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**FIA EUROPE - NETTING OPINIONS PROJECT**  
**Legal opinion for netting agreement**

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Dear Sirs,

**FIA Europe netting opinion issued in relation to the FOA Netting Agreement**

You have asked us to give an opinion in respect of the laws of Mauritius ("**this jurisdiction**") in respect of the enforceability and validity of the FOA Netting Provision contained in a FOA Netting Agreement or a Clearing Agreement.

I understand that your fundamental requirement is for the enforceability of the FOA Netting Provision to be substantiated by a written and reasoned opinion. My opinions on the enforceability of the FOA Netting Provision is given in paragraph 3 of this opinion letter.

Further, this opinion letter covers the enforceability of the FOA Set-Off Provisions, the Clearing Module Set-Off Provision and the Title Transfer Provisions.

**1. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DEFINITIONS**

1.1 Subject as provided at paragraph 1.2, this opinion is given in respect of:

- 1.1.1 persons which are companies/corporations incorporated under the Companies Act 2001;
- 1.1.2 banks incorporated under the Companies Act 2001 (the "**Companies Act**") and licensed under the Banking Act 2004; and
- 1.1.3 branches in this jurisdiction of foreign banks and other corporations.

- 1.2 This opinion is also given in respect of Parties that are any of the following, subject to the terms of reference, definitions, modifications and additional assumptions and qualifications set out in the Schedule to this opinion applicable to that type of entity:
- 1.2.1 Investment firms/broker dealers incorporated under the Companies Act 2001 and licensed by the Financial Services Commission (the "FSC") under the Financial Services Act 2007 (the "**Financial Services Act**") and/ or the Securities Act 2005 (the "**Securities Act**") and branches in this jurisdiction of such investment firms/broker dealers;
  - 1.2.2 Partnerships organised under the Limited Partnership Act 2012 (the "**LPA**") and the Code de Commerce;
  - 1.2.3 Insurance companies/providers incorporated as companies under the Companies Act and licensed by the FSC under the Insurance Act 2005;
  - 1.2.4 Individuals;
  - 1.2.5 Funds organised as companies under the Companies Act or as limited partnerships under the LPA and licensed under the Financial Services Act and/ or the Securities Act;
  - 1.2.6 Sovereign and public sector entities, namely the Government of Mauritius and Public Sector Entities governed by the respective statute under which they have been formed (Schedule 1);
  - 1.2.7 Parties acting as trustees of Trusts under the Trusts Act 2001 (Schedule 2); and
  - 1.2.8 Pension entities, namely private pension funds, incorporated as companies under the Companies Act and licensed by the Financial Services Commission under the Financial Services Act of 2007.
- 1.3 This opinion is given in respect of the FOA Netting Agreement and the Clearing Agreement when the FOA Netting Agreement and the Clearing Agreement are expressed to be governed by English law.
- 1.4 This opinion covers all types of Transaction.
- 1.5 This opinion is given in respect of only such of those Transactions which are capable, under their governing laws, of being terminated and liquidated in accordance with the FOA Netting Provision.
- 1.6 The opinions set out in paragraphs 3.7 and 3.8 are given only in relation to Margin which is located outside this jurisdiction.
- 1.7 A person incorporated or organised in this jurisdiction may be a Party to a Clearing Agreement only in the capacity of "Client" (as defined in the FOA Clearing Module or the ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum). My opinion does not apply in respect of a person incorporated or organised in this jurisdiction who is Party to a Clearing Agreement as "Firm" (as defined in the FOA Clearing Module) or "Clearing Member" (as defined in the ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum).

- 1.8 In this opinion, references to the word "**enforceable**" and cognate terms are used to refer to the ability of a Party to exercise its contractual rights in accordance with their terms and without risk of successful challenge. I do not opine on the availability of any judicial remedy.
- 1.9 A reference in this opinion to a Transaction is a reference, in relation to the FOA Netting Agreement to a Transaction (as defined therein) and, in relation to FOA Clearing Module and ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum to a Client Transaction (as defined therein).

1.10 **Definitions**

Terms used in this opinion letter and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the FOA Netting Agreement or the Clearing Agreement, unless the context specifies otherwise. Where, in a FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, a Clearing Agreement, a defined term has been changed but the changed term bears the same meaning as a term defined in a FOA Published Form Agreement or this opinion letter, this opinion letter may be read as if terms used herein were the terms as so changed.

- 1.10.1 "**Insolvency Proceedings**" means the procedures listed in paragraph 3.1;
- 1.10.2 "**Insolvency Representative**" means a liquidator, administrator, receiver or analogous or equivalent official in this jurisdiction; and
- 1.10.3 A reference to a "**paragraph**" is to a paragraph of this opinion letter.
- 1.10.4 Annex 3 contains further definitions of terms relating to the FOA Netting Agreement and the Clearing Agreement.

2. **ASSUMPTIONS**

I assume:

- 2.1 That no provision of the FOA Netting Agreement or Clearing Agreement that is necessary for the giving of my opinions and advice in this opinion letter has been altered in any material respect, including by reason of a Mandatory CCP Provision. In my view, an alteration contemplated in Part 2 (Non-material Amendments) of Annex 4 hereto would not constitute a material alteration for this purpose unless the alteration has been set out by us in Section 5 of Annex 5. I express no view whether an alteration not contemplated in Part 2 (*Non-material Amendments*) of Annex 4 would or would not constitute a material alteration.
- 2.2 That the FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, the Clearing Agreement, and the Transactions or, as the case may be the Firm/CCP Transactions and CM/CCP Transactions are legal, valid, binding and enforceable against both Parties under their governing laws.
- 2.3 That each Party has the capacity, power and authority under all applicable law(s) to enter into the FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, the Clearing Agreement, and the Transactions; to perform its obligations under the FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, the Clearing Agreement, and the Transactions; and that each Party

has taken all necessary steps to execute, deliver and perform the FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, the Clearing Agreement.

- 2.4 That each Party has obtained, complied with the terms of and maintained all authorizations, approvals, licences and consents required to enable it lawfully to enter into and perform its obligations under the FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, the Clearing Agreement, and the Transactions and to ensure the legality, validity, enforceability or admissibility in evidence of the FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, the Clearing Agreement in this jurisdiction.
- 2.5 That the FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, the Clearing Agreement is entered into prior to the commencement of any insolvency proceedings under the laws of any jurisdiction against either Party.
- 2.6 That no provision of the FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, the Clearing Agreement, or a document of which the FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, the Clearing Agreement forms part, or any other arrangement between the Parties, or any Mandatory CCP Provision, constitutes an Adverse Amendment.
- 2.7 The FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, the Clearing Agreement has been entered into, and each of the Transactions referred to therein is carried out, by each of the parties thereto in good faith, for the benefit of each of them respectively, on arms' length commercial terms and for the purpose of carrying on, and by way of, their respective businesses.
- 2.8 That the FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, the Clearing Agreement accurately reflects the true intentions of each Party.
- 2.9 That each Party, when transferring Margin pursuant to the Title Transfer Provisions has effectively transferred all right title and interest in the Margin according to the laws of the jurisdiction where the Margin is located.

### 3. **OPINION**

On the basis of the foregoing terms of reference and assumptions and subject to the qualifications set out in paragraph 4 below, I am of the following opinion.

#### 3.1 **Insolvency Proceedings**

The only bankruptcy, composition, rehabilitation (e.g. liquidation, administration, receivership or voluntary arrangement) or other insolvency laws and procedures to which a Party would be subject in this jurisdiction are the following: the Insolvency Act 2009 (the "**Insolvency Act**"). In respect of the State of Mauritius and the Public Sector Entities, please refer to Schedule 1.

I confirm that the events specified in the Insolvency Events of Default Clause adequately refer to all Insolvency Proceedings without the need for any additions.

#### 3.2 **Recognition of choice of law**

- 3.2.1 The choice of English law to govern the FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, the Clearing Agreement will be recognised in this jurisdiction

even if neither Party is incorporated or established in England, provided that one of the parties has some connection in England by which it effects or monitors entries to securities accounts, administrators payments relating to the securities held or maintains securities accounts. The default position is that the will of the parties as regards choice of law (i.e. the choice of English law as the governing law) will be upheld even if neither party has a connection with England, if there is a good commercial reason for such choice of law (e.g. that London is one of the most favoured financial services centre for such types of transaction) or if there is no bad faith in choosing such governing law.

- 3.2.2 An Insolvency Representative or court in this jurisdiction would have regard exclusively to English law, as appropriate, as the governing law of the FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, of the Clearing Agreement, in determining the contractual validity of the (i) FOA Netting Provision and the FOA Set-Off Provisions or, as the case may be, of the Clearing Module Set-Off Provision, and (ii) the Title Transfer Provisions.

### **3.3 Enforceability of FOA Netting Provision**

In relation to a FOA Netting Agreement and in relation to a Clearing Agreement where the Client is a Defaulting Party, the FOA Netting Provision will be immediately (and without fulfilment of any further conditions) enforceable in accordance with its terms so that, following an Event of Default, including as a result of the opening of any Insolvency Proceedings:

- (a) the Non-Defaulting Party would be entitled immediately to exercise its rights under the FOA Netting Provision; and
- (b) the Non-Defaulting Party would be entitled to receive or obliged to pay only the net sum of the positive and negative mark-to-market values of individual Transactions.

I am of this opinion because:

1. Section 339 of the Insolvency Act expressly provides that a netting agreement in relation to qualified financial contracts (as defined in the Insolvency Act and listed in Schedule 3), which covers the Transactions are enforceable in accordance with its terms.
2. Further, there is no rule of the laws of this jurisdiction which would impose a moratorium or stay which would prevent, delay or otherwise affect the exercise of such rights by the Non-Defaulting Party.

No amendments to the FOA Netting Provision are necessary in order for the opinions expressed in this paragraph 3.3 to apply.

### **3.4 Use of FOA Clearing Module or ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum not detrimental to FOA Netting Provision**

In relation to a Clearing Agreement, the opinions expressed at paragraph 3.3 above in relation to the FOA Netting Provision are not affected by the use of the FOA Clearing Module or the ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum in conjunction with the FOA Netting

Agreement. In a case where a Party, who would (but for the use of the FOA Clearing Module or the ISDA/FOA Clearing Agreement) be the Defaulting Party for the purposes of the FOA Netting Agreement, acts as Firm (as defined in the FOA Clearing Module) or Clearing Member (as defined in the ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum), the question as to whether the FOA Netting Provision will, to the extent inconsistent with the Clearing Module Netting Provision or, as the case may be, the Addendum Netting Provision, be superseded by the Clearing Module Netting Provision or, as the case may be, the Addendum Netting Provision would be determined under the governing law of the Clearing Agreement.

