of the trade being executed via the SYCOM message facility and phone of the transaction. Between 8.30am and 9.30am the following morning Participants are required to enter

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				the night session
				Block Trade
				details into SFEIN
				(SFE Information
				Network - ASX 24
				EFP, Strip and
				Block Trade
				Registration
				Access).
Fair and	Block trades must	Members should	Block trades must	There are no
reasonable	be executed at a	ensure, when	be transacted at	explicit price
prices	price that is "fair	arranging,	prices that are	limits attached to
P	and reasonable"	organising or	"fair and	Block Trades.
	in light of (i) the	executing Block	reasonable" in	Block Trades may
	size of such a	Trades, that the	light of (i) the size	legitimately
	block trade; (ii)	price of any Block	of the transaction,	occur at prices
	currently traded	Trade being	(ii) the prices and	different to the
	prices and bid and	quoted represents	sizes of other	SYCOM market
	ask prices in the	a fair value for	transactions in	price for the
	same contract, at	that trade.	the same contract	relevant contract
	the relevant time;	tilat tilaue.		at the time of
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	(iii) currently	Rule 423 requires	time, (iii) the	trade agreement.
	traded prices and	that the price of a	prices and sizes of	However, ASX
	bid and ask prices	block trade be fair	transactions in	reserves the right
	in other contract	and reasonable in	other relevant	to not approve a
	months for	light of (i) the size	markets,	proposed Block
	futures contracts	of the trade; (ii)	including, without	Trade if the
	or other option	the prices and	limitation, the	proposed price of
	series for options	sizes of other	underlying cash	the Block Trade
	contracts; (iv)	transactions in	market or related	varies
	currently traded	the same contract	futures markets,	significantly, as
	prices and bid and	at the relevant	at the relevant	assessed by the
	ask prices in other	time; (iii) the	time, and (iv) the	Exchange, from
	relevant markets,	prices and sizes of	circumstances of	the price at
	including without	transactions in	the markets or	which trades are
	limitation the	other relevant	the parties to the	being transacted
	underlying	markets, including	block trade.	on SYCOM at the
	markets; (v) the	the underlying		time that the
	volatility and	cash and futures		record details are
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execution	trade has been	Trade has been	block trade, the	Participant
	arranged, details	organised and,	following	transaction (or a
	of the block trade	where applicable,	information will	cross transaction
	must be reported	the designated	be required:	for a single
	to the Bourse	market-maker has	Name and phone	Participant on
	within the period	been contacted to	number of the	behalf of a
	of time prescribed	ascertain whether	clearing firm	client(s)) must be
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	by the Bourse.		representative	
		exercise his	reporting the	Exchange via the
	Approved	participation	trade (unless the	SYCOM message
	participants for	right, the	block trade is	facility
	both the seller	Member, or	electronically	immediately
	and buyer must	where the Block	reported); Buyer's	after the
	complete and	Trade has been	clearing firm and	agreement of all
	submit the Block	organised	seller's clearing	details of the
	Trade Reporting	between two	firm; Contract,	proposed Block
	Form, providing	Members, the	contract month	Trade. For Block
	the following	Member agreed	and contract year	Trades executed
	information:	by mutual	for futures;	during the day
	i) time and date of	consent, must	Contract, contract	session, each
	trade	submit the Block	month, contract	Participant to the
	ii) executing	Trade details via	year, strike price	transaction must
	participant name	LIFFE CONNECT®,	and put or call	register the Block
	and trading ID	as specified in	designation for	Trade over SFEIN
	(buy)	Trading	standard options,	within 5 minutes
	iii) executing	Procedures 4.5.17	•	of the text
	participant name	to 4.5.19, or must	expiration date	
	and trading ID	procure that the	and exercise style	message, ensuring all
		Block Trade is so	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	_
	(sell)		for flex options;	relevant details
	iv) clearing firm	submitted. Where	Quantity of the	are included. For
	name and ID (buy)	a Member is	trade or, for	night session
	v) clearing firm	unable to execute	spreads and	Block Trades
	name and ID (sell)	the Block Trade	combinations, the	each participant
	vi) contact phone	himself, he must	quantity of each	to the
	number	ensure that he	leg of the trade;	transaction must
	vii) contact fax	has arrangements	price of the trade	notify the
	number or email	in place to submit	or, for spreads	Exchange of the
	address	and execute Block	and combinations,	Block Trade via
	viii) derivative	Trades before he	the price of each	the SYCOM
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instruments organises any leg of the trade; message facility ix) future such Block Trade. and Execution and via phone within 5 minutes contract/call/put time (in Central In respect of each after the Block x) contract month Time) of the trade xi) option strike Block Trade order, (i.e. the time at Trade is agreed. price (if the following which the trade Each Participant applicable) details must be to the was xii) number of recorded on an consummated). transaction must contracts order slip, or, register the Block xiii) price where the Block trades must Trade within xiv) strategy type Member employs be reported to the SFEIN between (if applicable). an electronic Exchange via one 8.30am and system for order of the following 9.30am the routing, must be methods. following i) Globex Control recorded morning. Center ("GCC") electronically, by the Block Trade All block trades Required Executing may be reported information Member: to the GCC. The includes: (i) time of trade; seller reports the Participant(s) (ii) Contract(s) in trade by calling mnemonic (buyer which the Block the GCC. When and seller), Trade is being the GCC is closed contract, transacted; for example, contract (iii) strategy (as during the month(s)/year(s), applicable) weekend – the price (of (iv) block trade must individual legs), be reported no delivery/expiry number of lots month(s); later than five (each leg), time (v) exercise minutes prior to of trade price(s) (as the opening of the agreement and applicable); next electronic name of (vi) price of each trading session for individual leg of the trade; that product. authorised by the (vii) number of ii) CME ClearPort Participant(s) to lots of each leg of Block trades may submit Block the trade Trades. be electronically including any reported directly volume executed to CME Clearing Upon registration on behalf of a via CME of the trade, ASX designated ClearPort.. staff will validate market-maker, if iii) CME the following: applicable; and Clearing360 Trade (viii) name of the Reporter. - whether the individual trade meets the authorised to

