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TO: Clearing Member Firms
Chief Financial Officers
Back Office Managers

FROM: CME Clearing

SUBJECT: 2nd Quarter 2012 Eligible Stocks
(Data from January 3rd thru March 31st, 2012)

DATE: Wednesday, April 11, 2012

CME Clearing accepts shares of certain equity stocks for customer and house segregated performance bond collateral. CME Clearing implemented its Stock Program to enable clearing members to post shares of selected stock with the Clearing House to satisfy performance bond requirements.

CME Clearing's performance bond requirements consist of two amounts. The *core* performance bond requirement and the *concentration* performance bond requirements. *Concentration* performance bond requirements are set from time to time and are equal to that portion of the total performance bond requirement, which may be met using *concentration* collateral.

Collateral accepted by CME Clearing will be categorized as noted below. Effective with the RTH cycle on Friday, April 13, 2012, clearing member firms are permitted to meet a maximum of 40% *core* performance bond requirements with each of Category 2 and Category 3 assets. Also, Category 3 assets have a hard dollar limit of $3 billion per clearing member firm across settlement accounts. Category 1 assets have no requirement type limits. Please refer to the website link below for details on individual asset type limits and product class restrictions.

Clearing member firms that do not use assets in Category 3 should contact the Financial Unit for utilization of assets in Category 2 according to a 40% limit for U.S. Government Agencies, Mortgage Backed Securities, and TLGP, as well as a 40% limit for IEF5 and Letters of Credit.

Additionally, CME Clearing will no longer differentiate utilization of assets for *reserve* performance bond requirements. The *core* performance bond requirement will envelope requirements previously categorized as *reserve* performance bond requirements. The reserve requirement will be phased out beginning with the RTH on Friday, April 13, 2012.

There is no change to CME Clearing's policy for *concentration* performance bond requirements. Each clearing member firm will be subject to *core* performance bond requirements and *concentration* performance bond requirements as applicable.

Category 1 Assets:

- U.S. Cash
- U.S. Treasuries
- IEF2 Money Market Fund Program (limits and diversification requirements within IEF2 program remain in effect)

Category 2 Assets:

- U.S. Government Agencies
- Select Mortgage Backed Securities
- TLGP
- IEF5 Specialized Cash Program
- Letters of Credit

Category 3 Assets:

- Physical Gold
- Select U.S. Equities from the S&P 500
- IEF4 Specialized Collateral Program**
- Select Foreign Sovereign Debt - Canada, France, Germany, Sweden, UK

Please refer to the website http://www.cmegroup.com/clearing/financial-and-collateral-management/ for further detail regarding acceptable collateral, haircuts, and limits. For questions about requirements, please call Risk Management hotline at 312-634-3888 and questions about collateral can be directed to the Financial Unit hotline at 312-207-2594.

The clearing level performance bond requirements in Stock Index Futures are displayed in the table on the following page.

	Core P.B. Requirement	Concentration Additional	Total P.B. Requirement with Concentration
S&P 500 (SP)	$22,500	$5,625	$28,125
E-Mini S&P 500(ES)	$4,500	$1,125	$ 5,625
S&P 500/ Barra Growth Index (SG)	$11,500	$2,875	$14,375
S&P 500/Barra Value Index (SU)	$11,000	$2,750	$13,750
S&P MidCap 400 (MD)	$30,000	$7,500	$37,500
E-Mini S&P MidCap 400 (ME)	$6,000	$1,500	$7,500
Nasdaq 100 (ND)	$14,000	$3,500	$17,500
E-Mini Nasdaq 100 (NQ)	$2,800	$700	$3,500
Dow (11)	$10,400	$2,600	$13,000
Mini-Dow (YM)	$5,200	$1,300	$6,500
Nikkei 225 Stock Index (NK)	$5,000	$1,250	$6,250

All clearing members with positions in the S&P 500 products will have core performance bond requirements and may be subject to concentration performance bond requirements. Clearing members are not required to participate in the Stock Program or to make any other changes in their collateral on deposit to satisfy their concentration performance bond requirement.

CME has selected the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC) as the depository for the Stock Program. In order to participate in the program, clearing members must have an account at DTCC. For those firms familiar with the DTCC system, the CME's account has "Repo" status.