### 3.5 Enforceability of the FOA Set-Off Provisions

3.5.1 In relation to a FOA Netting Agreement which includes the FOA Set-Off Provisions, the FOA Set-Off Provisions will be immediately (and without fulfilment of any further conditions) enforceable in accordance with their terms, so that following an Event of Default, the Non-Defaulting Party would be immediately entitled to exercise its rights under either or both of the FOA Set-Off Provisions, and in particular so that, upon the exercise of such rights:

- (a) where the FOA Set-Off Provisions include the General Set-Off Clause:
  - (i) the value of any cash balance owed by the Non-Defaulting Party to the Defaulting Party would be set off against the Liquidation Amount (where such Liquidation Amount is owed by the Defaulting Party); or
  - (ii) the value of any cash balance owed by the Defaulting Party to the Non-Defaulting Party would be set off against the Liquidation Amount (where such Liquidation Amount is owed by the Non-Defaulting Party); or
- (b) where the FOA Set-Off Provisions comprise the Margin Cash Set-Off Clause only, the value of any cash margin owed by the Firm to the Client would be set-off against the Liquidation Amount (where such Liquidation Amount is owed by the Client).

I am of this opinion because:

1. Section 343 of the Insolvency Act expressly provides that the provisions of a netting agreement in relation to qualified financial contacts (as defined in the Insolvency Act and listed in Schedule 3), which covers the Transactions will not be affected by any other provision of the Insolvency Act or any other applicable laws limiting the exercise of the rights to set off, offset or net out obligations, payment amounts or termination values owed between an insolvent party and another party. The FOA Netting Agreement will constitute a "netting agreement" pursuant to Section 343 of the Insolvency Act; all the Transactions listed in Annex 2 will be Qualified Financial Contracts within the meaning of the Insolvency Act and all provisions of such agreement, including the set-off provisions, will be enforceable in accordance with their terms.

2. Further, there is no rule of the laws of this jurisdiction which would impose a moratorium or stay which would prevent, delay or otherwise affect the exercise of such rights by the Non-Defaulting Party.

No amendments to the General Set-Off Clause or the Margin Cash Set-Off Clause are necessary in order for the opinions expressed in this paragraph 3.5.1 to apply.

- 3.5.2 In relation to a Clearing Agreement which includes the FOA Set-Off Provisions and the Clearing Module Set-Off Provision and/or the Addendum Set-Off Provision (and in which the FOA Set-Off Provisions are not Disapplied Set-Off Provisions), the FOA Set-Off Provisions will be immediately (and without fulfilment of any further conditions) enforceable in accordance with their terms, so that following an Event of Default in respect of the Client, the Firm or, as the case may be, the Clearing Member would (to the extent that set-off is not already covered by the Clearing Module Set-Off Provision and/or the Addendum Set-Off Provision) be immediately entitled to exercise its rights under either or both of the FOA Set-Off Provisions, and in particular so that, upon the exercise of such rights:

- (a) where the FOA Set-Off Provisions includes the General Set-Off Clause:
  - (i) the value of any cash balance owed by the Firm or, as the case may be, the Clearing Member to the Client would be set off against the Liquidation Amount (where such Liquidation Amount is owed by the Client); or
  - (ii) the value of any cash balance owed by the Client to the Firm or, as the case may be, the Clearing Member would be set off against the Liquidation Amount (where such Liquidation Amount is owed by the Firm or, as the case may be, the Clearing Member); or
- (b) where the FOA Set-Off Provisions comprise the Margin Cash Set-Off Clause only, the value of any cash margin owed by the Firm or, as the case may be, the Clearing Member to the Client would be set-off against the Liquidation Amount (where such Liquidation Amount is owed by the Client).

I am of this opinion because:

1. Section 343 of the Insolvency Act expressly provides that the provisions of a netting agreement in relation to qualified financial contacts (as defined in the Insolvency Act and listed in Schedule 3), which covers the Transactions, will not be affected by any other provision of the Insolvency Act or any other applicable laws limiting the exercise of the rights to set off, offset or net out obligations, payment amounts or termination values owed between an insolvent party and another party. The Clearing Agreement will constitute a "netting agreement" pursuant to Section 343 of the Insolvency Act; all the Transactions listed in Annex 2 will be Qualified Financial

Contracts within the meaning of the Insolvency Act and all provisions of such agreement will be enforceable in accordance with their terms.

2. Further, there is no rule of the laws of this jurisdiction which would impose a moratorium or stay which would prevent, delay or otherwise affect the exercise of such rights by the Non-Defaulting Party.

No amendments to the General Set-Off Clause or the Margin Cash Set-Off Clause are necessary in order for the opinions expressed in this paragraph 3.5.2 to apply.

### **3.6 Set-Off under a Clearing Agreement with a Clearing Module Set-Off Provision**

In relation to a Clearing Agreement which includes the Clearing Module Set-Off Provision (whether or not the FOA Set-Off Provisions are Disapplied Set-Off Provisions, insofar as constituting part of the Clearing Agreement), the Clearing Module Set-Off Provision will be immediately (and without fulfilment of any further conditions) enforceable in accordance with its terms so that the Firm would be immediately entitled to exercise its rights under the Clearing Module Set-Off Provision, and in particular, if there has been an Event of Default in respect of the Client or a CCP Default, so that the value of any cash balance owed by one Party to the other would be set off against any Available Termination Amount owed by the Party entitled to receive the cash balance, insofar as not already brought into account as part of the Relevant Collateral Value.

I am of this opinion because:

1. Section 343 of the Insolvency Act expressly provides that the provisions of a netting agreement in relation to qualified financial contracts (as defined in the Insolvency Act and listed in Schedule 3), which covers the Transactions will not be affected by any other provision of the Insolvency Act or any other applicable laws limiting the exercise of the rights to set off, offset or net out obligations, payment amounts or termination values owed between an insolvent party and another party. The Clearing Agreement will constitute a "netting agreement" pursuant to Section 343 of the Insolvency Act; all the Transactions listed in Annex 2 will be Qualified Financial Contracts within the meaning of the Insolvency Act and all provisions of such agreement will be enforceable in accordance with their terms.
2. Further, there is no rule of the laws of this jurisdiction which would impose a moratorium or stay which would prevent, delay or otherwise affect the exercise of such rights by the Non-Defaulting Party.

No amendments to the Clearing Module Set-Off Provision are necessary in order for the opinions expressed in this paragraph 3.6 to apply.

### **3.7 Enforceability of the Title Transfer Provisions**

- 3.7.1 In relation to a FOA Netting Agreement (with Title Transfer Provisions) and in relation to a Clearing Agreement which includes the Title Transfer Provisions where the Client is a Defaulting Party, following the specification or deemed occurrence of a Liquidation Date, the Non-Defaulting Party would be immediately (and without fulfilment of any further condition) entitled to exercise its rights under the Title Transfer Provisions, so that the Default Margin Amount (as calculated pursuant to the terms of the Title Transfer Provisions) would be taken into account for the purposes of calculating the Liquidation Amount pursuant to the FOA Netting Provision.
- 3.7.2 The questions in relation to the FOA Netting Agreement (with Title Transfer Provisions) or a Clearing Agreement which includes the Title Transfer Provisions, (x) whether Transfers of Margin would be characterised as outright transfers of title or creating a security or other interest, and (y) whether Margin Transferred may be used without restriction, would, under the conflicts of laws rules of this jurisdiction, be determined by reference to the governing law of the FOA Netting Agreement (with Title Transfer Provisions) and a Clearing Agreement which includes the Title Transfer Provisions, and/or by reference to the governing law of the place where the Margin is located.

I am of this opinion because:

1. Under Mauritian rules of international private law, the relevant law governing the proprietary aspects of a foreign-law agreement under which a security interest is granted is in general held to be the law of the place of the location of the asset subject to such security interest (*Lex rei sitae*).
2. Furthermore, section 352 of the Insolvency Act expressly provides that the law applicable to all issues specified in section 351(1) of the same Act (which, in turn, deals with securities held with an intermediary) is the law in force in the State expressly agreed in the account agreement as the State whose law is the governing law of the relevant agreements. The Insolvency Act also provides that the applicable law would be the state where the relevant intermediary has an office at the time of the agreement.

No amendments to the Title Transfer Provisions are necessary in order for the opinions expressed in this paragraph 3.7 to apply.

### 3.8 **Use of security interest margin not detrimental to Title Transfer Provisions**

In relation:

- 3.8.1 to a FOA Netting Agreement (with Title Transfer Provisions) and to a Clearing Agreement which includes the Title Transfer Provisions and the Non-Cash Security Interest Provisions (used with or without the Rehypotheication Clause) and/or the Client Money Additional Security Clause - whether the Default Margin Amount (as calculated pursuant to the terms of the Title Transfer Provisions) would be taken into account for the purposes of calculating the Liquidation Amount pursuant to the FOA Netting Provision: and

3.8.2 to the Clearing Agreement which includes the Title Transfer Provisions - whether the value of the Transferred Margin would be taken into account as part of the Relevant Collateral Value,

would be determined by reference to the governing law of the FOA Netting Agreement (with Title Transfer Provisions) and a Clearing Agreement which includes the Title Transfer Provisions, or by reference to the governing law of the place where the collateral is located. Further, my opinion at paragraph 3.7 remains true in relation to such a FOA Netting Agreement or Clearing Agreement.

### 3.9 **Single Agreement**

Under the laws of this jurisdiction it is not necessary that the Transactions and the FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, the Clearing Agreement are part of a single agreement in order for the termination and liquidation under the FOA Netting Provision to be enforceable. In my view, the FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, the Clearing Agreement, and Transactions are part of a single agreement.

### 3.10 **Automatic Termination**

It is not necessary for the Parties to agree to an automatic, rather than an optional, termination and liquidation under the FOA Netting Provision to ensure the effectiveness of netting under the FOA Netting Agreement in the event of bankruptcy, liquidation, or other similar circumstances.

### 3.11 **Multibranch Parties**

I do not consider that the use of the FOA Netting Agreement or, as the case may be, the Clearing Agreement by a Party with branches in a number of different jurisdictions, including some where netting may not be enforceable, would jeopardise the enforceability of the FOA Netting Provision, the FOA Set-Off Provisions, the Clearing Module Set-Off Provision or the Title Transfer Provisions insofar as the laws of this jurisdiction are concerned.

### 3.12 **Insolvency of Foreign Parties**

Where a Party is incorporated or formed under the laws of another jurisdiction and an Event of Default occurs in respect of such Party (a "**Foreign Defaulting Party**"), there can be no separate Insolvency Proceedings in this jurisdiction in relation to the Foreign Defaulting Party and the authorities in this jurisdiction would defer to the proceedings in the Foreign Defaulting Party's home jurisdiction.

