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Notice to all Members,

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Pursuant to DGCX By-Laws and the Clearing Rules of the DCCC, the following is hereby notified:

Details of a Designated Market Maker (DMM) Scheme for the DGCX specified Futures and Options Contracts are provided in Annexure 1.

The DMM Scheme will run for a period of **12 months** from **Tuesday, January 02, 2018** to the close of business on **Monday, December 31, 2018**.

Applicants should complete and submit the provided DMM Application Form by close of business on **Monday, October 02, 2017**. The DMM Application Form is provided in Annexure 4, with prior guidance in Annexure 2.

The validity of the application is subject to applicants successfully testing connectivity, their supporting infrastructure being capable of supporting market making activity and their previous track record of Market Making with DGCX. If there is no record of previous Market Making activity with DGCX, then references will be requested.

Members are requested to take note of the above.

For Dubai Gold & Commodities Exchange

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Annexure 1: DGCX Contracts Designated Market Maker Scheme Details

1. Introduction

This Designated Market Maker (DMM) Scheme is intended to encourage liquidity in the DGCX Futures Contracts by inviting DMMs to provide competitive two-way price quotes at, or better than, defined volumes and depths in the DGCX order book.

The DMM Scheme is open to all existing Broker and Trade Members and also to all Clients that hold accounts with a Broker Clearing Member.

2. Benefits for DMMs

2.1. Subject to fulfillment of the obligation as per clause 3 below, each DMM may receive:

- 2.1.1. A waiver on Exchange Trade fees for DMM transactions in the DGCX Contracts in which they are acting as a DMM; and/or
- 2.1.2. A waiver of Exchange co-location fees, where otherwise applicable, and/or
- 2.1.3. A model that reflects the DMM's costs of acting in a DMM capacity or a combination of the following options:
 - 2.1.3.1. A revenue sharing model where the exchange would share the revenue of the transaction costs with the market maker; and/or
 - 2.1.3.2. A fixed monthly stipend for the obligations provided;
 - 2.1.3.3. A monthly stipend consisting of a fixed and variable stipend component with the variable stipend contingent on volumes of the market maker in the contract;
 - 2.1.3.4. Any other models the DMM may propose that are acceptable to the exchange

Note: Clearing fees and SCA regulatory fees, as applicable shall be passed on by DGCX, and will be incurred by the DMM.

2.2. The names of DMMs and the nature of their commitments may be promoted by the Exchange, and included on the DGCX website. Applicants not wishing their names to appear in such publicity should mention this on their application.

3. DMM Obligations

3.1. Some contracts will have minimum obligations as detailed in Annexure 2, which outlines the benchmarks that the Exchange would expect a DMM to fulfill; however, **applicants are positively encouraged to improve on the obligations indicated.** DMMs shall propose their commitment obligations for those contracts that have no indicative obligations.

3.2. Applicants should state in their application, the contract(s) in which they wish to act as a

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Market Maker and the obligations that they would be prepared to meet. Annexure 2 sets out the parameters of the Market Making as well as the contracts in which market making is required

- 3.3. **Annexure 3** sets out the minimum levels of DMM obligations with specific parameters for certain contracts, where applicable.
- 3.4. Applicants and their respective Clearing Members must ensure that they have sufficient clearing commitment deposited with the DCCC to fulfill their DMM obligations at all times.
- 3.5. For first time Market Makers on the Exchange, Applicants must successfully test their market making capability, including their infrastructure to support Market Making to DGCX's satisfaction. It is expected to be carried out at least two weeks prior to signing of Market Making agreement.

4. Application Process

- 4.1 All applicants with appropriate trading rights and clearing arrangements are eligible to apply for DMM status. Applicants should submit a completed DMM Application Form, provided in Annexure 4, by close of business on the **Monday, October 02, 2017**.

Members can apply to become a DMM, where the Member is not a Clearing Member, the Member should only apply for DMM status with the agreement of the relevant Broker Clearing Member.

A Non-Member may undertake the market making activities on behalf of a Broker Clearing Member; however, in such cases the performance of the DMM obligations remain the sole responsibility of the Broker Clearing Member and, as such, DMM applications must be submitted to the Exchange through, and with the full understanding, of the respective Broker Clearing Member.

All applicants are expected to carry out their Market Making commitments starting from **Tuesday, January 02, 2018**.

- 4.2 The applicant should state:
 - the products in which they wish to participate as a DMM;
 - the obligations that they are prepared to meet for each contract;
 - and the compensation structure for performing the obligations.

