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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 **Friday, 18 September 1998** impacting on margin calls made on **Monday, 21 September 1998**.

SFE SPAN parameters are available on Reuters pages **SFE/SPAN** and **SFE/SPREAD** and the SFE Website **www.sfe.com.au/**.

If you have any queries in respect to these or any other SPAN parameters, please contact the Risk Management Department on 9256 0403 or 9256 0553.

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SFE INITIAL MARGIN RATES & SPAN PARAMETERS
(Effective from 18-09-98)

	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	\$3,000	\$250	4.50%	\$13	13/08/98
2	90 Day Bank Accepted Bill	IR	\$850	Tiered	0.12%	\$24	11/09/98
3	3 Year Government Bond	YB	\$1000	\$100	1.00%	\$15	11/09/98
4	10 Year Government	XB	\$2,200	\$200	2.50%	\$40	11/09/98
5	ANZ ISF	AN	\$500	\$185	-	-	8/09/98
6	BHP ISF	BH	\$650	\$250	-	-	8/09/98
7	RIO ISF	CA	\$825	\$430	-	-	13/08/98
8	FBG ISF	FB	\$200	\$60	-	-	18/09/98
9	MIM ISF	IM	\$90	\$35	-	-	18/09/98
10	NAB ISF	NB	\$925	\$370	-	-	13/08/98
11	NCP ISF	NU	\$800	\$210	-	-	18/09/98
12	PDP ISF	PC	\$175	\$75	-	-	13/08/98
13	TLS (Instalment Receipt)	TR	\$200	\$70	-	-	18/05/98
14	TLS (Fully Paid)	TE	\$250	\$90	-	-	13/08/98
15	WBC ISF	BC	\$425	\$175	-	-	13/08/98
16	WMC ISF	WM	\$325	\$160	-	-	18/09/98
17	Fine Wool	FW	\$900	\$800	-	-	8/09/98
18	Wool Deliverable	GW	\$600	Tiered	4.00%	\$13	8/09/98
19	Broad Wool	BW	\$650	\$600	-	-	8/09/98
20	Wheat	WH	\$300	\$300	5.00%	\$13	13/08/98
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 11-09-98)

	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	\$350	\$100			
3	Tier 3	4 to 8	\$500	\$275	\$250		
4	Tier 4	9 to 12	\$525	\$475	\$300	\$175	
5	Tier 5	13 to 20	\$550	\$475	\$375	\$375	\$275

	Wool Deliverable	Months in Tier	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
1	Tier 1	1	-		
2	Tier 2	2 to 5	\$400	\$200	
3	Tier 3	6 to 9	\$500	\$300	\$250

SFE SPAN INTER COMMODITY CONCESSIONS
(Effective from 19-06-98)

	Contracts	Delta Spread Ratio	% Credit per Leg of Spread
1	10 Year Government Bond : 3 Year Government Bond	1:3	75%
2	3 Year Government Bond : 90 Day Bank Accepted Bill	1:1	70%
3	10 Year Government Bond : 90 Day Bank Accepted Bill	2:5	50%
4	Telstra (Instalment Receipt) : Telstra (Fully Paid)	1:1	85%
5	All Ordinaries SPI : Individual Share Future	n/a	50%
6	Individual Share Future : Individual Share Future	n/a	40%
7	Fine Wool : Deliverable Wool	1:1	50%
8	Fine Wool : Broad Wool	1:1	50%
9	Deliverable Wool : Broad Wool	1:1	50%

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