Under a Multi Branch Netting Agreement, the Mauritian court may take jurisdiction if the branch or the agency of the foreign Defaulting Party is in Mauritius and the liability of such insolvent Foreign Defaulting Party shall be calculated as of the date of the termination of the Agreement entered into under the Multi Branch Netting Agreement in accordance with its terms and shall be limited to the lesser of the global net obligation and the branch/agency net obligations. However, the chances of a Mauritian court taking jurisdiction are insignificant because, as stated in paragraph 3.7.2 above, questions on the FOA Netting Agreement and/ or a Clearing Agreement would, under the conflicts of laws rules of this jurisdiction, be determined by

reference to the governing law of the FOA Netting Agreement (with Title Transfer Provisions) and a Clearing Agreement which includes the Title Transfer Provisions, and/or by reference to the governing law of the place where the Margin is located.

The unlikely circumstances in which a Mauritian court might take jurisdiction are instances where a Mauritian court takes the view that the jurisdiction clause of an agreement falls foul of the provisions of Mauritian law on account of being too biased in favour of one party. For instance, if a jurisdiction clause under which the right to take proceedings in a number of jurisdictions concurrently is expressed to be for the benefit of one party only, there is a risk that such jurisdiction clauses be declared invalid by a Mauritian court because such unilateral hybrid jurisdiction clauses may amount to a "*protestative*" clause under Mauritian law, in which case, the Mauritian court might take jurisdiction. The "*protestatif*" character of a clause is used under Mauritian law to describe a situation in which performance of a contract is made subject to the occurrence of a condition precedent which it is entirely within the power of one only of the contracting parties to cause to occur or to prevent.

**"Multi Branch Netting Agreement"** means a netting agreement between two parties under which at least one party enters into qualified financial contracts in its home office and one or more of its branches or agencies located in countries other than its home country.

### 3.13 **Special legal provisions for market contracts**


There are no special provisions of law which would affect the opinions given in this paragraph 3 which would apply to a Transaction between two Parties as a result of the fact that such Transaction was entered into on, or is back-to-back with a Transaction entered into on an exchange (in this or another jurisdiction), or is cleared at, or is back-to-back with a transaction to be cleared by a central counterparty.

## 4. **QUALIFICATIONS**

The opinions in this opinion letter are subject to the following qualifications.

Paragraph 3.1 is qualified in relation to the State of Mauritius and Public Sector Entities (as referred to in paragraph 1.2.7) to the extent that the winding up provisions of the Insolvency Act does not apply to such entities.

### 4.1 **General qualifications**

- 4.1.1 Where an obligation has been entered into (including under a Transaction or a transfer of Margin under the Title Transfer Provisions) after the commencement of Insolvency Proceedings in relation to a Party, any amount which is due in respect of such an obligation may not be capable of inclusion in the netting under the FOA Netting Provision, the Clearing Module Netting Provision, the Addendum Netting Provision, or a set-off under the FOA Set-Off Provisions, the Clearing Module Set-Off Provision or the Addendum Set-Off Provision, if the Non-Defaulting Party was aware of the onset of the Insolvency Proceedings at the time of entering into the obligation, but this would not impair the effectiveness of the netting under the FOA Netting Provision, the Clearing Module Netting Provision, the Addendum Netting
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Provision, or a set-off under the FOA Set-Off Provisions, the Clearing Module Set-Off Provision or the Addendum Set-Off Provision in respect of amounts due in respect of Transactions entered into before the commencement of such Insolvency Proceedings. If the Non-Defaulting Party was not aware of such Insolvency Proceedings, the effectiveness of the netting under the FOA Set-Off Provisions, the Clearing Module Set-Off Provision or the Addendum Set-Off Provision would not be impaired.

There are no other material issues relevant to the issues addressed in this opinion which I wish to draw to your attention.

This opinion is given for the sole benefit of FIA Europe and members of FIA Europe (other than associate members) and their affiliates which have subscribed to FIA Europe's opinions library and whose terms of subscription give them access to this opinion (as evidenced by the records maintained by FIA Europe and each a "subscribing member").

This opinion may not, without my prior written consent, be relied upon for any other purpose or be disclosed to or relied upon by any other person save that it may be disclosed without such consent to:

- a) any person to whom disclosure is required to be made by applicable law or court order or pursuant to the rules or regulations of any supervisory or regulatory body or in connection with any judicial proceedings;
- b) the officers, employees, auditors and professional advisers of any addressee or any subscribing member; and
- c) any competent authority supervising a subscribing member in connection with their compliance with their obligations under prudential regulation

on the basis that (i) such disclosure is made solely to enable any such person to be informed that an opinion has been given and to be made aware of its terms but not for the purposes of reliance, and (ii) I do not assume any duty or liability to any person to whom such disclosure is made and in preparing this opinion we have not had regard to the interests of any such person.

I accept responsibility to FIA Europe and the subscribing members in relation to the matters opined on in this opinion. However, the provision of this opinion is not to be taken as implying that I assume any other duty or liability to the subscribing members. The provision of this opinion does not create or give rise to any client relationship between me and the subscribing members.

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## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **State of Mauritius and Public Sector Entities**

Subject to the modifications and additions set out in this Schedule 1 (*State of Mauritius and Public Sector Entities* ("PSE")), the opinions, assumptions and qualifications set out in this opinion letter will also apply in respect of Parties which are the State of Mauritius and the Public Sector Entities. For the purposes of this Schedule 1 (*State of Mauritius and Public Sector Entities*), the relevant Counterparties are the State of Mauritius, created by the Constitution of Mauritius of 1968 and the PSE formed under their relevant enabling statutes. For the purpose of this opinion, I have not listed each and every individual PSE as there are numerous PSE.

Neither the State of Mauritius nor the PSE is subject to the Insolvency Act of 2009 in respect of the winding up proceeding but are subject to their relevant enabling statutes.

In my opinion it does not matter whether the Insolvency Act 2009 applies to the Insolvency Proceedings; the Non Defaulting Party would be able to exercise its rights under the Netting Provisions and the Set-off Provisions.

The State of Mauritius is liable as any other person in respect of any breach of contract under the State Proceedings Act.

The Public Sector Entities as body corporates are liable for any breach of contract under their respective enabling statutes.



## **SCHEDULE 2**

### **Trustees of Trusts under the Trust Act 2001**

Subject to the modifications and additions set out in this Schedule 2 (*Trustees of Trusts under the Trust Act 2001*), the opinions, assumptions and qualifications set out in this opinion letter will also apply in respect of Parties which are Trustees of trusts, appointed pursuant to the Trusts Act 2001.

The winding up of Trusts is governed by the Trusts Act 2001 (and not the Insolvency Act 2009).

In my opinion, it does not matter whether the Insolvency Act 2009 applies to the Insolvency Proceedings; the Non-Defaulting Party would be able to exercise its rights under the Netting Provisions and the Set-Off provisions. I confirm that the events specified in the Insolvency Events of Default Clause adequately refer to all Insolvency Proceedings which may be applicable to Trusts.



### SCHEDULE 3

#### Definition of Qualified Financial Contract Under the Insolvency Act

Qualified financial contract means:

financial agreement, contract or transaction, including any term or condition incorporated by reference in the agreement, contract or transaction, pursuant to which payment or delivery obligations are due to be performed at a certain time or within a certain period of time; and

(b) includes –

- (i) a currency, cross-currency or interest rate swap;
- (ii) a basis swap;
- (iii) a spot, future, forward or other foreign exchange transaction;
- (iv) a cap, collar or floor transaction;
- (v) a commodity swap;
- (vi) a forward rate agreement;
- (vii) a currency or interest rate future;
- (viii) a currency or interest rate option;
- (ix) an equity derivative, such as an equity or equity index swap, equity forward, equity option or equity index option;
- (x) a derivative relating to bonds or other debt securities or to a bond or debt security index, such as a total return swap, index swap, forward, option or index option;
- (xi) a credit derivative, such as a credit default swap, credit default basket swap, total return swap or credit default option;
- (xii) an energy derivative, such as an electricity derivative, oil derivative, coal derivative or gas derivative;
- (xiii) a weather derivative, such as a weather swap or weather option;
- (xiv) a bandwidth derivative;
- (xv) a freight derivative;
- (xvi) an emissions derivative;
- (xvii) an inflation or other economic statistics derivative;
- (xviii) a spot, future, forward or other securities or commodities transaction;

- (xix) a securities contract, including a margin loan and an agreement to buy, sell, borrow or lend securities, such as a securities repurchase or reverse repurchase agreement, a securities lending agreement or a securities buy/sell-back agreement, including any such contract or agreement relating to mortgage loans, interest in mortgage loans or mortgage-related securities;
- (xx) a commodities contract, including an agreement to buy, sell, borrow or lend commodities, such as a commodities repurchase or reverse repurchase agreement, a commodities lending agreement or a commodities buy/sell-back agreement;
- (xxi) a collateral arrangement;
- (xxii) an agreement to clear or settle securities transactions or to act as a depository for securities;
- (xxiii) any other agreement, contract or transaction similar to any agreement, contract or transaction referred to in subparagraphs (i) to (xxii) with respect to one or more reference items or indices relating to (without limitation) interest rates, currencies, commodities, energy products, electricity, equities, weather, bonds and other debt instruments, precious metals, quantitative measures associated with an occurrence, extent of an occurrence, or contingency associated with a financial, commercial or economic consequence, or economic or financial indices or measures of economic or financial risk or value;
- (xxiv) any swap, forward, option, contract for differences or other derivative in respect of, or combination of, one or more agreements or contracts referred to in subparagraphs (i) to (xxiii); and
- (xxv) any agreement, contract or transaction designated as such by the FSC for the purpose of this Act by notice published in the *Gazette*

