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SYCOM IV Project Timetable Update

Members are aware from previous correspondence and meetings with SFE staff that the implementation of SYCOM® IV is a major project that the SFE is undertaking this year. This project involves considerable changes to the existing infrastructure in Member premises; namely replacement of existing network equipment with Cisco routers and hubs and installation of ISDN and DDS lines (as described in the document titled *Sydney Futures Exchange Strategic Systems Upgrade Technical Brief* distributed to Members technical staff on 29 April 1998) as well as the provision of new SYCOM® workstations.

The purpose of this Circular is to inform the market of the planned rollout of new infrastructure and SYCOM® IV software and provide relevant contact numbers if you have any queries relating to this project.

Communications Equipment

Telstra have completed installing ISDN and DDS lines from Member firms to SFE.

Router equipment is scheduled to be implemented at Member firms starting from Monday 4 May 1998 with expected completion date of 27 May 1998. This includes both Australia and New Zealand Member firm installation. The timetable for this implementation has been negotiated and confirmed with Member technical staff with work to be performed by qualified personnel from ComTech Communications Pty Ltd, supervised by SFE technical staff. As the equipment is to be installed in Members existing network rooms there should be no impact on front office operations.

SYCOM® Workstations

New workstations will be implemented in Members' dealing rooms commencing late May and continuing through June and early July. Negotiations have been held with Member staff to ensure space has been allocated for the equipment. Existing monitors will be removed and new 17" monitors installed. The new workstation will be connected and placed in a designated area in the dealing room until SYCOM® IV is ready to be implemented. Screen and keyboard switches will be installed to enable dealers to switch from SYCOM® III to SYCOM® IV as required; for example when mock trading takes place.

SFE technical staff are currently liaising with Member staff to ensure installation occurs at a time when minimum disruption to trading operations will occur.

For pc or communication equipment

installation enquires contact: **Matt McDonnell (02) 9256 0471**
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Software Implementation

Testing

Testing of SYCOM® IV by SFE staff is due to commence 27 May 1998 and will continue throughout June, July and August. At this stage "Mock Trading" is targeted to take place late September. The Screen Dealing Department will advise Members closer to this time of their required involvement.

Training

User training is targeted to take place from July through to September with training facilities to be provided in Sydney, Melbourne, Auckland and Wellington. The Screen Dealing Department will co-ordinate training and once again will contact Members closer to these times.

Other Information

Background information previously forwarded to Members has been published on the SFE Information Network site on the internet - https://sfein.sfe.com.au/feedback/fs_feedback.html. Documents to be found on this site include:-

- . WAN Briefing document d/d Oct'97
- . Sydney Futures Exchange Strategic Systems Upgrade Technical Brief d/d April'98
- . Market Briefing Document - SYCOM® Automated Order Entry Interface document d/d Nov '97

If you have not previously been issued a password to access this site please contact the number below to be issued with one.

**For SFEIN access enquiries contact: SFE Technical Services Centre (02)
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