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## December 3, 2013 Notice to TW SEF Participants

In response to Guidance from the CFTC Divisions of Clearing and Risk, Market Oversight and Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight ("DSIO") to Swap Execution Facilities ("SEFs") dated November 14, 2013 (the "Guidance") and the No Action Letter No. 13-70 from DSIO dated November 15, 2013 (the "No Action Letter"), TW SEF LLC ("TW SEF") provides this Notice to all of its Participants.

## **Updated Rulebook**

The Guidance and No Action Letter have resulted in the need for TW SEF to make certain changes to its Rulebook. We expect to have those changes incorporated in our Rulebook and filed with the CFTC no later than December 16, 2013.

## **Enablement Mechanisms**

The Guidance also addressed a prohibition on "enablement mechanisms." TW SEF had employed enablement mechanisms to assist its Swap Dealer ("SD") Participants in discharging certain of their obligations under the CFTC External Business Conduct Standards ("EBCS") to certain counterparties when executing on a disclosed basis (e.g., "know your customer", participation documentation, and pre-trade disclosure obligations). With regard to those swaps intended to be submitted for clearing contemporaneously with execution ("ITBC Swaps"), the No Action Letter now provides relief from those EBCS requirements for SDs with regard to transactions on disclosed platforms, such as TW SEF.

Therefore, in compliance with the Guidance, effective December 16, 2013, TW SEF will disable current enablement mechanisms and will no longer utilize such mechanisms for ITBC Swaps in the future. Once enablement mechanisms are disabled for ITBC Swaps, any Participant on TW SEF will be able to interact or trade with any other Participant on TW SEF in respect of ITBC Swaps, whether by RFQ or in the Order Book.

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