**ANNEX 1**  
**FORMS OF FOA NETTING AGREEMENTS**


1. Master Netting Agreement - One-Way (1997 version) (the "**One-Way Master Netting Agreement 1997**")
2. Master Netting Agreement - Two-Way (1997 version) (the "**Two-Way Master Netting Agreement 1997**")
3. Default, Netting and Termination Module (One-Way Netting) (2007 version) (the "**Long-Form One-Way Clauses 2007**")
4. Short Form Default, Netting and Termination Module (One-Way Netting) (2007 version) (the "**Short-Form One-Way Clauses 2007**")
5. Short Form Default, Netting and Termination Module (One-Way Netting) (2009 version) (the "**Short-Form One-Way Clauses 2009**")
6. Short Form Default, Netting and Termination Module (One-Way Netting) (2011 version) (the "**Short-Form One-Way Clauses 2011**")
7. Default, Netting and Termination Module (Two-Way Netting) (2007 version) (the "**Long-Form Two-Way Clauses 2007**")
8. Default, Netting and Termination Module (Two-Way Netting) (2009 version) (the "**Long-Form Two-Way Clauses 2009**")
9. Default, Netting and Termination Module (Two-Way Netting) (2011 version) (the "**Long-Form Two-Way Clauses 2011**")
10. Short Form Default, Netting and Termination Module (Two-Way Netting) (2007 version) (the "**Short-Form Two-Way Clauses 2007**")
11. Short Form Default, Netting and Termination Module (Two-Way Netting) (2009 version) (the "**Short-Form Two-Way Clauses 2009**")
12. Short Form Default, Netting and Termination Module (Two-Way Netting) (2011 version) (the "**Short-Form Two-Way Clauses 2011**")
13. Professional Client Agreement (2007 Version), including Module G (Margin and Collateral) (the "**Professional Client (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2007**")
14. Professional Client Agreement (2009 Version), including Module G (Margin and Collateral) (the "**Professional Client (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2009**")
15. Professional Client Agreement (2011 Version) including Module G (Margin and Collateral) (the "**Professional Client (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2011**")
16. Professional Client Agreement (2007 Version), excluding Module G (*Margin and Collateral*) but incorporating the Title Transfer Securities and Physical Collateral Annex to the Netting Module (2007 or 2011 Version) (the "**Professional Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2007**")

17. Professional Client Agreement (2009 Version), excluding Module G (*Margin and Collateral*) but incorporating the Title Transfer Securities and Physical Collateral Annex to the Netting Module (2007 or 2011 Version) (the "**Professional Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2009**")
18. Professional Client Agreement (2011 Version), excluding Module G (*Margin and Collateral*) but incorporating the Title Transfer Securities and Physical Collateral Annex to the Netting Module (2007 or 2011 Version) (the "**Professional Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2011**")
19. Retail Client Agreement (2007 Version) including Module G (Margin and Collateral) (the "**Retail Client (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2007**")
20. Retail Client Agreement (2009 Version) including Module G (Margin and Collateral) (the "**Retail Client (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2009**")
21. Retail Client Agreement (2011 Version) including Module G (Margin and Collateral) (the "**Retail Client (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2011**")
22. Retail Client Agreement (2007 Version), excluding Module G (*Margin and Collateral*) but incorporating the Title Transfer Securities and Physical Collateral Annex to the Netting Module (2007 or 2011 Version) (the "**Retail Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2007**")
23. Retail Client Agreement (2009 Version), excluding Module G (*Margin and Collateral*) but incorporating the Title Transfer Securities and Physical Collateral Annex to the Netting Module (2007 or 2011 Version) (the "Retail Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2009")
24. Retail Client Agreement (2011 Version), excluding Module G (*Margin and Collateral*) but incorporating the Title Transfer Securities and Physical Collateral Annex to the Netting Module (2007 or 2011 Version) (the "**Retail Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2011**")
25. Eligible Counterparty Agreement (2007 Version) including Module G (*Margin*) (the "**Eligible Counterparty (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2007**")
26. Eligible Counterparty Agreement (2009 Version) including Module G (*Margin*) (the "**Eligible Counterparty (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2009**")
27. Eligible Counterparty Agreement (2011 Version) including Module G (*Margin*) (the "**Eligible Counterparty (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2011**")
28. Eligible Counterparty Agreement (2007 Version) excluding Module G (*Margin*) but incorporating the Title Transfer Securities and Physical Collateral Annex to the Netting Module (2007 or 2011 Version) (the "**Eligible Counterparty (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2007**")
29. Eligible Counterparty Agreement (2009 Version) excluding Module G (*Margin*) but incorporating the Title Transfer Securities and Physical Collateral Annex to the Netting Module (2007 or 2011 Version) (the "**Eligible Counterparty (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2009**")

30. Eligible Counterparty Agreement (2011 Version) excluding Module G (*Margin*) but incorporating the Title Transfer Securities and Physical Collateral Annex to the Netting Module (2007 or 2011 Version) (the "**Eligible Counterparty (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2011**")

Where a FOA Published Form Agreement expressly contemplates the election of certain variables and alternatives, the Agreements listed above shall be deemed to include any such document in respect of which the parties have made such expressly contemplated elections (and have made any deletions required by such elections, where such deletions are expressly contemplated in the event of such election by the applicable FOA Published Form Agreement), provided that any election made does not constitute an Adverse Amendment.

Each of the Agreements listed at items 13 to 30 of this Annex 1 may be deemed to include FOA Netting Agreements identical to the relevant FOA Published Form Agreement, save for the substitution of Two Way Clauses in place of the equivalent terms in the FOA Published Form Agreement, in which case references to the Insolvency Events of Default and FOA Netting Provision in respect of such FOA Netting Agreements shall mean the Insolvency Events of Default and FOA Netting Provision in relation to the Two Way Clauses.



## ANNEX 2 LIST OF TRANSACTIONS

The following groups of Transactions may be entered into under the FOA Netting Agreements or Clearing Agreements:

- (A) (Futures and options and other transactions) Transactions as defined in the FOA Netting Agreements or Clearing Agreements:
  - (i) a contract made on an exchange or pursuant to the rules of an exchange;
  - (ii) a contract subject to the rules of an exchange; or
  - (iii) a contract which would (but in terms of maturity only) be a contract made on, or subject to the rules of, an exchange and which, at the appropriate time, is to be submitted for clearing as a contract made on, or subject to the rules of, an exchange,  
  
in any of cases (i), (ii) and (iii) being a future, option, contract for difference, spot or forward contract of any kind in relation to any commodity, metal, financial instrument (including any security), currency, interest rate, index or any combination thereof; or
  - (iv) a transaction which is back-to-back with any transaction within paragraph (i), (ii) or (iii) of this definition, or
  - (v) any other Transaction which the parties agree to be a Transaction;
- (B) (fixed income securities) Transactions relating to a fixed income security or under which delivery of a fixed income security is contemplated upon its formation;
- (C) (equities) Transactions relating to an equity or under which delivery of an equity is contemplated upon its formation;
- (D) (commodities) Transactions relating to, or under the terms of which delivery is contemplated, of any base metal, precious metal or agricultural product.
- (E) (OTC derivatives) Transactions which fall within paragraphs (4) to (10) of Section C of Annex 1 to Directive 2004/39/EC<sup>1</sup>, including (but not limited to) interest rate swaps, credit default swaps, derivatives on foreign exchange, and equity derivatives, provided that, where the Transaction is subject to the Terms of a Clearing Agreement, the Transaction (or a transaction which is back-to-back with the Transaction) is eligible to be cleared by a central counterparty.

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<sup>1</sup> Non-EU counsel should discuss with Clifford Chance if clarification is needed.

**ANNEX 3**  
**DEFINITIONS RELATING TO THE AGREEMENTS**

**"Addendum Netting Provision"** means (subject to any selections or amendments required or permitted to be made on the face of the ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum):

- (a) Clause 8(b) (Clearing Member Events), 8(c) (CCP Default) and 8(d) (*Hierarchy of Events*) of the ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum; or
- (b) any modified version of such clauses provided that it includes at least those parts of paragraph 6 of Part 1 (*Core Provisions*) of Annex 4 which are highlighted in yellow,

together with the defined terms required properly to construe such Clauses.

**"Addendum Set-Off Provision"** means (subject to any selections or amendments required or permitted to be made on the face of the ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum):

- (a) Clause 8(e) (*Set-Off*) of the ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum, where constituted as part of a Clearing Agreement; or
- (b) any modified version of such clause provided that it includes at least those parts of paragraph 8 of Part 1 (*Core Provisions*) of Annex 4 which are highlighted in yellow,

together with the defined terms required properly to construe such Clause.

**"Adverse Amendments"** means (a) any amendment to a Core Provision and/or (b) any other provision in an agreement that may invalidate, adversely affect, modify, amend, supersede, conflict or be inconsistent with, provide an alternative to, override, compromise or fetter the operation, implementation, enforceability or effectiveness of a Core Provision (in each case in (a) and (b) above, excepting any Non-material Amendment).

**"Clearing Agreement"** means an agreement:

- (a) on the terms of the FOA Netting Agreement when used (i) in conjunction with the FOA Clearing Module and/or the ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum, or (ii) in conjunction with a Clearing Module Netting Provision and/or an Addendum Netting Provision and with or without a Clearing Module Set-Off Provision and/or an Addendum Set-Off Provision;
- (b) which is governed by the law of England and Wales; and
- (c) which contains an Addendum Inconsistency Provision, a Clearing Module Inconsistency Provision, or another provision with equivalent effect to either of them.

**"Clearing Module Netting Provision"** means (subject to any selections or amendments required or permitted to be made on the face of the FOA Clearing Module):

- (a) Clause 5.2 (*Firm Events*), 5.3 (*CCP Default*) and 5.4 (*Hierarchy of Events*) of the FOA Clearing Module; or
- (b) any modified version of such clauses provided that it includes at least those parts of paragraph 6 of Part 1 (*Core Provisions*) of Annex 4 which are highlighted in yellow.

together with the defined terms required properly to construe such Clauses.

**"Clearing Module Set-Off Provision"** means (subject to any selections or amendments required or permitted to be made on the face of the FOA Clearing Module):

- (a) Clause 5.5 (*Set-Off*) of the FOA Clearing Module; or
- (b) any modified version of such clause provided that it includes at least those parts of paragraph 7 of Part 1 (*Core Provisions*) of Annex 4 which are highlighted in yellow.

together with the defined terms required properly to construe such Clause.

**"Client"** means, in relation to a FOA Netting Agreement or a Clearing Agreement, the Firm's or, as the case may be, Clearing Member's counterparty under the relevant FOA Netting Agreement or Clearing Agreement.

**"Client Money Additional Security Clause"** means:

- (a) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Professional Client Agreement 2007, clause 7.8 (*Additional security*) at module F Option 4 (where incorporated into such Agreement);
- (b) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Professional Client Agreement 2009, clause 7.9 (*Additional security*) at module F Option 1 (where incorporated into such Agreement);
- (c) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Professional Client Agreement 2011, clause 7.9 (*Additional security*) at module F Option 1 (where incorporated into such Agreement);
- (d) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Retail Client Agreement 2007, clause 7.8 (*Additional security*) at module F Option 4 (where incorporated into such Agreement);
- (e) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Retail Client Agreement 2009, clause 7.9 (*Additional security*) at module F Option 1 (where incorporated into such Agreement);
- (f) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Retail Client Agreement 2011, clause 7.9 (*Additional security*) at module F Option 1 (where incorporated into such Agreement);
- (g) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Eligible Counterparty Agreement 2007, clause 6.8 (*Additional security*) at module F Option 4 (where incorporated into such Agreement);
- (h) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Eligible Counterparty Agreement 2009, clause 6.9 (*Additional security*) at module F Option 1 (where incorporated into such Agreement);

- (i) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Eligible Counterparty Agreement 2011, clause 6.9 (*Additional security*) at module F Option 1 (where incorporated into such Agreement); or
- (j) any modified version of such clauses provided that it includes at least those parts of paragraph 3 of Part 3 (*Security Interest Provisions*) of Annex 4 which are highlighted in yellow.