minimum size

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		Trades on behalf		
				requirements for
		of the Member.		the prescribed
				contract(s);
		The Relevant		
		Euronext Market		- the trading
		Undertaking will		rights of the
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		of the Block Trade		
		details submitted		- the price of the
		by the Block Trade		contract(s).
		executing		
		Member. If the		
		Relevant Euronext		
		Market		
		Undertaking		
		(following		
		consultation,		
		where necessary,		
		with the clearing		
		house) is satisfied		
		that all such		
		details are valid, it		
		will authorise		
		execution of the		
		Block Trade. The		
		Block Trade		
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of trade	will check the	has been	The date,	Following transaction
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	submitted by the	information with	of block trades	information is
	approved	respect to the	are reported upon	disseminated to
	participant(s).	Block Trade will	receipt of the	the market via
	i) date and time of	be published by	block information	the SYCOM

ii) security(ies) or derivative instrument(s) and contract month(s); iii) price of each contract month(s) and strike price(s) (as applicable); and iv) volume of each contract month.	Euronext Market Undertaking with a trade type of "K": (i) Contract(s) and delivery/expiry month(s); (ii) price of each delivery/expiry month(s) and exercise price(s) (as applicable); and (iii) volume of each delivery/expiry month. Details of the Block Trade will also be broadcast on LIFFE CONNECT®. For each Exchange Contract, the cumulative volume of Block Trades executed during the day will also be published.	trade information is reported on the MerQuote system and may be accessed by entering the code "BLK". Block trade information is also displayed on the trading floor. Block trade prices are published separately from transactions in the regular market. Block trade volume is also included with other privately negotiated transactions in the daily volume reports published by the exchange.	and data vendors. Information disseminated by SFE will be in the form of contract, expiry month(s)/year(s), price, volume and time of trade.
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III. Proposed Regulatory Amendments

The Bourse proposes to amend the table of eligible securities and derivative instruments eligible for block trades under the Bourse's Procedures Applicable to the Execution of Block Trades to include Three-Month Canadian Bankers' Acceptances Futures Contracts quarterlies five through eight (BAX Reds) and nine through twelve (BAX Greens).

IV. Objectives and Consequences

The Bourse proposes to add Three-Month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance Futures Contracts quarterlies five through eight and nine through twelve to the list of eligible securities and

derivative instruments under the Procedures Applicable to the Execution of Block Trades in

order to fulfill the objectives detailed below:

a) To accommodate large order activity that would otherwise be negotiated away from the

organized market;

b) To facilitate greater market efficiency through improved execution quality and price certainty

for large transactions; and

c) To align the Bourse with international best practices of major electronic derivatives

exchanges.

This proposal is not expected to diminish the role of the organized electronic market, which will remain the central place for trading all of the Bourse's products. The intention of the Bourse is

to make this facility available for trades that would otherwise be market disruptive and not for

block volumes to become a significant part of the market.

The central limit order book will remain intact and the price discovery mechanism associated with the market will be respected. Furthermore, the Bourse will continue to provide the Autorité

des marchés financiers (the "AMF") with a monthly report showing the percentage of trading

volume on each contract that is comprised of block trades.

V. Public Interest

The Bourse's proposal should attract additional trading volume by offering market participants certainty of price and immediacy of execution in the transaction of large orders, as well as the

benefits of central counterparty clearing. As such, block trades on Three-Month Bankers' Acceptance Futures Contracts quarterlies five through eight and nine through twelve should result in greater market efficiency through improved execution quality. Block trades offer both

clients and approved participants the convenience of privately negotiating a trade with a selected counterparty and the ability to execute a large transaction at a fair and reasonable single price. Furthermore, block trade data provides a useful means for the market to analyze

and value a security.

