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**OPTION CONTRACT ON EQUITY RELATED SECURITIES
(INCLUDING COMPANY SHARES AND EXCHANGE TRADED FUND SHARES)
(EXCHANGE CONTRACT NO. 201)**

EXTENSION TO THE MATURITY CYCLES FOR STANDARD UK INDIVIDUAL EQUITY OPTION CONTRACTS

Executive Summary

This Notice informs Members of changes to the maturity cycles for all standard UK Individual Equity Options Contracts available for trading on the Universal Trading Platform and for reporting via Bclear, on and from 24 March 2014.

1. Introduction

1.1. This Notice informs Members that, following a review of the standard UK Individual Equity Option Contracts (“UK IEO Contracts”) available for trading on the Universal Trading Platform (“UTP”) and for reporting via Bclear, the Exchange will introduce additional maturity cycles on and from **Monday 24 March 2014**.

2. Maturity cycles for “Target Group” and “Non-Target Group”¹ UK IEO Contracts

2.1 Currently, standard UK IEO Contracts follow one of 3 maturity cycles as follows:

	CURRENT CYCLE
TARGET GROUP	1, 2, 3 (Every month) 6, 9 (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)
	1, 2, 3 (Every month) 6, 9, 12 (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec) 18, 24 (Jun, Dec), 36 (Dec)
NON-TARGET GROUP	3, 6, 9 (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)
	1, 2, 3 (Every month) 6, 9 (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

¹ The “Target Group” (TG) refers to the 30 most liquid UK IEO Contracts which are available for trading on the London Market. All UK IEOs not belonging to the “Target Group” are considered to be “Non-Target Group” (NTG) classes. A List of TG and NTG classes can be found at <https://globalderivatives.nyx.com> under the tab “Spread and Size Obligations- UK Index and Equity Options”

2.2 On and from 24 March 2014, the following maturity cycles will be made available:

	NEW CYCLE	MATURITIES
TARGET GROUP	1, 2, 3 (Every month)	April 14, May 14, June 14
	6, 9, 12 (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)	Sept 14, Dec 14, March 15
	18, 24 (Jun, Dec),	June 15, Dec 15
	36 (Dec)	Dec-16
NON TARGET GROUP	3, 6, 9, 12 (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)	June 14, Sept 14, Dec 14, Mar-15
	1, 2, 3 (Every month)	April 14, May 14, June 14
	6, 9, 12 (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)	Sept 14, Dec 14, March 15

3. Liquidity Provider Programmes

- 3.1 Obligations for Primary Liquidity Providers (“PLPs”) and Competitive Market Makers (“CMMs”) appointed under the Market Maker Programmes for UK IEOs remain as set out in London Info-Flash No. [LO13/37](#), issued on 10 June 2013.
- 3.2 PLPs and CMMs in Target Group classes have an obligation to cover maturities with a remaining lifetime of up to and including 13 months. The change will bring the series of one additional quarterly maturity within the scope of those obligations.
- 3.3 PLPs and CMMs will therefore be required to fulfil their obligations following the March 2014 expiry in order to meet their performance targets and receive reduced transaction fees.

4. Additional Information

- 4.1 An updated List of Contract Details in respect of Exchange Contract No. 201 will be made available in the London Market Handbook on the NYSE Euronext website (www.nyx.com/londonmarkethandbook) in due course.

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