**"Core Provision"** means those parts of the clauses or provisions specified below in relation to a paragraph of this opinion letter (and/or any equivalent paragraph in any Schedule to this opinion letter), which are highlighted in Annex 4:

- (a) for the purposes of paragraph 3.3 (*Enforceability of FOA Netting Provision*) and 3.4 (*Use of FOA Clearing Module or ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum not detrimental to FOA Netting Provision*), the Insolvency Events of Default Clause and the FOA Netting Provision;
- (b) for the purposes of paragraph 3.5 (*Enforceability of the FOA Set-Off Provisions*), the Insolvency Events of Default Clause, the FOA Netting Provision and either or both of the General Set-off Clause and the Margin Cash Set-off Clause;
- (c) for the purposes of paragraph 3.6 (*Set-Off under a Clearing Agreement with a Clearing Module Set-Off Provision*), the Clearing Module Netting Provision together with the defined terms "Aggregate Transaction Value", "Available Termination Amount", "Disapplied Set-Off Provisions", "Firm/CCP Transaction Value" and "Relevant Collateral Value", the Clearing Module Set-Off Provision and the FOA Set-Off Provisions; and
- (d) for the purposes of paragraph 3.7.1, (i) in relation to a FOA Netting Agreement, the Insolvency Events of Default Clause, the FOA Netting Provision and the Title Transfer Provisions; and (ii) in relation to a Clearing Agreement, the Clearing Module Netting Provision together with the defined terms "Aggregate Transaction Value", "Firm/CCP Transaction Value" and "Relevant Collateral Value" or, as the case may be, the Addendum Netting Provision together with the defined terms "Aggregate Transaction Value", "CM/CCP Transaction Value" and "Relevant Collateral Value", and the Title Transfer Provisions;

in each case, incorporated into a FOA Netting Agreement or a Clearing Agreement together with any defined terms required properly to construe such provisions, in such a way as to preserve the essential sense and effect of the highlighted parts.

References to **"Core Provisions"** include Core Provisions that have been modified by Non material Amendments and necessary amendments set out in Section 1 of Annex 5.

**"Defaulting Party"** includes, in relation to the One-Way Versions, the Party in respect of which an Event of Default entitles the Non-Defaulting Party to exercise rights under the FOA Netting Provision.

**"Eligible Counterparty Agreements"** means each of the Eligible Counterparty (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2007, the Eligible Counterparty (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2007, the Eligible Counterparty (with Security Provisions) Agreement

2009, the Eligible Counterparty (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2009, the Eligible Counterparty (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2011 or the Eligible Counterparty (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2011 (each as listed and defined at Annex 1).

**"Firm"** means, in relation to a FOA Netting Agreement or a Clearing Agreement which includes a FOA Clearing Module, the Party providing the services under the relevant FOA Netting Agreement or Clearing Agreement which includes a FOA Clearing Module.

**"FOA Clearing Module"** means the FOA Client Cleared Derivatives Module as first published on 9 October 2013 or any subsequent published version up to the date of this opinion letter.

**"FOA Netting Agreement"** means an agreement:

- (a) on the terms of the forms specified in Annex 1 to this opinion letter or which has broadly similar function to any of them, when not used in conjunction with the FOA Clearing Module and/or the ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum and/or a Clearing Module Netting Provision and/or an Addendum Netting Provision;
- (b) which is governed by the law of England and Wales; and
- (c) which contains the Insolvency Events of Default Clause and the FOA Netting Provision, with or without the FOA Set-Off Provisions, and with or without the Title Transfer Provisions, with no Adverse Amendments.

**"FOA Netting Agreements (with Title Transfer Provisions)"** means each of the Professional Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2007, the Professional Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2009, the Professional Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2011, the Retail Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2007, the Retail Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2009, the Retail Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2011, the Eligible Counterparty (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2007, the Eligible Counterparty (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2009 and the Eligible Counterparty (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2011 (each as listed and defined at Annex 1) or a FOA Netting Agreement which has broadly similar function to any of the foregoing.

**"FOA Netting Provision"** means (in each case subject to any selections or amendments required or permitted to be made on the face of the document in the relevant form referred to in Annex 1):

- (a) in relation to the terms of the Long Form One-Way Clauses 2007 and the Long Form Two-Way Clauses, Clause 2.2 (*Liquidation Date*), Clause 2.4 (*Calculation of Liquidation Amount*) and Clause 2.5 (*Payer*);
- (b) in relation to the terms of the Short Form One-Way Clauses and the Short Form Two-Way Clauses, Clause 2.1 (*Liquidation Date*), Clause 2.3 (*Calculation of Liquidation Amount*) and Clause 2.4 (*Payer*);
- (c) in relation to the terms of the Master Netting Agreements, Clause 4.2, Clause 4.4 and Clause 4.5;

- (d) in relation to the terms of the Eligible Counterparty Agreements, Clause 10.1 (*Liquidation Date*), Clause 10.3 (*Calculation of Liquidation Amount*) and Clause 10.4 (*Payer*);
- (e) in relation to the terms of the Retail Client Agreements, Clause 11.2 (*Liquidation Date*), Clause 11.4 (*Calculation of Liquidation Amount*) and Clause 11.5 (*Payer*);
- (f) in relation to the terms of the Professional Client Agreements, Clause 11.2 (*Liquidation Date*), Clause 11.4 (*Calculation of Liquidation Amount*) and Clause 11.5 (*Payer*); or
- (g) any modified version of such clauses provided that it includes at least those parts of paragraph 1 of Part 1 (*Core Provisions*) of Annex 4 which are highlighted in yellow.

**"FOA Published Form Agreement"** means a document listed at Annex 1 in the form published by FIA Europe on its website as at the date of this opinion.

**"FOA Set-Off Provisions"** means:

- (a) the **"General Set-off Clause"**, being:
  - (i) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Professional Client Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2007 and Professional Client Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2009, clause 15.11 (*Set-off*);
  - (ii) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Professional Client Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2011, clause 15.13 (*Set-off*);
  - (iii) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Retail Client Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2007 and the Retail Client Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2009, clause 15.12 (*Set-off*);
  - (iv) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Retail Client Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2011, clause 15.13 (*Set-off*);
  - (v) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Eligible Counterparty Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2007 and the Eligible Counterparty Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2009, clause 14.8 (*Set-off*);
  - (vi) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Eligible Counterparty Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2011, clause 14.10 (*Set-off*);
  - (vii) in the case of the Agreements in the form of One-Way Master Netting Agreement (1997 version), clause 5 (*Set-Off*);
  - (viii) in the case of the Agreements in the form of Two-Way Master Netting Agreement (1997 version), clause 5 (*Set-Off*); or
  - (ix) any modified version of such clauses provided that it includes at least those parts of paragraph 2 of Part 1 (*Core Provisions*) of Annex 4 which are highlighted in yellow; and/or

(b) the "**Margin Cash Set-off Clause**", being:

- (i) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Professional Client Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2007 and the Professional Client Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2009, clause 8.5 (*Set-off on default*);
- (ii) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Professional Client Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2011, clause 8.4 (*Set-off upon default or termination*);
- (iii) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Retail Client Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2007 and the Retail Client Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2009, clause 8.7 (*Set-off on default*);
- (iv) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Retail Client Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2011, clause 8.6 (*Set-off upon default or termination*);
- (v) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Eligible Counterparty Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2007 and the Eligible Counterparty Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2009, clause 7.5 (*Set-off on default*);
- (vi) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Eligible Counterparty Agreement (with Security Provisions) 2011, clause 7.4 (*Set-off upon default or termination*); or
- (vii) any modified version of such clauses provided that it includes at least those parts of paragraph 3 of Part 1 (*Core Provisions*) of Annex 4 which are highlighted in yellow.

**"Insolvency Events of Default Clause"** means (in each case subject to any selections or amendments required or permitted to be made on the face of the document in the relevant form referred to in Annex 1):

- (i) in relation to the terms of the Long-Form Two-Way Clauses and the Long Form One-Way Clauses 2007, Clause 1 (b) and (c) (inclusive);
- (ii) in relation to the terms of the Short Form One-Way Clauses and Short Form Two-Way Clauses, Clauses 1.1 (b) and (c) (inclusive);
- (iii) in relation to the terms of the Master Netting Agreements, Clause 4.1 (ii) and (iii) (inclusive);
- (iv) in relation to the terms of the Eligible Counterparty Agreements, Clause 9.1 (b) and (c) (inclusive);
- (v) in relation to the terms of the Retail Client Agreements and the Professional Client Agreements, Clause 10.1(b) and (c) (inclusive); or
- (vi) any modified version of such clauses provided that it includes at least those parts of paragraph 4(a) of Part 1 (*Core Provisions*) of Annex 4 which are highlighted in yellow.

**"ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum"** means the ISDA/FOA Client Cleared OTC Derivatives Addendum as first published on 11 June 2013, or any subsequent published versions up to the date of this opinion letter.

**"Long Form Two-Way Clauses"** means each of the Long-Form Two-Way Clauses 2007, the Long-Form Two-Way Clauses 2009 and the Long-Form Two-Way Clauses 2011 (each as listed and defined at Annex 1).

**"Margin"** means any cash collateral provided to a Party and any cash or non-cash collateral comprising Acceptable Margin provided to a Party pursuant to the Title Transfer Provisions which (in either case) has been credited to an account provided by the Party which is the transferee.

**"Master Netting Agreements"** means each of the One-Way Master Netting Agreement 1997 and the Two-Way Master Netting Agreement 1997 (each as listed and defined at Annex 1).

