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### COMMODITY MAJOR DEALERS (CMD) COMMITMENTS ENHANCEMENT SUMMARY

#### **IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING COMMITMENTS:**

- <u>Portfolio Reconciliation<sup>1</sup></u>: partner with collateral portfolio reconciliation vendors to improve matching rates. The Collateral Steering Committee has implemented daily portfolio reconciliations for collateralized portfolios, allowing firms to identify <u>both economic and valuation</u> mismatches which reduces the probability of a dispute on a margin call. However, the possibility to improve matching rates will be investigated further. The CMD aims to see a material reduction in existing breaks through the further standardization of submitted fields and the submission of additional data.
- <u>COLSC Representation</u>: assign direct representation from the CMD to the ISDA Collateral Steering Committee (COLSC). This will ensure that both Collateral specific and Commodity Derivative specific views are represented in a consistent fashion.
- <u>Broader Market Engagement:</u> continue to partner with the ISDA Commodities Product Steering Committee (COSC) to drive G14 and non-G14 communication and coordination on specific initiatives where appropriate. Also work with COSC leadership and Sapient to share CMD metrics template and definitions with the non-G14 market participants.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This is discussed further in the Lifecycles Event Whitepaper in section IV (b) under the OTC Settlements Processes heading

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## **NEW INITIATIVES:**

- <u>*Trade Repository:*</u> partner with the ISDA Commodity Products Steering Committee to build consensus and support for a Trade Repository in Commodities<sup>2</sup> among both dealers and non-dealers. Goal to develop a Request For Proposals (RFP) by the third quarter of 2010.
- <u>Metrics and Electronic Matching</u><sup>3</sup>: The Metrics Working Group will (a) proceduralize how to move products from the "Other" category into the "Energy/Metals" categories once sufficient progress has been made on the development of electronic confirm matching<sup>4</sup> on vendor platforms for these products and (b) continue the uptake of additional products on electronic confirm matching vendor platforms so that the commitment targets can be raised over time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Scope to be determined

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Metrics and Electronic Confirmation Process are further defined throughout the Lifecycles Event Whitepaper; including but not limited to sections II (2) (c), IV (a), V, VI and Annex A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Best Practices for Electronic Confirmation Matching are incorporated as part of the Lifecycles Event Whitepaper; currently specified as Annex A.