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**RFP: Commodity Derivatives Trade Repository
Questions Received - 4.06.2011**

Ques. No	Date Raised	RFP Section	Category	Question	Response
1	25-Mar	2.1	Scope	Do you know why the initial focus will be on oil?	This is consistent with the Commodity Steering Committee discussions with the supervisors on logical phasing.
2	29-Mar	n/a	n/a	If we declare our intention to reply on Friday 1st April, is it public information? And same question if we submit an answer on the 25th of April?	For all of the submissions (including an intent to participate and RFP submission), the responses will be distributed to a sub-set of the Commodities Steering Committee for initial review and potentially to the whole Commodities Steering Committee further along in the selection process. The members of these groups are asked to keep the information private and only distribute internally to those who are involved in the selection process. Any questions submitted in writing will be answered in writing and published anonymously on the ISDA website for all potential RFP respondents to review.
3	29-Mar	2.2	Function	I see from the RFP document that you refer to another document "Outline of Trade Repository Functionality Being Sought by Members of the OTC Derivatives Regulators' Forum" however I don't seem to be able to find this document. Would it be possible for you to provide a copy?	The 'ODRF' Trade Repository Guidelines are available here: http://www.otcdrf.org/documents/traderepositoryfunctionalityoutline.pdf



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4	29-Mar	n/a	n/a	<p>The main question I had is related to the place of implementation of the target solution. I see the address on the document is the one of your London office, but you are based in New York. We were therefore wondering if you planned on installing and managing the system in the US or the UK.</p>	<p>In relation to the RFP process, ISDA will support in both London and New York. The location of the Trade Repository is yet to be determined and will be discussed further during the RFP review process.</p>
5	30-Mar	n/a	n/a	<p>Please can you let me know which other organisations we are competing with in this RFP process?</p>	<p>The RFP was distributed widely and posted on the ISDA website and as such we expect bids from a wide variety of Service Providers. We will not be making publicly available the list of Service Providers that have registered their interest in participating.</p>
6	30-Mar	2.2	Function	<p>After reading the RFP response details, my take is that ISDA is looking for a Service Provider to act as both the platform and the operator of the repository. Would you say that is accurate?</p>	<p>Correct.</p>
7	30-Mar	2.1	Scope	<p>What is ISDA's role in the trade repository, and is there a relationship with the CFTC or trade repositories for other asset classes (IRD, Credit)?</p>	<p>ISDA, as an association, is acting on behalf of our membership and the OTC derivatives industry. We have relationships with global supervisors, and the RFP was reviewed by a variety of the supervisory community prior to publication. ISDA will facilitate the process of selecting the service provider and defining the terms of service, the principal contractual and financial relationships will be between the service provider and the participants. ISDA will not be a party to such principal contractual and financial relationship.</p> <p>ISDA has issued RFPs for Equity and Interest Rate Derivative Repositories, as indicated on our website.</p>



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8	30-Mar	2.1	Scope	In terms of the trades being captured in the commodity repository, do you have an idea of what types of trades the RFP is alluding to as “exotics”?	Exotic trades are bespoke, non-standardized transactions done between the parties. These are in-scope as per section 2.1.1 of the RFP.
9	30-Mar	2.1	Scope	Do you expect power transactions to be a large portion of the trade volumes?	As per the RFP, the initial development phase will focus on OTC financial oil transactions.
10	31-Mar	2.2	Function	What is ISDA's view on the physical architecture of the Trade Reporting Repository?	To be discussed as part of the RFP process.
11	31-Mar	2.2	Function	Is a cloud solution, vendor-hosted solution, or an on-premises solution envisaged?	To be discussed as part of the RFP process. See section 2.2 of the RFP.
12	31-Mar	n/a	n/a	Is any information available about projected data volumes?	As per the RFP, the initial development phase will focus on OTC financial oil transactions. We do not have any projected volume data at this time.
13	31-Mar	2.1.2	Participants	How many participants are initially/ultimately envisaged to be connected to the Repository?	All counterparties are encouraged to submit their relevant transactions to the Repository. This will be discussed further as part of the RFP process. We expect the initial number of firms to be a mix of the G14 Dealer institutions and other Commodities Steering Committee (COSC) participants.
14	31-Mar	2.2	Function	Would participants be required themselves to perform the necessary standardization to a single or limited set of available data submission methods, or would you expect the Repository to deal with each Participant's data format specificities?	As per Section 2.2 of the RFP, the Repository should have the ability to standardize reference data. Additionally, reference data should leverage already existing data available in other OTC Derivative Trade Repositories and placeholders for UCI, UPI and USIs should be incorporated.