**"Non-Cash Security Interest Provisions"** means:

- (a) the **"Non-Cash Security Interest Clause"**, being:
- (i) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Professional Client Agreement 2007, clause 8.6 (*Security interest*);
  - (ii) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Professional Client Agreement 2009, clause 8.6 (*Security interest*);
  - (iii) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Professional Client Agreement 2011, clause 8.7 (*Security interest*);
  - (iv) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Retail Client Agreement 2007, clause 8.8 (*Security interest*);
  - (v) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Retail Client Agreement 2009, clause 8.8 (*Security interest*);
  - (vi) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Retail Client Agreement 2011, clause 8.9 (*Security interest*);
  - (vii) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Eligible Counterparty Agreement 2007, clause 7.6 (*Security interest*);
  - (viii) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Eligible Counterparty Agreement 2009, clause 7.6 (*Security interest*);
  - (ix) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Eligible Counterparty Agreement 2011, clause 7.7 (*Security interest*); or
  - (x) any modified version of such clauses provided that it includes at least those parts of paragraph 1 of Part 3 (*Security Interest Provisions*) of Annex 4 which are highlighted in yellow; and

- (b) the **"Power of Sale Clause"**, being:

- (i) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Professional Client Agreement 2007, clause 8.11 (*Power of sale*);
- (ii) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Professional Client Agreement 2009, clause 8.11 (*Power of sale*);
- (iii) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Professional Client Agreement 2011, clause 8.11 (*Power of sale*);
- (iv) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Retail Client Agreement 2007, clause 8.13 (*Power of sale*);
- (v) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Retail Client Agreement 2009, clause 8.13 (*Power of sale*);
- (vi) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Retail Client Agreement 2011, clause 8.13 (*Power of sale*);
- (vii) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Eligible Counterparty Agreement 2007, clause 7.11 (*Power of sale*);
- (viii) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Eligible Counterparty Agreement 2009, clause 7.11 (*Power of sale*);
- (ix) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Eligible Counterparty Agreement 2011, clause 7.11 (*Power of sale*); or
- (x) any modified version of such clauses provided that it includes at least those parts of paragraph 2 of Part 3 (*Security Interest Provisions*) of Annex 4 which are highlighted in yellow.

**"Non-Defaulting Party"** includes, in relation to the One-Way Versions, the Party entitled to exercise rights under the FOA Netting Provision and, in relation to the FOA Set-Off Provisions, the Party entitled to exercise rights under the FOA Set-Off Provisions.

**"Non-material Amendment"** means an amendment having the effect of one of the amendments set out at Annex 4.

**"One-Way Versions"** means the Long Form One-Way Clauses 2007, the Short Form One-Way Clauses, the One-Way Master Netting Agreement 1997, and the FOA Netting Provision as published in the Retail Client Agreements and the Professional Client Agreements in each case in the form of a FOA Published Form Agreement.

**"Party"** means a party to a FOA Netting Agreement or a Clearing Agreement.

**"Professional Client Agreements"** means each of the Professional Client (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2007, the Professional Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2007, the Professional Client (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2009, the Professional Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2009, the Professional Client (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2011 or the Professional Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2011 (each as listed and defined at Annex 1).

**"Rehypothecation Clause"** means:

- (a) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Professional Client Agreement 2011, clause 8.13 (*Rehypothecation*);
- (b) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Retail Client Agreement 2011, clause 8.15 (*Rehypothecation*);
- (c) in the case of Agreements in the form of the Eligible Counterparty Agreement 2011, clause 7.13 (*Rehypothecation*); or

any modified version of such clauses provided that it includes at least those parts of paragraph 4 of Part 3 (*Security Interest Provisions*) of Annex 4 which are highlighted in yellow.

**"Retail Client Agreements"** means each of the Retail Client (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2007, the Retail Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2007, the Retail Client (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2009, the Retail Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2009, the Retail Client (with Security Provisions) Agreement 2011 or the Retail Client (with Title Transfer Provisions) Agreement 2011 (each as listed and defined at Annex 1).

**"Short Form One Way-Clauses"** means each of the Short-Form One-Way Clauses 2007, the Short-Form One-Way Clauses 2009 and the Short-Form One-Way Clauses 2011 (each as listed and defined at Annex 1).

**"Short Form Two Way-Clauses"** means each of the Short-Form Two-Way Clauses 2007, the Short-Form Two-Way Clauses 2009 and the Short-Form Two-Way Clauses 2011 (each as listed and defined at Annex 1).

**"Title Transfer Provisions"** means (in each case subject to any selections or amendments required or permitted to be made on the face of the document in the relevant form referred to in Annex 1):

- (a) clauses 5 and 7.2 of the Title Transfer and Physical Collateral Annex to the Netting Module (2007 or 2011 Version); or
- (b) any modified version of such clauses provided that it includes at least those parts of paragraph 5 of Part 1 (*Core Provisions*) of Annex 4 which are highlighted in yellow.

**"Two Way Clauses"** means each of the Long-Form Two Way Clauses and the Short-Form Two Way Clauses.

## ANNEX 4

### PART 1 CORE PROVISIONS

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For the purposes of the definition of Core Provisions in Annex 3, the wording highlighted in yellow below shall constitute the relevant Core Provision:

#### 1. FOA Netting Provision:

- a) **"Liquidation date:** Subject to the following sub-clause, at any time following the occurrence of an Event of Default in relation to a party, then the other party (the **"Non-Defaulting Party"**) may, by notice to the party in default (the **"Defaulting Party"**), specify a date (the **"Liquidation Date"**) for the termination and liquidation of Netting Transactions in accordance with this clause.
- b) **Calculation of Liquidation Amount:** Upon the occurrence of a Liquidation Date:
  - i. (neither party shall be obliged to make any further payments or deliveries under any Netting Transactions which would, but for this clause, have fallen due for performance on or after the Liquidation Date and such obligations shall be satisfied by settlement (whether by payment, set-off or otherwise) of the Liquidation Amount;
  - ii. the Non-Defaulting Party shall as soon as reasonably practicable determine (discounting if appropriate), in respect of each Netting Transaction referred to in paragraph (a), the total cost, loss or, as the case may be, gain, in each case expressed in the Base Currency specified by the Non-Defaulting Party as such in the Individually Agreed Terms Schedule as a result of the termination, pursuant to this Agreement, of each payment or delivery which would otherwise have been required to be made under such Netting Transaction; and
  - iii. the Non-Defaulting Party shall treat each such cost or loss to it as a positive amount and each such gain by it as a negative amount and aggregate all such amounts to produce a single, net positive or negative amount, denominated in the Non-Defaulting Party's Base Currency (the **"Liquidation Amount"**).
- c) **Payer:** If the Liquidation Amount is a positive amount, the Defaulting Party shall pay it to the Non-Defaulting Party and if it is a negative amount, the Non-Defaulting Party shall pay it to the Defaulting Party. The Non-Defaulting Party shall notify the Defaulting Party of the Liquidation Amount, and by which Party it is payable, immediately after the calculation of such amount."

2. **General Set-Off Clause:**

"**Set-off:** Without prejudice to any other rights to which we may be entitled, we may at any time and without notice to you set off any amount (whether actual or contingent, present or future) owed by you to us against any amount (whether actual or contingent, present or future) owed by us to you. For these purposes, we may ascribe a commercially reasonable value to any amount which is contingent or which for any other reason is unascertained."

3. **Margin Cash Set-Off Clause:**

"**Set-off upon default or termination:** If there is an Event of Default or this Agreement terminates, we may set off the balance of cash margin owed by us to you against your Obligations (as reasonably valued by us) as they become due and payable to us and we shall be obliged to pay to you (or entitled to claim from you, as appropriate) only the net balance after all Obligations have been taken into account. [The net amount, if any, payable between us following such set-off, shall take into account the Liquidation Amount payable under the Netting Module of this Agreement.]"

4. **Insolvency Events of Default Clause:**

"The following shall constitute Events of Default:

- i. a party commences a voluntary case or other procedure seeking or proposing liquidation, reorganisation, moratorium, or other similar relief with respect to itself or to its debts under any bankruptcy, insolvency, regulatory, or similar law or seeking the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, conservator, administrator, custodian, examiner or other similar official (each a "**Custodian**") of it or any substantial part of its assets, or takes any corporate action to authorise any of the foregoing;
- ii. an involuntary case or other procedure is commenced against a party seeking or proposing liquidation, reorganisation, or moratorium, or other similar relief with respect to it or its debts under any bankruptcy, insolvency, regulatory, or similar law or seeking the appointment of a Custodian of it or any substantial part of its assets."

5. **Title Transfer Provisions:**

- a) **Default:** If a Liquidation Date is specified or deemed to occur as a result of an Event of Default, the Default Margin Amount as at that date will be deemed to be [a gain (if we are the Non-Defaulting Party) or a cost (if you are the Non-Defaulting Party)] [a gain by us] for the purposes of calculating the Liquidation Amount. For this purpose, "**Default Margin Amount**" means the amount, calculated in the Base Currency of the aggregate value as at the relevant Liquidation Date (as determined by us) of the Transferred Margin.
- b) **Clean title:** Each party agrees that all right, title and interest in and to any Acceptable Margin, Equivalent Margin, Equivalent Dividends or Interest

which it Transfers to the other party shall vest in the recipient free and clear of any security interest, lien, claims, charges, encumbrance or other restriction. Notwithstanding the use of terms such as "Margin" which are used to reflect terminology used in the market for such transactions, nothing in these provisions is intended to create or does create in favour of either party a mortgage, charge, lien, pledge, encumbrance or other security interest in any Acceptable Margin, Equivalent Margin, Equivalent Dividends or Interest Transferred hereunder."