Applicants should also provide detailed supporting information with their application (which they feel would be relevant) including, but not limited to, the following:

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- the number and experience of staff, both in terms of responsible persons and other staff, available to support the market making
- the trading application and support they will be using, and the likely message per second usage. DMM using automated system will be given preference over manual methods.
- the level of risk capital that they will commit to support the market making commitment
- previous market making experience at either DGCX and/or other derivative exchanges
- Connectivity to be used to access DGCX.

The Exchange reserves the right to introduce daily message allocation for price injection models used by the DMM in fulfilling its obligations.

- 4.3 DMMs will be appointed through a competitive tender process. A Market Maker Review Panel, comprising DGCX executives, will evaluate the applications received for DMM status in the Contracts. The decision(s) taken by the Panel shall be binding on all applicants and shall not be subject to external scrutiny.

The Exchange will appoint, at its absolute discretion, as many DMMs as it deems appropriate with the objective of providing the maximum benefit to the market whilst ensuring the effective operation of the DMM Scheme.

- 4.4 The appointment of a DMM will be subject to contract between the DMM and the Exchange. A completed application form does not constitute such a contract. Members who have made successful applications will receive a formal contract for signature from the Exchange.
- 4.5 The DMM will be required to meet its obligations in full. Should circumstances arise which prevent this, the DMM will have to notify DGCX immediately that it is unable to fulfill its DMM obligations for a period, and advise DGCX what is being done to rectify the situation.
- 4.6 Should a DMM materially fail to meet their obligations the Exchange may terminate the DMM's participation in this scheme, or reduce or remove any entitlement of the DMM and, where appropriate, to re-charge in part or in full any benefits made available under the terms of this DMM scheme.
- 4.7 The exchange may at its absolute discretion cease DMM support for a contract or change the parameters of the DMM obligations and compensation by giving a minimum of one month's notice to the Market Maker.

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5. DMM Benchmark Obligations

- 5.1 The DMM will quote two-way prices continuously for a minimum proportion of the Trading Day and, at the minimum sizes and maximum spreads as per the contractual agreement with the exchange.
- 5.2 In addition to the quote obligations specified the DMM will provide minimum visible depth in the order book through two-way prices or as agreed with DGCX on specific products.
- 5.3 In relation to the front month Contracts, the DMM is expected to meet their obligations up to the last Trading Day of that Contract and subsequently make markets in the succeeding front and second month, as required.
- 5.4 The DMM may be expected to facilitate rolling over of positions and quote the spread contract (M1/M2) from the seventh (7th) business day prior to the start of the tender period for all Contracts. At the outset, DMM is encouraged to quote both the front and second month at all times.
- 5.5 In the case of an announcement of significant economic news and during periods of significant market volatility the DMM may be permitted, after prior agreement with DGCX, to widen its spread by 2 times the agreed spread.
- 5.6 The DMM will respond to Request for Quotes (RFQ) to the best of their ability.
- 5.7 **DMMs are encouraged to suggest alternative ways of providing liquidity to specified contracts within regulatory requirements.**
- 5.8 For further information prospective applicants should contact: Product Management at products@dgcx.ae

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Annexure 2 - List of Contracts and Market Making Parameters

List of Contracts – Futures & Options

(Contract specifications are available at www.dgcx.ae)

Currencies

- Indian Rupee - US Dollar Futures
- Indian Rupee Future Spreads
- Mini Indian Rupee - US Dollar Futures (See Annexure 3)
- Indian Rupee Quanto Futures
- Indian Rupee - US Dollar Options
- Indian Rupee - Euro Futures
- Indian Rupee - Great British Pound Futures
- G6 - US Dollar Futures
- G6 - US Dollar Future Spreads
- Chinese Yuan - US Dollar Futures
- Russian Ruble - US Dollar Futures
- Korean Won - US Dollar Futures
- South African Rand - US Dollar Futures

Metals

- Gold Futures
- Gold Future Spreads
- Silver Futures
- Dubai India Silver Futures
- Dubai India Gold Futures
- Spot Gold
- Shanghai Gold Futures
- Copper Futures

Equity

- SENSEX Index Futures
- MSCI India Futures
- MSCI India – Total Return India Futures
- Single Stock Futures – India, Existing 10 SSF
- Single Stock Futures - US

Hydrocarbons

- WTI Futures

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- WTI Future Spreads
- WTI Mini Futures
- Dubai India Crude Oil Futures
- Brent Futures
- Brent Future Spreads
- Polypropylene Futures

