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NOTICE OF SANCTION

May 7, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Joe Kennison Mr. Barry Wainwright Beaufort House 15 St. Botolph Street London EC3A 7QX

Dear Mr. Kennison and Mr. Wainwright:

As the Authorized Representative and Compliance Representative of TFS Derivatives Ltd., you are receiving this Notice of Sanction as a result of a trading review conducted into your firm's pre-arranged trade execution procedures. Pursuant to Regulation 37.201(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"), Tradition SEF ("TSEF") must enforce compliance with its Rules. In accordance with CFTC Regulation 37.9(b)(1), TSEF Rule 529(b)(3) requires a 15 second delay between entering the first and second orders of a pre-negotiated required transaction on the TSEF platform, as required under CFTC regulations and TSEF's rulebook.

In reference to NFA Inquiry Letters dated April 15, 2024 and April 23, 2024 TSEF has found that TFS Derivatives Ltd may have violated Rule 529(b)(3) in 2 instances by not exposing the first side of a prearranged transaction for the required 15 seconds. The violations relate to the following two (2) trades:

- Deal ID's 549300MBO45EHETL4438N0AIR240412030810000006L1 and 549300MBO45EHETL4438N0AIR240412030810000006L2 - Trade Date April 12, 2024
- Deal ID's 549300MBO45EHETL4438N0AIR240422030310000001L1 and 549300MBO45EHETL4438N0AIR240422030310000001L2 – Trade Date April 22, 2024

In the above instances, the transactions were pre-negotiated prior to the orders being entered into the Order Book on the TSEF platform. However, the first order was not exposed to the market for the required minimum 15 seconds on the Order Book prior to entry of the matching contra order.

As a result of these findings, TSEF is imposing a sanction in the form of a fine in the amount of \$2,000 on TFS Derivatives Ltd. in accordance with TSEF Rule 615(a)(4). Please remit \$2,000 to TSEF within 30 days of this notice. Please review the payment instructions in order to arrange payment.

Continuation of this conduct may be cause for TSEF to impose further sanctions, including a warning, fines or denial of access, on TFS Derivatives Ltd. This letter does not preclude TSEF from taking enforcement action based upon the conduct described herein. Please note CFTC Regulations prohibit TSEF from issuing more than one warning letter per rolling 12-month period for the same violation.

Please feel free to contact me at <u>william.clarke@tradition.com</u> or Eric Earnhardt at <u>eric.earnhardt@tradition.com</u> if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

William Clarke SEF Surveillance Officer Tradition SEF, LLC

CC: Eric Earnhardt, CCO