6. **Clearing Module Netting Provision / Addendum Netting Provision:**

a) [Firm Trigger Event/CM Trigger Event]

Upon the occurrence of a [Firm Trigger Event/CM Trigger Event], the Client Transactions in the relevant Cleared Transaction Set will, except to the extent otherwise stated in the [Core Provisions of the] relevant Rule Set, be dealt with as set out below:

- (a) each Client Transaction in the relevant Cleared Transaction Set will automatically terminate [upon the occurrence of a Firm Trigger Event] [at the same time as the related CM/CCP Transaction is terminated or Transferred] and, following such termination, no further payments or deliveries in respect of such Client Transaction [as specified in the Confirm] or any default interest, howsoever described, on such payment obligations will be required to be made but without prejudice to the other provisions of the Clearing Agreement, and the amount payable following such termination will be the Cleared Set Termination Amount determined pursuant to this [Clause 5.22 Section 8(b)(ii)];
- (b) the value of each such terminated Client Transaction for the purposes of calculating the applicable Cleared Set Termination Amount and Aggregate Transaction Values will be equal to the relevant [Firm/CM]/CCP Transaction Value or the relevant part thereof;
- (c) the applicable Cleared Set Termination Amount will be determined by Client on, or as soon as reasonably practicable after, (x) if there were no outstanding Client Transactions immediately prior to the occurrence of a [Firm/CM] Trigger Event, the date on which the [Firm/CM] Trigger Event occurred, or (y) if there were outstanding Client Transactions immediately prior to the occurrence of a [Firm/CM] Trigger Event, the day on which the relevant Client Transactions [had all been/were] terminated (in either case, provided that, if [Firm/Clearing Member] gives notice to Client requiring it to determine such amount and Client does not do so within two Business Days of such notice being effectively delivered, [Firm/Clearing Member] may determine the applicable Cleared Set Termination Amount) and, in either case, will be an amount equal to the sum, but without duplication, of (A) the Aggregate Transaction Value, (B) any amount which became payable, or which would have become payable but for a condition precedent not being satisfied, in respect of any such Client Transaction on or prior to the termination of such transactions but

which remains unpaid at the time of such termination, together with interest on such amount in the same currency as such amount for the period from, and including, the original due date for payment to, but excluding, the date of termination, if applicable (expressed as a positive amount if such unpaid amount is due from [Firm/Clearing Member] to Client and as a negative amount if such unpaid amount is due from Client to [Firm/Clearing Member]), (C) an amount [(which may be zero)] equal to the Relevant Collateral Value in respect of the relevant Client Transactions and (D) any other amount attributable to the relevant Client Transactions under the Clearing Agreement[ or any related Collateral Agreement], pro-rated where necessary if such amount can be partially [attributed] [attributable] to transactions other than the relevant Client Transactions, which was payable but unpaid at the time of termination and is not otherwise included [Clauses 5.2.2(c)(4) to 5.2.2(c)(C)] [Sections 8(b)(ii)(3)(A) to 8(b)(ii)(3)(C)], together with interest on such amount in the same currency as such amount for the period from, and including, the original due date for payment to, but excluding, the date of termination, if applicable (expressed as a positive amount if such unpaid amount is due from [Firm/Clearing Member] to Client and as a negative amount if such unpaid amount is due from Client to [Firm/Clearing Member]);

- (d) if a Cleared Set Termination Amount is a positive number, it will be due from [Firm/Clearing Member] to Client and if a Cleared Set Termination Amount is a negative number, the absolute value of the Cleared Set Termination Amount will be due from Client to [Firm/Clearing Member], and in each case will be payable in accordance with this [Module/Addendum].

b) CCP Default

Upon the occurrence of a CCP Default, the Client Transactions in the relevant Cleared Transaction Set will, except to the extent otherwise stated in the [Core Provisions of the relevant] Rule Set, be dealt with as set out below:

1. each Client Transaction in the relevant Cleared Transaction Set will automatically terminate at the same time as the related [Firm/CM]/CCP Transaction and following such termination no further payments or deliveries in respect of such Client Transaction[ as specified in the Confirm] or any default interest, howsoever described, on such payment obligations will be required to be made but without prejudice to the other provisions of the Clearing Agreement, and the amount payable following such termination will be the Cleared Set Termination Amount determined pursuant to this [Clause 5.3 Section 8(c)];
2. the value of each such terminated Client Transaction for the purposes of calculating the applicable Cleared Set Termination Amount and Aggregate Transaction Values will be equal to the relevant [Firm/CM]/CCP Transaction Value or relevant part thereof;

3. the applicable Cleared Set Termination Amount will be determined by [Firm/Clearing Member] on, or as soon as reasonably practicable after, (x) if there were no outstanding Client Transactions immediately prior to the occurrence of a CCP Default, the date on which the CCP Default occurred, or (y) if there were outstanding Client Transactions immediately prior to the occurrence of a CCP Default, the day on which the relevant Client Transactions had all been terminated and, in either case, will be an amount equal to the sum, but without duplication, of (1) the Aggregate Transaction Value, (2) any amount which became payable, or which would have become payable but for a condition precedent not being satisfied, in respect of any such Client Transaction on or prior to the termination of such transactions but which remains unpaid at the time of such termination, together with interest on such amount in the same currency as such amount for the period from, and including, the original due date for payment to, but excluding, the date of termination, if applicable (expressed as a positive amount if such unpaid amount is due from [Firm/Clearing Member] to Client and as a negative amount if such unpaid amount is due from Client to [Firm/Clearing Member]), (3) an amount [(which may be zero)] equal to the Relevant Collateral Value in respect of the relevant Client Transactions and (4) any other amount attributable to the relevant Client Transactions under the Clearing Agreement[ and any related Collateral Agreement], pro-rated where necessary if such amount can be partially [attributable] to transactions other than the relevant Client Transactions, which was payable but unpaid at the time of termination and is not otherwise included in [Clauses 5.3.3(1) to 5.3.3(3)] [Sections 8(c)(iii)(1) to 8(c)(iii)(3)], together with interest on such amount in the same currency as such amount for the period from, and including, the original due date for payment to, but excluding, the date of termination, if applicable (expressed as a positive amount if such unpaid amount is due from [Firm/Clearing Member] to Client and as a negative amount if such unpaid amount is due from Client to [Firm/Clearing member]);
4. if a Cleared Set Termination Amount is a positive number, it will be due from [Firm/Clearing Member] to Client and if a Cleared Set Termination Amount is a negative number, the absolute value of the Cleared Set Termination Amount will be due from Client to [Firm/Clearing Member], and in each case will be payable, in accordance with this [Module/Addendum].

c) Hierarchy of Events

[If Client Transactions are capable of being terminated pursuant to more than one [Clause/Section], then the [clause/section] in respect of which a party first exercises any right to terminate Client Transactions (or, the [clause/section] pursuant to which Client Transactions are otherwise terminated, if earlier) will prevail for the purposes of the relevant Client Transactions.]

Or



[If Client Transactions are capable of being terminated pursuant to more than one [Clause/Section], then the [clause/section] in respect of which a party first exercises any right to terminate Client Transactions (or, the [clause/section] pursuant to which Client Transactions are otherwise terminated, if earlier) will prevail for the purposes of the relevant Client Transactions.]

Or

[If Client Transactions are capable of being terminated pursuant to more than one [Clause/Section], then the [clause/section] in respect of which a party first exercises any right to terminate Client Transactions (or, the clause pursuant to which Client Transactions are otherwise terminated, if earlier) will prevail for the purposes of the relevant Client Transactions.]

d) Definitions

**"Aggregate Transaction Value"** means, in respect of the termination of Client Transactions of a Cleared Transaction Set, an amount (which may be positive or negative or zero) equal to the aggregate of the [Firm/CM]/CCP Transaction Values for all Client Transactions in the relevant Cleared Transaction Set or, if there is just one [Firm/CM]/CCP Transaction Value in respect of all such Client Transactions, an amount (which may be positive or negative or zero) equal to such [Firm/CM]/CCP Transaction Value.

**"[Firm/CM]/CCP Transaction Value"** means, in respect of a terminated Client Transaction or a group of terminated Client Transactions, an amount equal to the value that is determined in respect of or otherwise ascribed to the related [Firm/CM]/CCP Transaction or group of related [Firm/CM]/CCP Transactions in accordance with the relevant Rule Set following a [Firm/CM] Trigger Event or CCP Default (to the extent such Rule Set contemplates such a value in the relevant circumstance). If the value determined in respect of or otherwise ascribed to the related [Firm/CM]/CCP Transaction(s) under the relevant Rule Set reflects a positive value for [Firm/Clearing Member] vis-à-vis the Agreed CCP, the value determined in respect of such terminated Client Transaction(s) will reflect a positive value for Client vis-à-vis [Firm/Clearing Member] (and will constitute a positive amount for any determination under this [Module/Addendum]) and, if the value determined in respect of the related terminated [Firm/CCP]/CCP Transaction(s), under the relevant Rule Set reflects a positive value for the relevant Agreed CCP vis-à-vis [Firm/Clearing Member], the value determined in respect of [or otherwise ascribed to] such terminated Client Transaction(s) will reflect a positive value for [Firm/Clearing Member] vis-à-vis Client (and will constitute a negative amount for any determination under this [Module/Addendum]). The value determined in respect of or otherwise ascribed to the related [Firm/CM]/CCP Transaction(s) under the relevant Rule Set may be equal to zero.

**"Relevant Collateral Value"** means, in respect of the termination of Client Transactions in a Cleared Transaction Set, the value (without applying any "haircut" but otherwise as determined in accordance with the [Agreement/Collateral Agreement]) of all collateral that:

- (a) is attributable to such Client Transactions;
- (b) has been transferred by one party to the other in accordance with the [Agreement/Collateral Agreement or pursuant to Section 10(b)] and has not been returned at the time of such termination or otherwise applied or reduced in accordance with the terms of the [Agreement/relevant Collateral Agreement]; and
- (c) is not beneficially owned by, or subject to any encumbrances or any other interest of, the transferring party or of any third person.

The Relevant Collateral Value will constitute a positive amount if the relevant collateral has been transferred by Client to [Firm/Clearing Member] and it or equivalent collateral has not been returned at the time of termination or otherwise applied or reduced in accordance with the terms of the [Agreement/Collateral Agreement] and a negative amount if the relevant collateral has been transferred by [Firm/Clearing Member] to Client and it or equivalent collateral has not been returned at the time of termination or otherwise applied or reduced in accordance with the terms of the [Agreement/Collateral Agreement].

#### 7. Clearing Module Set-Off Provision

Firm may at any time and without notice to Client, set-off any Available Termination Amount against any amount (whether actual or contingent, present or future) owed by Firm to Client under the Clearing Agreement or otherwise. For these purposes, Firm may ascribe a commercially reasonable value to any amount which is contingent or which for any other reason is unascertained.

This Clause shall apply to the exclusion of all Disapplied Set-off Provisions in so far as they relate to Client Transactions; provided that, nothing in this Clause shall prejudice or affect such Disapplied Set-off Provisions in so far as they relate to transactions other than Client Transactions under the Agreement.

#### 8. Addendum Set-Off Provision

- (i) Any Available Termination Amount will, at the option of (A) Client, in the case of an Available Termination Amount due in respect of a CM Trigger Event and without prior notice to Clearing Member, be reduced by its set-off against any other termination amount payable by Clearing Member to Client under the Clearing Agreement at such time ("**CM Other Amounts**"), or (B) either party, in the case of an Available Termination Amount due in respect of a CCP Default, and without prior notice to the other party, be reduced by its set-off against any other termination amount payable by or to X (where "X" means, in the case of Section 8(i)(A), Client or, in the case of Section 8(i)(B), the party electing to set off) under the Clearing Agreement at such time ("**EP Other Amounts**" and together with CM Other Amounts, "**Other Amounts**"), provided that in the case of Section 8(i)(A) or Section 8(i)(B), at the time at which X elects to set off, where Clearing Member is X, a CM Trigger Event has not occurred and is not continuing or, where Client is X, an event of default, termination event or other similar event, howsoever described, in

respect of Client in the Agreement, has not occurred and is not continuing. To the extent that any Other Amounts are so set off, those Other Amounts will be discharged promptly and in all respects. X will give notice to the other party promptly after effecting any set-off under Section 8(i)(A) or Section 8(i)(B).

