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SFE Initial Margin Rates and Span Parameters

Following a review of the current SFE Initial Margin Rates and SPAN¹ Parameters, the changes as detailed in the tables set out in the attached schedule will result. The shaded areas highlight changes since the last circular regarding SFE Initial Margin Rates and SPAN Parameters.

The revised SPAN parameters will be effective for open contracts as at close of business **Monday, 19 January 1998** impacting on margin calls made on **Tuesday, 20 January 1998**.

SFE SPAN parameters are available on Reuters pages **SFE/SPAN** and **SFE/SPREAD**.

If you have any queries in respect to these or any other SPAN parameters, please contact the Risk Management Department on 9256 0410 or 9256 0553.

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SFE INITIAL MARGIN RATES & SPAN PARAMETERS
(Effective from 20-01-98)

	Commodity Name	Code	Price Scan Range (per lot)	Inter Month Spread Charge (per spread)	% Volatility Scan Range	Short Option Minimum charge	Effective Date
1	All Ordinaries SPI*	AO	\$4,000	\$250	4.50%	\$13	20/11/97
2	90 Day Bank Accepted Bill	IR	\$700	Tiered	0.12%	\$24	16/05/97
3	3 Year Government Bond	YB	\$1,100	\$100	1.00%	\$15	28/10/97
4	10 Year Government	XB	\$2,400	\$200	2.00%	\$40	28/10/97
5	ANZ ISF	AN	\$700	\$230	-	-	20/11/97
6	BHP ISF	BH	\$875	\$290	-	-	20/11/97
7	RIO ISF	CA	\$1,300	\$430	-	-	09/02/98
8	FBG ISF	FB	\$175	\$60	-	-	20/11/97
9	MIM ISF	IM	\$130	\$40	-	-	24/12/97
10	NAB ISF	NB	\$1,275	\$425	-	-	20/11/97
11	NCP ISF	NU	\$575	\$200	-	-	09/02/98
12	PDP ISF	PC	\$200	\$65	-	-	20/11/97
13	TLS (Instalment Receipt)	TR	\$175	\$60	-	-	24/12/97
14	TLS (Fully Paid)	TE	\$270	\$90	-	-	24/12/97
15	WBC ISF	BC	\$525	\$175	-	-	20/11/97
16	WMC ISF	WM	\$450	\$150	-	-	22/01/98
17	Fine Wool	FW	\$1,200	\$800	-	-	19/01/98
18	Wool Deliverable	GW	\$750	Tiered	4.00%	\$13	20/01/98
19	Broad Wool	BW	\$700	\$470	-	-	19/01/98
20	Wheat	WH	\$450	\$400	5.00%	\$13	01/12/97
21	NSW Electricity**	NE	\$1,500	\$1,000	-	-	03/12/97
22	Victorian Electricity**	VE	\$1,800	\$1,200	-	-	03/12/97

* The spot month isolation rate for the AO contract is \$125

** The spot month isolation rate for the NE and VE contracts is \$100

SFE TIERED INTER-MONTH SPREAD DETAILS
(Effective from 20-1-98)

90 Day Bank Accepted Bill		Months in Tier	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
1	Tier 1	1	-				
2	Tier 2	2 to 3	\$250	\$125			
3	Tier 3	4 to 8	\$325	\$275	\$150		
4	Tier 4	9 to 12	\$525	\$500	\$250	\$125	
5	Tier 5	13 to 20	\$775	\$750	\$500	\$300	\$200

Wool Deliverable		Months in Tier	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
1	Tier 1	1	-		
2	Tier 2	2 to 5	\$575	\$300	

3	Tier 3	6 to 9	\$750	\$450	\$450
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