

2009-07-21

**International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.**

**Send to: [smallbang@isda.org](mailto:smallbang@isda.org)**

Dear Sirs,

***2009 ISDA Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees, Auction Settlement and Restructuring CDS Protocol - Adherence***

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our adherence to the 2009 ISDA Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees, Auction Settlement and Restructuring CDS Protocol as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. on July 14, 2009 (the **July 2009 Protocol**). This letter constitutes, as between each other July 2009 Adhering Party and us, an Adherence Letter as referred to in the July 2009 Protocol. The definitions and provisions contained in the July 2009 Protocol are incorporated into this Adherence Letter, which will supplement and form part of each Protocol Covered Transaction (now or in the future) entered into between us and each other July 2009 Adhering Party.

If we are not a March 2009 Adhering Party as of the date hereof, this letter also (i) confirms our adherence to the 2009 ISDA Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees and Auction Settlement CDS Protocol published by ISDA on March 12, 2009 (the **March 2009 Protocol**), and (ii) constitutes, as between each March 2009 Adhering Party that is not a July 2009 Adhering Party and us, an "Adherence Letter" for purposes of, and as defined in, the March 2009 Protocol. This letter will supplement and form part of each "Protocol Covered Transaction" (as that term is defined in the March 2009 Protocol) (now or in the future) entered into between us and each other March 2009 Adhering Party.

**1. Specified Terms**

As between each other July 2009 Adhering Party and us, the amendments in Schedule 1 of the July 2009 Protocol shall apply to Protocol Covered Transactions to which we are a party in accordance with the terms of the July 2009 Protocol.

As between each March 2009 Adhering Party that is not a July 2009 Adhering Party and us, the amendments in Schedule 1 of the March 2009 Protocol shall apply to "Protocol Covered Transactions" (as that term is defined in the March 2009 Protocol) to which we are a party in accordance with the terms of the March 2009 Protocol.

**2. Appointment as Agent and Release**

We hereby appoint ISDA as our agent for the limited purposes of the July 2009 Protocol and March 2009 Protocol, as applicable, and accordingly we waive any rights and hereby release ISDA from any claims, actions or causes of action whatsoever (whether in contract, tort or otherwise) arising out of or in any way relating to this Adherence Letter or our adherence to the July 2009 Protocol and March 2009 Protocol, as

applicable, or any actions contemplated as being required by ISDA.

### **3. DTCC Account Number**

For purposes of electronic matching and counterparty recognition, our DTCC Account Number is as follows, but you understand and agree that our failure to provide any such details pursuant to this Adherence Letter will not affect the legal validity and binding nature of the July 2009 Protocol and March 2009 Protocol, as applicable, with respect to us:

DTCC Account Number:

Fund Name

JOHN HANCOCK GOVERNMENT INCOME FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK HIGH YIELD FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK BOND FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK INVESTMENT GRADE BOND FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK STRATEGIC INCOME FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK TAX-FREE BOND FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK HIGH YIELD MUNICIPAL BOND FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK LARGE CAP EQUITY FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK SOVEREIGN INVESTORS FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK CALIFORNIA TAX-FREE INCOME FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK TAX-FREE INCOME FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK MASSACHUSETTS TAX-FREE INCOME FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK FUNDS II -ACTIVE BOND FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK FUNDS II -HIGH INCOME FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK FUNDS II -STRATEGIC FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK TRUST - ACTIVE BOND TRUST  
JOHN HANCOCK TRUST - HIGH INCOME TRUST  
JOHN HANCOCK TRUST - STRATEGIC TRUST  
JOHN HANCOCK FUNDS III- LEVERAGED COMPANIES FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK PENSION- 2R INTERNATIONAL FIXED INCOME FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK HEALTH SCIENCES FUND  
JOHN HANCOCK PREFERRED INCOME FUND II  
JOHN HANCOCK PREFERRED INCOME FUND

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JOHN HANCOCK INCOME SECURITIES TRUST  
JOHN HANCOCK PREFERRED INCOME FUND III  
JOHN HANCOCK INVESTORS TRUST  
JOHN HANCOCK TAX-ADVANTAGE DIVIDEND INCOME FUND

#### 4. Contact Details

Our contact details for purposes of this Adherence Letter are:

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We consent to the publication of a conformed copy of this letter by ISDA and to the disclosure by ISDA of the contents of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

**MFC Global Investment Management US, LLC (formerly John Hancock Advisors, LLC) :**  
Investment/Asset Manager, acting on behalf of the funds and accounts listed in the relevant Master Agreement (or other agreement which deems a Master Agreement to have been created) between it and another Adhering Party

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