(ii) For the purposes of this Section 8(ii):

- (A) all or part of the Available Termination Amount or the Other Amounts (or the relevant portion of such amounts) may be converted by X into the currency in which the other amount is denominated at the rate of exchange at which such party would be able, in good faith and using commercially reasonable procedures, to purchase the relevant amount of such currency;
- (B) if any Other Amounts are unascertained, X may in good faith estimate such Other Amounts and set off in respect of the estimate, subject to the relevant party accounting to the other when such Other Amounts are ascertained; and
- (C) a "termination amount" may, for the avoidance of doubt, be another Cleared Set Termination Amount or another termination amount due under the Agreement including, in either case, any such amount that has previously been reduced in part by set-off pursuant to this Section 8(e).

(iii) Nothing in this Section 8(e) will be effective to create a charge or other security interest. This Section 8(e) will be without prejudice and in addition to any right of set-off, offset, combination of accounts, lien, right of retention or withholding or similar right or requirement to which Client or Clearing Member is at any time otherwise entitled or subject (whether by operation of law, contract or otherwise), provided that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Clearing Agreement or any related Collateral Agreement, no party may exercise any rights of set-off in respect of Excluded Termination Amounts.



## PART 2 NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENTS

1. Any change to the numbering or order of a provision or provisions or the drafting style thereof (e.g., addressing the other party as "you", "Counterparty", "Party A/Party B", using synonyms, changing the order of the words) provided in each case that the plain English sense and legal effect both of each such provision and of the agreement as a whole (including the integrity of any cross references and usage of defined terms) remains unchanged.
2. Any change to a provision or provisions for the purposes of correct cross-referencing or by defining certain key terms (e.g., party, exchange, currency, defaulting party or non-defaulting party) and using these terms in large caps throughout the agreement provided in each case that the plain English sense and legal effect both of each such provision and of the agreement as a whole (including the integrity of any cross references and usage of defined terms) remains unchanged.
3. A change which provides that the agreement applies to existing Transactions outstanding between the parties on the date the agreement takes effect.
4. Any change to the scope of the agreement clarifying that certain transactions (e.g., OTC derivatives governed by an ISDA Master Agreement) shall not be transactions or contracts for purposes of the agreement.
5. An addition to the list of events that constitute an Event of Default (e.g. without limitation, the failure to deliver securities or other assets, a force majeure, cross default or downgrading event the death or incapacity of a Party or its general partner any default under a specified transaction or a specified master agreement), where such addition may or may not be coupled with a grace period or the serving of a written notice on the Defaulting Party by the Non-Defaulting Party, and such addition may be expressed to apply to one only of the Parties.<sup>2</sup>
6. Any change to an Insolvency Event of Default (i) introducing a grace period for the filing of a petition for bankruptcy proceedings (of e.g. 15 or 30 days), (ii) modifying or deleting any such grace period, (iii) requiring that the filing of the petition is not frivolous, vexatious or otherwise unwarranted or (iv) that the non-defaulting party has reasonable grounds to conclude that the performance by the defaulting party of its obligations under the agreement, Transactions, or both, is endangered.<sup>2</sup>
7. Any change to an Insolvency Event of Default more particularly describing (i) the relevant procedures that would or would not constitute such event of default or termination event (ii) the relevant officers the appointment of which would or would not constitute such Insolvency Event of Default.<sup>2</sup>
8. Any change to an Insolvency Event of Default extending its scope to events occurring with respect to the credit support provider, an affiliate, a custodian or trustee of a Party.

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<sup>2</sup> Counsel to delete and if any such provisions would alter agreement so as to prevent opinion from applying.

9. Any change to an Insolvency Event of Default replacing such event of default with a provision aligned to Section 5(a)(vii) of the 1992 or 2002 ISDA Master Agreement (or relevant part thereof).
10. In the case of any agreement incorporating the Two-Way Clauses, any change to the Insolvency Events of Default which has the effect of providing that when one or several specified events (which would constitute Insolvency Events of Default) occur in relation to one specified Party, such event shall not constitute an Event of Default under the agreement.
11. Any change to the agreement requiring the Non-Defaulting Party when exercising its rights under the FOA Netting Provision, Clearing Module Netting Provision, Addendum Netting Provision, FOA Set-Off Provisions, Clearing Module Set-Off Provision, Addendum Set-Off Provision or Title Transfer Provisions (or other provisions) or making determinations to act in good faith and/or a commercially reasonable manner.
12. Any change modifying the currency of Liquidation Amount, Available Termination Amount, Cleared Set Termination Amount or of any amount relevant to the FOA Set-Off Provisions, Clearing Module Set-Off Provision, Addendum Set-Off Provision or Title Transfer Provisions.
13. Any change to the FOA Netting Provision, the FOA Set-Off Provisions, the Clearing Module Netting Provision, the Clearing Module Set-Off Provision, the Addendum Netting Provision or the Addendum Set-Off Provision clarifying that (i) any account subject to set-off must be owned by the same party or (ii) the Non-Defaulting Party must, or may, notify the other party of its exercise of rights under such provision or other provision.
14. Any change to the FOA Set-Off Provisions, the Clearing Module Set-Off Provision or the Addendum Set-Off Provision (a) clarifying (i) at which time set-off may be exercised by a Party (with or without limitation), (ii) the amounts that may be set-off (with or without limitation, whether in relation to the agreement(s) under which such amounts arise or to the parties from which they are due), (iii) the use of currency conversion in case of cross-currency set-off, (iv) the application or disapplication of any grace period to set-off; or (b) allowing the combination of a Party's accounts.
15. Any change to the FOA Netting Provision adding or taking from the amounts to be taken into account for the calculation of the Liquidation Amount.
16. Any addition to any of the Core Provisions that leaves both the plain English sense and legal effect of such provision unchanged.
17. Any change converting the Core Provisions of the FOA Netting Provision to a 'one-way' form in the style of the One-Way Master Netting Agreement 1997 (in which only the default of one Party is contemplated).
18. Including multiple forms of netting provision in respect of Client Transactions, in any of the following combinations:



- more than one ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum or Addendum Netting Provision
- more than one FOA Clearing Module or Clearing Module Netting Provision
- one or more ISDA/FOA Clearing Addendum or Addendum Netting Provision and one or more FOA Clearing Module or Clearing Module Netting Provision

provided that the agreement specifies unambiguously that only one such netting provision shall apply in respect of any given Client Transaction.

19. Including the Title Transfer Provisions together with provisions which create a security interest over cash and/or non-cash margin, provided that the agreement unambiguously specifies the circumstances in which the security interest or the Title Transfer provisions apply in respect of any given item of margin so that it is not possible for both the security interest and the Title Transfer Provisions to apply simultaneously to the same item of margin.
20. Adding to the definition of "Firm Trigger Event" or, as the case may be, "CM Trigger Event" (or defined terms equivalent thereto) any further events of default in relation to the Firm or, as the case may be, the Clearing Member, including those in the definition of Events of Default appearing in a FOA Published Form Agreement (including as modified in accordance with paragraph 5 above).
21. Any change to the Clearing Module Netting Provision or, as the case may be, the Addendum Netting Provision providing that any applicable Cleared Set Termination Amount will be determined by the Firm or, as the case may be, the Clearing Member in any event (even in the case of a Firm Trigger Event or, as the case may be, a CM Trigger Event).
22. Any change to the FOA Netting Provision providing that any applicable Liquidation Amount will be determined by the Defaulting Party.
23. Any addition to the Clearing Module Netting Provision or the Addendum Netting Provision providing that, if any Firm/CCP Transaction or CM/CCP Transaction and its related collateral or margin has been ported to another clearing member of the Agreed CCP Service following a Firm Trigger Event or CM Trigger Event, the Party in charge of the calculation of the Cleared Set Termination Amount can ascribe an appropriately reduced value (including zero) to the Client Transaction and related margin or collateral corresponding to the Firm/CCP Transaction or CM/CCP Transaction and its related collateral or margin so ported.



### PART 3 SECURITY INTEREST PROVISIONS

1. **Security Interest Clause**

"As a continuing security for the performance of the Secured Obligations under or pursuant to this Agreement, you grant to us, with full title guarantee, a first fixed security interest in all non-cash margin now or in the future provided by you to us or to our order or under our direction or control or that of a Market or otherwise standing to the credit of your account under this Agreement or otherwise held by us or our Associates or our nominees on your behalf."

2. **Power of Sale Clause**


"If an Event of Default occurs, we may exercise the power to sell all or any part of the margin. The restrictions contained in Sections 93 and 103 of the Law of Property Act 1925 shall not apply to this Agreement or to any exercise by us of our rights to consolidate mortgages or our power of sale. We shall be entitled to apply the proceeds of sale or other disposal in paying the costs of such sale or other disposal and in or towards satisfaction of the Secured Obligations."

3. **Client Money Additional Security Clause**

"As a continuing security for the payment and discharge of the Secured Obligations you grant to us, with full title guarantee, a first fixed security interest in all your money that we may cease to treat as client money in accordance with the Client Money Rules. You agree that we shall be entitled to apply that money in or towards satisfaction of all or any part of the Secured Obligations which are due and payable to us but unpaid."

4. **Rehypothecation Clause**

"You agree and authorise us to borrow, lend, appropriate, dispose of or otherwise use for our own purposes, from time to time, all non-cash margin accepted by us from you and, to the extent that we do, we both acknowledge that the relevant non-cash margin will be transferred to a proprietary account belonging to us (or to any other account selected by us from time to time) by way of absolute transfer and such margin will become the absolute property of ours (or that of our transferee) free from any security interest under this Agreement and from any equity, right, title or interest of yours. Upon any such rehypothecation by us you will have a right against us for the delivery of property, cash, or securities of an identical type, nominal value, description and amount to the rehypothecated non-cash margin, which, upon being delivered back to you, will become subject to the provisions of this Agreement. We agree to credit to you, as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt by us, and as applicable, a sum of money or property equivalent to (and in the same currency as) the type and amount of income (including interest, dividends or other distributions whatsoever with respect to the non-cash margin) that would be received by you in respect of such non-cash margin assuming that such non-cash margin was not rehypothecated by us and was retained by you on the date on which such income was paid."



**ANNEX 5**  
**NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE AMENDMENTS**

1. Necessary amendments

None

2. Desirable amendments

None

3. Additional wording to be treated as part of the Core Provisions

None

4. Additional events for the purposes of paragraph 3.1:

None

5. Alterations which constitute material alterations:

None

