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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
ONX - 30-Day Overnight Repo Rate	Speculator	\$650	\$650
ONA - 50-Day Overnight Reportate	Hedger	\$600	\$600
DAY Three month Consider Denlard Assentance	Speculator	\$550	\$550
BAX - Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance	Hedger	\$500	\$500
CC7 Two was Canadian Covamment Dand	Speculator	\$500	\$600
CGZ - Two-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$400	\$500
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CGB - Ten-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$1,800	\$1,700
SXF - S&P/TSX 60 Index	Speculator	\$3,800	\$3,500
SAF - S&P/TSA 00 fildex	Hedger	\$3,600	\$3,300
SVA C&D/TSV Conned Cold Indov	Speculator	\$3,300	\$3,400
SXA - S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	Hedger	\$3,200	\$3,300
SVD C %D/TSV Conned Financials Index	Speculator	\$950	\$850
SXB - S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	Hedger	\$900	\$800
CVII C & D/TCV Commod Information Technology Index	Speculator	\$1,500	\$1,500
SXH - S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	Hedger	\$1,400	\$1,400
CVV C & D/TCV Conned Engage Index	Speculator	\$1,900	\$1,900
SXY - S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	Hedger	\$1,800	\$1,800
FNT - Nortel Networks Corporation	Speculator	27.50%	27.50%
1111 - Ivoltei ivetworks Corporation	Hedger	24.50%	24.50%

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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
SPECULATOR <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$3,500	\$3,400	\$850	\$1,500	\$1,900	27.50% <sup>2</sup>
HEDGER <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$800	\$1,400	\$1,800	24.50% <sup>2</sup>
SPREADS	\$ 350	\$ 100	\$100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$5

MARGIN TYPE	INTEREST RATE FUTURES CONTRACTS				
WHITE THE	ONX	BAX	CGZ	CGB	
SPECULATOR <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$650	\$550	\$600	\$1,800	
HEDGER <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$600	\$500	\$500	\$1,700	
SPREADS	\$132	\$146	\$200	\$200	

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.

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	4.50%	4.25%
S&P/TSX 60 Index Participation Units	4.25%	4.00%

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

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