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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	\$900
ONA - 50-Day Overlinght Reportate	Hedger	\$600	\$850
DAV Three month Consider Denlard Assentance	Speculator	\$550	\$800
BAX - Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance	Hedger	\$500	\$750
CC7 Two year Canadian Cayammant Dand	Speculator	\$600	\$900
CGZ - Two-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$500	\$800
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CGB - Ten-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$1,700	\$1,700
CVE COD/TCV (O L. J	Speculator	\$3,500	\$3,600
SXF - S&P/TSX 60 Index	Hedger	\$3,300	\$3,400
CVA C&D/TCV Conned Cold Index	Speculator	\$3,400	\$3,700
SXA - S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	Hedger	\$3,300	\$3,500
CVD C 0.D/TCV Council Eigensials Indon	Speculator	\$850	\$900
SXB - S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	Hedger	\$800	\$800
CVII COD/TCV Commed Information Technology Index	Speculator	\$1,500	\$1,400
SXH - S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	Hedger	\$1,400	\$1,300
CVV C & D/TCV Conned Engage Index	Speculator	\$1,900	\$2,000
SXY - S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	Hedger	\$1,800	\$1,900
ENT Nortal Naturalis Corneration	Speculator	27.50%	23.00%
FNT - Nortel Networks Corporation	Hedger	24.50%	20.00%

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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
SPECULATOR ¹ (simple position)	\$3,600	\$3,700	\$900	\$1,400	\$2,000	23.00% ²
HEDGER ¹ (simple position)	\$3,400	\$3,500	\$800	\$1,300	\$1,900	20.00% 2
SPREADS	\$350	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$5

MARGIN TYPE	INTEREST RATE FUTURES CONTRACTS				
WHITE THE	ONX	BAX	CGZ	CGB	
SPECULATOR 1	\$900	\$800	\$900	\$1,800	
(simple position)	\$900	\$800	\$900	\$1,000	
HEDGER 1	\$850	\$750	\$800	\$1,700	
(simple position)					
SPREADS	\$132	\$128	\$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	4.25%	4.00%
S&P/TSX 60 Index Participation Units	4.00%	4.00%

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

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