Parameters for DMM Obligations

1. Level One - Bid offer spread and the number of lots
2. Levels Two and Three (Ladder) - Bid offer spread and the number of lots with reference to level one
3. Time Availability - Within DGCX trading hours
4. Spread Contracts where applicable (Using parameters 1,2,3) - Across the term structure of the contract
5. Number of Active Strikes to be Quoted (Applicable to Options only)
6. Deviation of Implied Volatility from Historical Volatility or Implied Volatility in the Reference Market (Applicable to Options only)
7. Days of Quoting 2nd Month Before Expiry of 1st Month
8. Reference Market, if any
9. Ability to Take/Make delivery in deliverable contracts - specify quantum and buy/sell or both
10. Margin Commitment
11. Ability to Quote During Closed Operating Hours of the Reference Market
12. Block Trades, Quantum and Spread from Level One
13. Connectivity and Software (Please Specify)
14. Compensation Structure- Fixed Stipend, Fixed + Variable Stipend, Revenue Sharing
15. Inter product rebates required on other contracts if necessary for hedging
16. Ability to hold Open Interest (OI), and the amount of OI possible.

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Example of a DMM Quote

DGCX Futures Contracts	Front Month		Second Month		Minimum Obligation in Time Commitment
	Minimum Quantity	Maximum Tick Spread	Minimum Quantity	Maximum Tick Spread	
DXXX Level 1	40	1	10	3	95%
DXXX Level 2	20	3	10	4	95%
DXXX Level 3	10	5	5	6	95%
DXXX Level 4	5	7	5	8	95%

COMPENSATION STRUCTURE

Fixed / Variable / Revenue Sharing: XXXX / At 1000 Lots - XXXX at 2000 Lots XXXX / XX%

Annexure 3 - Desired DMM Obligations for Specific Contracts

DINRM: Mini Indian Rupee-US Dollar Futures

MM Specifications for DINRM – Mini Indian Rupee -US Dollar Futures			
Front Month			
	Minimum Quantity Lots	Maximum Tick Spread	Time Obligation
Level 1	150	1	95%
Second Month			
	Minimum Quantity	Maximum Tick Spread	Time Obligation
Level 1	90	3	95%
Third Month			
	Minimum Quantity	Maximum Tick Spread	Time Obligation
Level 1	30	5	95%

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Annexure 4 - DMM APPLICATION FORM

1. Name of Member:

2. Name of Client (where a Client wishes to be a DMM via a Broker Clearing Member, subject to an application being supported by a copy of an agreement with a Broker Clearing Member):

3. Membership Type:

4. Clearing Member to be used, if not a Clearing Member:

5. Name and designation of main contact person to discuss this application:

6. The List of Products on which the Applicant seeks to make markets in:

7. The specification of the parameters for the DMM obligation as per Annexure 2

Note: Please include completed Annexure 2 for each product tendered for, multiple products can be covered by one copy of Annexure 2.

8. CAPITAL COMMITMENT

DMM need to specify the level of margin capital that will be committed to the DCCC in order to support each or all of the contracts for which the DMM is submitting the tender.

Note: *This will assist DGCX in selecting the DMM for specific products if the capital commitment for each specific product is indicated.*

9. The period of the Trading Day in which it is proposed to act as a DMM (the minimum obligation is 95% of the DGCX Trading Day): The DMM can specify product specific availability percentages as per tick size and lot size separately:

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10. Market Making Experience in related markets: Yes No
If yes, state the number of years:

Which Exchange/Markets:

11. Trading software used:
Method of trading: Manual Automated

Do you currently have automated software: Yes No

Is the automated software certified by DGCX: Yes No

12. Number of sources used as base prices to support market making operation:

13. Mode of Connectivity to connect DGCX:

14. Market Making software to be used:

15. Settlement Banking Arrangements to meet DMM obligations Yes No

16. Email id(s) you wish to register for Request For Quotes purpose:

17. Name(s) of proposed Market Maker Traders (MMT) responsible for market making:

18. Date from which the applicant can carry out market making commitments:

19. Can the company name be promoted as DMM for publicity purposes: Yes No

20. If you have not been awarded a DMM contract from DGCX in the past are you able to provide references: Yes No

Please attach any additional information that may be relevant to the application

The Applicant hereby declares that all the information contained in this application form, and otherwise supplied, is complete, true, accurate and not misleading.

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Authorized Signature:

Name:

Designation:

_____ Date: _____

Please return by the close of business on the Monday, October 02, 2017 to:

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