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NEW MECHANISM FOR LIQUIDATION OF DEEP OUT OF THE MONEY INTEREST RATE OPTIONS ("CABINET TRADES")

OPTIONS ON THREE-MONTH CANADIAN BANKERS' ACCEPTANCE **FUTURES CONTRACT (OBX)**

The Rules and Policies Committee of Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the Bourse) and the Autorité des marchés financiers approved modifications to article 6755 of Rule Six of the Rules of the Bourse. These modifications will allow the Bourse to offer a mechanism that will enable market participants to liquidate deep out of the money OBX positions (Cabinet trades) at a minimum price fluctuation of 0.001. All OBX orders with a price inferior to 0.01 point (1 basis point) will be considered as deep out of the money options and will be automatically accepted by the SOLA trading system at this newly established minimal quoting level. These modifications will be effective on Friday, October 3rd, **2008**.

You fill find attached the contract specifications including the modifications abovementioned in the sections entitled "Price quotation" and "Minimum price fluctuation".

For further information in this regard, please contact the Market Operations at (514) 871-3548.

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6755 Minimum Price Fluctuation (Tick Size)

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Unless otherwise determined by the Bourse, the minimum price fluctuation of the premium shall be 0.005 point representing CAN\$12.50 per contract.

In the case of cabinet trades, the minimum price fluctuation of the premium shall be 0.001 point representing CAN\$2.50 per contract.

For the purpose of this article, a cabinet trade is a trade that allows liquidating a deep out-of-the-money option at a premium that is lesser than 0.01 point. Options with a premium lesser than 0.01 point shall automatically be considered deep out-of the-money options consequently being able to be quoted and traded at a price (premium) ranging between 0.001 and 0.009 point.



Option on Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance Futures

Trading Unit One Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance Futures (BAX) contract. **Contract Months** Four nearest months in the BAX futures quarterly cycle (March, June, September and December). **Price Quotation** Ouoted in points where each 0.01 point (1 basis point) represents C\$25. For example, a quote of 0.465 represents a total option premium of C\$1,162.50 (i.e. 46.5 basis points \times C\$25). Cabinet trade (defined as options with a premium lesser than 0.01): pecifications Quoted in 0.001 point (0.1 basis point) where each 0.001 point represents C\$2.50. Trading ceases at 10:00 a.m. (EST) on the 2nd London (Great Britain) **Last Day of Trading** banking day prior to the 3rd Wednesday of the contract month. If the determined day is an exchange or banking holiday in Montreal or Toronto, the last trading day shall be the previous banking day. **Contract Type** American style. **Minimum Price Fluctuation** 0.005 = C\$12.50 per contract. Cabinet trade: 0.001 = C\$2.50 per contract. 300 options or futures equivalent contracts. For the purpose of **Reporting Limit** calculating this limit, positions in the options contracts are aggregated with positions in the underlying futures contracts. For aggregation purposes, one option contract is equivalent to one futures contract. **Position Limits** Information on Position Limits can be obtained from the Exchange as they are subject to periodic changes. **Strike Prices** Set at minimum point intervals of 0.125. **Minimum Margin** Information on Minimum Margin Requirements can be obtained from the Exchange as they are subject to periodic changes. Requirements **Daily Price Limits** None **Trading Hours** 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (EST/EDT). Canadian Derivatives Clearing Corporation (CDCC). **Clearing Corporation Ticker Symbol** OBX.

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