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TO: Clearing Member Firms
Chief Financial Officers
Back Office Managers

FROM: CME Clearing

SUBJECT: March 2018 Eligible Corporate Bonds, ETFs, and Stocks

DATE: March 7, 2018

CME Clearing accepts corporate bonds, ETFs, and stocks for Base and IRS performance bond requirements. The March 2018 acceptable CUSIPs are now available on CME's website. Please also refer to this website for further details regarding acceptable collateral criteria, haircuts, and limits.

CME Clearing utilizes DTC as the custodian for the ETF and stock programs, as well as the corporate bond direct program. In order to participate in these programs, clearing members must either utilize a custodian bank or have an account with DTC.

Clearing members with an account at DTC can originate pledges of securities to a CME account, or request the release of pledged securities. CME staff has direct access to DTC's Settlement Web Service to view clearing member pledges and approve release requests. Release transactions are not finalized until CME has approved the transactions. Clearing members have the opportunity to pledge securities in the morning to facilitate the release of a.m. cash calls, or to request the release of pledged securities. The deadline for entering morning transactions to be processed before the intraday settlement cycle is 10:30 a.m. CST. After the intraday cycle, clearing members have an additional opportunity to instruct pledges or to request the release of securities until approximately 1:30 p.m. CST.

For further information, please contact the Clearing House Banking Team at (312) 207-2594.