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SELF-CERTIFICATION

PROCEDURES FOR THE EXECUTION OF BLOCK TRADES TRANSMITTING BLOCK TRADE REPORTING FORMS VIA THE BOURSE DE MONTRÉAL WEBSITE

The Rules and Policies Committee of Bourse de Montréal Inc. ("the **Bourse**") has approved an amendment to the *Procedures for the Execution of Block Trades* (the "**Procedures**"). The Bourse wishes to advise Approved Participants that the amendment to the Procedures was self-certified in accordance with the self-certification process as established in the *Derivatives Act* (R.S.Q., chapter I-14.01).

The new version of the Procedures, that you will find attached, will become effective **on March 16**, **2012**. Please note that these will also be available on Bourse's website (<u>www.m-x.ca</u>).

The amendment to the Procedures will allow the Approved Participants of the Bourse to submit their block trade reporting form via the Bourse's website.

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PROCEDURES FOR THE EXECUTION OF BLOCK TRADES

- a) Once a block trade has been arranged, in accordance with the predetermined minimum quantity threshold level as determined and published by the Bourse, details of the block trade must be reported to the Bourse by contacting a market official of the Bourse's Market Monitoring Department at 1-888-693-6366 or at 514 871-7871 within the period of time prescribed by the Bourse.
- b) Approved participants for both the seller and buyer must complete and submit the Block Trade Reporting Form (Attachment 1) or such other notification as prescribed by the Bourse to a market official of the Bourse's Market Monitoring Department for validation.
- c) A market official will check the validity of the block trade details submitted by the approved participant(s).
- d) Confirmation by a market official of a block trade transaction will not preclude the Bourse from initiating disciplinary procedures in the event that the transaction is subsequently found to have been made other than in compliance with the rules.
- e) Once the block trade has been validated, the following information with respect to the block trade will be disseminated by the Bourse:
 - i) date and time of transaction;
 - ii) security(ies) or derivative instrument(s) and contract month(s);
 - iii) price of each contract month(s) and strike price(s) (as applicable); and
 - iv) volume of each contract month.
- f) Upon request by the Bourse the approved participant who arranges a block trade must provide satisfactory evidence that the block trade has been arranged in accordance with the Rules of the Bourse. Failure to provide satisfactory evidence of compliance with these Rules may result in the initiation of disciplinary action.

In accordance with article 6380 of the Rules of Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the "Bourse"), the following are the eligible securities and derivative instruments, the relevant prescribed time delays and the minimum quantity thresholds for the execution of block trades.

ELIGIBLE SECURITIES AND DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS	PRESCRIBED TIME DELAY	MINIMUM QUANTITY THRESHOLD		
	(As soon as practicable and in any event within the following time delay)			
30-Day Overnight Repo Rate Futures Contracts (ONX)	15 minutes	1,000 contracts		
Ten-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts (CGB)	15 minutes	1,500 contracts		
Two-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts (CGZ)	15 minutes	500 contracts		
30-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts (LGB)	15 minutes	500 contracts		
Five-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts (CGF)	15 minutes	500 contracts		
Options on Three-Month Canadian Bankers Acceptance Futures Contracts	15 minutes	2,000 contracts		
Canadian Crude Oil Futures Contracts	15 minutes	100 contracts		



ATTACHMENT 1

Block Trade Reporting Form

Approved participants must complete all sections of this form legibly and accurately.

This form is to be completed and faxed to Market Monitoring at 514 871-3592 or sent via the Bourse's website using the Web-based form http://www.m-x.ca/rob_formulaire_en.php.

A market official can be reached at 1-888-693-6366 or at 514 871-7871.

TIME AND DATE OF TRADE:

EXECUTING PARTICIPANT NAME AND TRADING ID (BUY):

CLEARING FIRM NAME AND ID (BUY):

EXECUTING PARTICIPANT NAME AND TRADING ID (SELL):

CLEARING FIRM NAME AND ID (SELL):

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

CONTACT FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Derivative Instruments	Future Contract/ Call/ Put	Contract Month	Option Strike Price (if applicable)	Number of Contracts	Price	Strategy Type [*] (if applicable)

For Montréal Exchange Staff Only:

Time and Date of receipt:

Montréal Exchange authorized signature:

The details on this form are accepted by the Montréal Exchange strictly on the understanding that the Montréal Exchange accepts no responsibility nor liability for the accuracy or completeness of the details as provided by the approved participant.