

LIFFE GENERAL NOTICE NO: 2584

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EFFECTIVE: 11 February 2005

**UNIVERSAL STOCK FUTURES CONTRACT
(EXCHANGE CONTRACT NO. 56)**

BIG FOOD GROUP PLC

CORPORATE ACTION: SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT

This General Notice is issued pursuant to the Corporate Actions Policy (LIFFE General Notice No. 2540, issued on 22 October 2004, refers). It requires the immediate attention of members' staff involved with the trading and settlement of LIFFE Universal Stock Futures Contracts. Members should ensure that clients are made aware of the arrangements detailed in this Notice.

1. **Contract:** Big Food Group plc Universal Stock Futures Contract (TRS code BFP).
2. **Background:** Baugur Group and its investment partners have made a proposal for the acquisition of Big Food Group plc by way of a Scheme of Arrangement ("the Scheme"). Under the terms of the Scheme, shareholders will receive 95 pence in cash for every Big Food Group plc Ordinary 10 pence share held.
3. **Effective Date:** Friday 11 February 2005.
4. **Conditions:** The Scheme is subject to shareholder approval at a Big Food Group plc Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on 21 January 2005, and the sanction of the Court at a hearing which is scheduled to take place on 8 February 2005.
5. **Contract Adjustments:** **Subject to there being open interest in Big Food Group plc Universal Stock Futures Contracts at the close of business on Thursday 10 February 2005**, Big Food Group plc Universal Stock Futures Contracts shall be redesignated as futures on £950 in cash. The TRS code will remain unchanged as BFP and the contracts will be referred to by LIFFE as Big Food Group plc - ex event Universal Stock Futures Contracts. **If there is no open interest at the close of business on Thursday 10 February 2005**, the Big Food Group plc Universal Stock Futures Contract shall be de-listed with immediate effect.
6. **Further Delivery Months:** On and from Friday 11 February 2005, no further delivery months shall be made available for trading.
7. **Further Information:** Please e-mail DerivativesCorporateActions@euronext.com or contact Quality of Derivative Markets (+31 (0) 20 550 4296) at Euronext.liffe, or e-mail LCHOperations-Equities@lchclearnet.com or contact Business Operations (+44 (0)20 7426 7062) at LCH.Clearnet for further information about this General Notice.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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