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FUTURES CONTRACTS MARGIN REQUIREMENTS, INDEX PRODUCTS FLOATING MARGIN RATES, CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES AND TRACKING ERROR MARGIN RATES

Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the Bourse) sets futures contracts margin rates, index products floating margin rates and tracking error margin rates and currency options margin rates. The Bourse updates these rates on a monthly basis or when justified by market 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, must be modified as follows:

FUTURES CONTRACTS	MARGIN TYPE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE
ONX - 30-Day Overnight Repo Rate	Speculator	\$600	\$600
ONA - 50-Day Overnight Repo Rate	Hedger	\$550	\$550
B A V Three month Considion Donkers' Assertance	Speculator	\$400	\$350
BAX - Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance	Hedger	\$350	\$300
CC7 Two year Canadian Covernment Bond	Speculator	\$700	\$600
CGZ - Two-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$600	\$500
CCP. Tan area Canadian Communet Dand	Speculator	\$1,350	\$1,300
CGB - Ten-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$1,250	\$1,200
SXF - S&P/TSX 60 Index	Speculator	\$5,550	\$5,900
$\mathbf{SAF} - \mathbf{S}\mathbf{\alpha}\mathbf{F}/1\mathbf{S}\mathbf{X}$ of fildex	Hedger	\$5,350	\$5,700
SVA S&D/TSV Conned Cold Index	Speculator	\$6,750	\$6,200
SXA - S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	Hedger	\$6,550	\$6,000
SVD SeD/TCV Conned Einen siele Inden	Speculator	\$1,400	\$1,400
SXB - S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	Hedger	\$1,300	\$1,300
SVII SchD/TSV Conned Information Tashrala and Inder	Speculator	\$1,000	\$950
SXH - S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	Hedger	\$950	\$900
SVV S&D/TSV Conned Energy Index	Speculator	\$5,450	\$4,900
SXY - S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	Hedger	\$5,250	\$4,700

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.

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FUTURES CONTRACT SPREAD POSITIONS

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

MARGIN TYPE	INDEX FUTURES CONTRACTS				
	SXF	SXA	SXB	SXH	SXY
SPREADS	\$350	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100

MARGIN TYPE	INTEREST RATE FUTURES CONTRACTS				
	ONX	BAX	CGZ	CGB	
SPREADS	\$132	\$86	\$400	\$200	
BUTTERFLY (consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$ 75	N/A	N/A	
BUTTERFLY (non-consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$107	N/A	N/A	

MARGIN ON INTER-COMMODITY SPREAD POSITIONS

SPREAD POSITION CGB-CGZ	PREVIOUS MARGIN RATE	NEW MARGIN RATE
Speculator	\$2,040	\$1,920
Hedger	\$1,860	\$1,740

Note: For margin and capital calculation purposes, since the size of the CGB and CGZ futures contracts are different, the abovementioned margin may be used only if the pairing is made by taking into account the size difference of these futures contracts. This means that the spread position must consist of two (2) CGB futures contracts (\$100,000 size) and one (1) CGZ futures contract (\$200,000 size).

FLOATING MARGIN RATES

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

FLOATING MARGIN RATES	BASKET OF IND	EX SECURITIES	INDEX PARTICIPATION SHARES		
	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	
S&P/TSX 60 Index	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	3.50%	
S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	11.50%	10.00%	11.50%	9.75%	
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%	
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	6.25%	5.75%	5.75%	5.75%	
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	8.50%	7.25%	8.25%	7.50%	

CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES

CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE
USX - US Dollar Option	2.25%	2.00%

TRACKING ERROR MARGIN RATES

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

	PREVIOUS RATE			NEW RATE		
TRACKING ERROR MARGIN RATES	Index and IPU	Index and Futures	IPU and Futures	Index and IPU	Index and Futures	IPU and Futures
S&P/TSX 60 Index	1.00%	1.75%	1.75%	0.75%	1.75%	1.75%
S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	1.50%	5.25%	5.50%	1.25%	4.75%	4.75%
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	0.75%	1.50%	1.50%	0.75%	1.50%	1.50%
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	2.25%	3.00%	3.25%	2.25%	3.00%	3.00%
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	1.00%	4.00%	4.00%	1.00%	4.00%	4.00%

These new margin requirements will be effective at the close of business on Wednesday November 8, 2006.

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