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15	31-Mar	2.2	Function	How many end users would there be on the system? How many report requests would they generate?	To be discussed as part of the RFP process. Please keep in mind that the repository will need to generate reports for relevant regulators, as well as market participants.
16	31-Mar	2.2	Function	What is the expected frequency of data delivery? Is it initially daily with an option to submit data more frequently (since RFP mentions readiness for intra-day reporting)? Or is a constant 'drip feed' approach to loading data during the day required?	As per section 2.2. of the RFP, reporting produced from the repository should be flexible and timely, allowing for ad hoc data requests. The ability to move from daily to intra-day reporting should be available.
17	31-Mar	5.2	FpML	RFP states "Examples of current OTC commodity FpML schemas can be provided upon request." We would like to receive such examples.	The most recently released FpML version 5.1 schema (and more e.g., online documentation) are available at http://www.fpml.org/spec (you will need to setup a free account and acknowledge the FpML license.)
18	31-Mar	5.2	FpML	Of the entire FpML standard, which or how many FpML schemas will actually be needed for this Repository?	The Commodity specific FpML schemas.
19	31-Mar	5.2	FpML	Which version (s) of the FpML standard will need to be supported?	The most recent version is 5.1 and is available via the link above.
20	31-Mar	5.5	Security	Can you qualify further what is understood with "Chinese Wall type controls" in the Security section?	In this context, the RFP is looking for Service Providers to describe how they would ensure that the Repository data is segregated and kept confidential only to specific, approved users within a firm.



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21	31-Mar	2.2	Function	Can you confirm there are no specific 'end of day' or 'month end' data processing requirements?	As per section 2.2. of the RFP, reporting produced from the repository should be flexible and timely, allowing for ad hoc data requests. The ability to move from daily to intra-day reporting should be available.
22	31-Mar	2.1	Scope	Can you provide us with a list of the types of OTC oil derivative trades you will expect to process?	As per section 2.1, all Commodity OTC derivative trades; with an initial focus on OTC financial oil.
23	31-Mar	3	Process	Once a vendor is selected, how will ISDA facilitate discussions between market participants and the vendor?	Please see section 3 of the RFP. ISDA will coordinate various phases on the RFP process.
24	31-Mar	2.4	Process	What role will the COSC play in oversight of the project once a vendor has been selected? If none, who are the principal functional counterparts during project delivery?	Please see sections 2.4 and section 3 of the RFP.
25	31-Mar	3	Process	We will need a contact at ISDA so that we can get an executed NDA in place prior to the submission date of April 25th? Can you please help us with those details?	ISDA does not enter into NDAs. We do advise the selection committee of the confidential nature of the distribution.
26	31-Mar	2.1	Scope	Regarding the "monthly metrics" to which the RFP is referring in paragraph 2.1.1, please provide us with a definition for this term.	Markit Metrics is a tool to help firms in the derivatives industry report key operational statistics, both to monitor progress against industry targets for the regulators and to benchmark operational performance against peer firms. Markit Metrics is a service that is run in conjunction with their partners, Sapien. The monthly metrics are available here: http://www.markit.com/en/products/research-and-reports/metrics/metrics.page



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27	31-Mar	n/a	n/a	By conducting this RFP Process, will you be in a position to influence the CFTC in writing its final rules?	No.
28	31-Mar	n/a	n/a	By conducting this process, is there an implication that the selected vendor would have any different standing with CFTC than any other applicant for registration as an SDR?	No. Individual Swap Data Repository qualifications are contained in The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and its rules.
29	31-Mar	2.2	Function	Would the selected service provider be the owner of the TRR, or serve as a Vendor to some third party investor who is backing the process?	To be determined by the RFP process. This will depend on each individual Service Provider.
30	31-Mar	2.2	Function	Would you facilitate the industry effort to define UPI codes and swap dataset content for commodity asset subclasses, starting with financial oil, particularly if multiple SDRs are still permitted in the final rules?	Yes. ISDA has a group currently looking at facilitating these discussions.
31	31-Mar	2	Overview	Is it your view that there should only be one SDR per asset class or commodity asset subclass?	The intention of this RFP is not to pre-suppose any market infrastructure as this will evolve as part of the application, selection and development process.