Clearing members with an account at DTCC can originate free pledges of securities to the CME account or request the release of pledged securities from the account at the CME. CME staff has direct access to DTCC's system 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 at the intra-day performance bond cycle, or to request the release of pledged securities. The deadline for morning transactions is 10:30 a.m. CST. Clearing members have an additional opportunity to pledge securities in anticipation of increases in their overnight performance bond requirements until approximately 1:30 p.m. CST.

STOCK ELIGIBILITY

The eligible stocks for the Stock Program include a subset of the stocks in the S&P 500. On a quarterly basis, CME will review the daily volume statistics for the S&P 500 stocks over the prior calendar quarter. The guidelines of the stock qualification process are enumerated below:

1) All stocks, which are for parent or affiliate companies of any clearing member, will be automatically excluded from participation in the program. Such stocks will be designated with an eligibility code of "P," a V Rating of 0 and allowable maximum shares of 0 on the Official Stock Pledge Table.

2) All stocks, which had daily trading volume of fewer than 100,000 shares per day on two-thirds of the days in the preceding quarter, will be excluded from that quarter's Stock Program and designated with a V Rating of 8 and allowable maximum shares of 0 on the Official Stock Pledge Table.

3) All stocks which had daily trading volume ranging from 100,000 - 199,999 shares per day on two-thirds of the days in the preceding quarter will be accepted in the Stock Program with a limit on the number of shares accepted in any single clearing member origin of 50,000 shares and designated with a V Rating of 7 on the Official Stock Pledge Table.

4) All stocks which had daily trading volume ranging from 200,000 - 499,999 shares per day on two-thirds of the days in the preceding quarter will be accepted in the Stock Program with a limit on the number of shares accepted

in any single clearing member origin of 100,000 shares and designated with a V Rating of 6 on the Official Stock Pledge Table.

5) All stocks which had daily trading volume ranging from 500,000 - 999,999 shares per day on two-thirds of the days in the preceding quarter will be accepted in the Stock Program with a limit on the number of shares accepted in any single clearing member origin of 250,000 shares and designated with a V Rating of 5 on the Official Stock Pledge Table.

6) All stocks which had daily trading volume ranging from 1,000,000 – 1,999,999 shares per day on two-thirds of the days in the preceding quarter will be accepted in the Stock Program with a limit on the number of shares accepted in any single clearing member origin of 500,000 shares and designated with a V Rating of 4 on the Official Stock Pledge Table.

7) All stocks which had daily trading volume ranging from 2,000,000 – 4,999,999 shares per day on two-thirds of the days in the preceding quarter will be accepted in the Stock Program with a limit on the number of shares accepted in any single clearing member origin of 1,000,000 shares and designated with a V Rating of 3 on the Official Stock Pledge Table.

8) All stocks which had daily trading volume ranging from 5,000,000 – 9,999,999 shares per day on two-thirds of the days in the preceding quarter will be accepted in the Stock Program with a limit on the number of shares accepted in any single clearing member origin of 2,500,000 shares and designated with a V Rating of 2 on the Official Stock Pledge Table.

9) All stocks which had daily trading volume in excess of 10,000,000 shares per day on two-thirds of the days in the preceding quarter will be accepted in the Stock Program with a limit on the number of shares accepted in any single clearing member origin of 5,000,000 shares and designated with a V Rating of 1 on the Official Stock Pledge Table.

10) Any stock whose last closing price was less than $10 per share on the last business day of a calendar quarter will be excluded from the program for the entire quarter and then re-evaluated at the end of that quarter. Such stocks will be designated with an eligibility code of "PR," a V Rating of 0 and maximum allowable shares of 0 on the Official Stock Pledge Table.

11) Clearing members' stock pledges will be valued at no more than 70% of market value. Stocks pledged to the CME will be priced at least on a daily basis.

12) The performance bond value of stocks pledged to CME will be computed as the lesser of the number of shares on deposit multiplied by the closing price per share multiplied by 70%, or the maximum number of shares eligible to participate in the Stock Program for that stock multiplied by the closing price per share for that stock multiplied by 70%. If a clearing member has shares pledged to CME in excess of the maximum number of shares allowable for a given stock, the excess shares will receive zero performance bond value. Shares held at zero performance bond value are not included in CME's

computations of a clearing member's excess collateral, and the clearing member may request the release of such shares regardless of its remaining collateral excess position.

13) The list of eligible stocks will be made available to clearing members. The list will change quarterly or more frequently due to changes in the composition of the S&P 500 index or changes in clearing member ownership.

If you need further information about the Stock Program please contact the Financial Unit at (312) 207-2594.