VI. Process

The proposed modifications, including this analysis, are to be approved by the Bourse's Rules

and Policies Committee and submitted to the AMF in accordance with the self-certification process and to the Ontario Securities Commission for information.

VII. References

Rule Six of Bourse de Montréal Inc.: Article 6380 (4)

http://m-x.ca/f_regles_en/06_en.pdf

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NYSE LIFFE Trading Procedures: Rule 4.5

http://www.euronext.com/fic/000/059/181/591811.pdf

CME Market Regulation Advisory Notice, Rule 526 - Block Trades

http://www.cmegroup.com/rulebook/CME/#Search%3Drule%20526

CME Block Trade FAQ

http://www.cmegroup.com/trading/interest-rates/files/Block-Trade-FAQ.pdf

ASX Block Trade Facility

http://www.asx.com.au/products/block-trade-facility.htm

ASX Block Trade Facility Q&A

http://www.asx.com.au/products/block-trade-facility-questions-answers.htm

VIII. Attached Document

Bourse de Montréal Inc.: amendments to Procedures for the Execution of Block Trades



PROCEDURES FOR THE EXECUTION OF BLOCK TRADES

- a) Once a block trade has been arranged, in accordance with the predetermined minimum quantity threshold level as determined and published by the Bourse, details of the block trade must be reported to the Bourse by contacting a market official of the Bourse's Market Monitoring Department at 1-888-693-6366 or at 514 871-7871 within the period of time prescribed by the Bourse.
- b) Approved participants for both the seller and buyer must complete and submit the Block Trade Reporting Form (Attachment 1) or such other notification as prescribed by the Bourse to a market official of the Bourse's Market Monitoring Department for validation.
- c) A market official will check the validity of the block trade details submitted by the approved participant(s).
- d) Confirmation by a market official of a block trade transaction will not preclude the Bourse from initiating disciplinary procedures in the event that the transaction is subsequently found to have been made other than in compliance with the rules.
- e) Once the block trade has been validated, the following information with respect to the block trade will be disseminated by the Bourse:
 - i) date and time of transaction;
 - ii) security(ies) or derivative instrument(s) and contract month(s);
 - iii) price of each contract month(s) and strike price(s) (as applicable); and
 - iv) volume of each contract month.
- f) Upon request by the Bourse the approved participant who arranges a block trade must provide satisfactory evidence that the block trade has been arranged in accordance with the Rules of the Bourse. Failure to provide satisfactory evidence of compliance with these Rules may result in the initiation of disciplinary action.

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In accordance with article 6380 of the Rules of Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the "Bourse"), the following are the eligible securities and derivative instruments, the relevant prescribed time delays and the minimum quantity thresholds for the execution of block trades.

ELIGIBLE SECURITIES AND DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS	PRESCRIBED TIME DELAY	MINIMUM QUANTITY THRESHOLD
	(As soon as	
	practicable and in any event within the	
	following time delay)	
30-Day Overnight Repo Rate Futures Contracts (ONX)	15 minutes	1,000 contracts
Overnight Index Swap Futures Contracts (OIS)	15 minutes	200 contracts
Ten-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts (CGB)	15 minutes	1,500 contracts
Two-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts (CGZ)	15 minutes	500 contracts
30-Year Government of Canada	15 minutes	500 contracts
Bond Futures Contracts (LGB)		
Five-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts (CGF)	15 minutes	500 contracts
Options on Three-Month Canadian	15 minutes	2,000 contracts
Bankers Acceptance Futures Contracts	76 11	2,000 00.111.00.0
Canadian Crude Oil Futures Contracts	15 minutes	100 contracts
BAX Reds	15 minutes	1,000 contracts
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BAX Greens	15 minutes	500 contracts

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Block Trade Reporting Form

Approved participants must complete all sections of this form legibly and accurately.

This form is to be completed and faxed to Market Monitoring at 514 871-3592 or sent via the Bourse's website using the Web-based form http://www.m-x.ca/rob formulaire en.php.

A market official can be reached at 1-888-693-6366 or at 514 871-7871. TIME AND DATE OF TRADE: **EXECUTING PARTICIPANT NAME AND TRADING** ID (BUY): **CLEARING FIRM NAME AND ID (BUY): EXECUTING PARTICIPANT NAME AND TRADING** ID (SELL): **CLEARING FIRM NAME AND ID (SELL): CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: CONTACT FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Contract Number of Strategy Future Option Contract/ Month Strike Price Derivative Contracts **Price** Type* (if applicable) Instruments Call/ (if applicable) Put For Montréal Exchange Staff Only: Time and Date of receipt: Montréal Exchange authorized signature:

The details on this form are accepted by the Montréal Exchange strictly on the understanding that the Montréal Exchange accepts no responsibility nor liability for the accuracy or completeness of the details as provided by the approved participant.

* Each leg of a strategy trade should be listed separately.

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