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## FUTURES CONTRACT MARGIN REQUIREMENTS AND INDEX PRODUCTS FLOATING MARGIN RATES

Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the "Bourse") sets futures margin rates and index products floating margin rates, and updates these rates when market conditions justify. Considering the recent changes in these 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, be modified as follows:

FUTURES CONTRACTS	MARGIN TYPE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE
<b>ONV</b> 20 Day Oyamight Dana Data	Speculator	\$650	\$650
<b>ONX</b> - 30-Day Overnight Repo Rate	Hedger	\$600	\$600
	Speculator	\$800	\$650
BAX - Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance	Hedger	\$750	\$600
CGZ - Two-year Canadian Government Bond	Speculator	\$500	\$500
	Hedger	\$400	\$400
CGB - Ten-year Canadian Government Bond	Speculator	\$2,000	\$2,000
	Hedger	\$1,900	\$1,900
SXF - S&P/TSX 60 Index	Speculator	\$4,600	\$4,000
	Hedger	\$4,400	\$3,900
	Speculator	\$4,400	\$3,400
SXA - S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	Hedger	\$4,200	\$3,200
	Speculator	\$1,000	\$900
<b>SXB</b> - S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	SpeculatorHedgerSpeculatorHedgerSpeculatorHedgerSpeculatorHedgerSpeculatorHedgerSpeculatorHedgerSpeculatorHedgerHedgerSpeculatorHedgerHedgerHedgerHedgerSpeculatorHedgerSpeculatorHedger	\$900	\$800
SXH - S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	Speculator	\$1,800	\$1,700
	Hedger	\$1,700	\$1,600
SVV S&D/TSV Conned Engagy Index	Speculator	\$2,400	\$1,800
SXY - S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	Hedger	\$2,300	\$1,700
ENT Nortal Naturalia Corporation	Speculator	31.00%	27.00%
<b>FNT</b> - Nortel Networks Corporation	Hedger	28.00%	24.00%

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

MARGIN TYPE	INDEX AND EQUITY FUTURES CONTRACTS					
	SXF	SXA	SXB	SXH	SXY	FNT
<b>SPECULATOR</b> <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$4,000	\$3,400	\$900	\$1,700	\$1,800	27.00% <sup>2</sup>
<b>HEDGER</b> <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$3,900	\$3,200	\$800	\$1,600	\$1,700	24.00% <sup>2</sup>
SPREADS	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$100	\$ 350	\$ 100	\$5

MARGIN TYPE	INTEREST RATE FUTURES CONTRACTS				
	ONX	BAX	CGZ	CGB	
<b>SPECULATOR</b> <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$650	\$650	\$500	\$2,000	
<b>HEDGER</b> <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$600	\$600	\$400	\$1,900	
SPREADS	\$132	\$146	\$200	\$200	

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.

2. The margin requirements for the FNT are defined as a percentage and must be applied by using the futures contract settlement price.

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

FLOATING MARGIN RATE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE
Basket of S&P/TSX 60 Index Securities	5.25%	4.75%
S&P/TSX 60 Index Participation Units	5.00%	4.50%

These new margin requirements will be effective for the close of business on Thursday, July 8, 2004.

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