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Block Trading ASX Interest Rate Futures

Participants are advised of the following changes to the night session Block Trade Facility:

1. The thresholds for 3 and 10 Year Treasury Bond Futures have been reduced to 1,200 lots and 500 lots respectively.
2. The Block Trade Facility will be applied to the 90 Day Bank Bill Futures contract (all months) with a minimum volume threshold of 500 lots. Block Trade strips (packs and bundles) require each leg of the strip to meet the minimum volume threshold for that expiry month.

The application of Block Trade to the 90 Day Bank Bill Futures and the reduction in the thresholds for 3 and 10 Year Treasury Bond Futures will **come into effect for Trade Date 28 November 2008 (5.10pm 27 November 2008)**.

Participants are reminded that Block Trades can only be arranged between the hours of 5.10pm and 7.00am AEST (7.30am during US non-daylight saving time). Participants will be required to register the Block Trade into SFEIN the following morning between 8.30am and 9.30am AEST (Friday Night Session Trades to be registered on Monday morning).

The Block Trade Facility can not be used to execute Roll business.

Participants must be authorised in writing by the Client to execute a Block Trade Order on their behalf, either specifically or generally. This may be included in the Client Agreement Form between the Participant and the Client or may be obtained by a separate written authorisation.

Summary of Key Information:

Available Contracts:	90 Day Bank Bill Futures, 3 and 10 Year Treasury Bond Futures
Minimum Volume Thresholds:	90 Day Bank Bill: 500 lots 3 Year Bond: 1,200 lots 10 Year Bond: 500 lots
Permitted Trading Period:	During night session hours (5.10pm to 7.00am/7.30am AEST)
Registration Time:	The following morning between 8.30am and 9.30am AEST (Friday Night Session Trades to be registered on Monday morning)
Block Trade Transaction Fee:	As per headline Exchange fee
Block Trade Registration Fee:	AUD12.50 per side per deal
Number of days prior to expiry when Block Trade can not be used:	90 Day Bank Bill: 5 Business days prior to the expiry of the relevant month 3 and 10 Year Bonds: 5 business days prior to expiry of the nearest month



Further information on Block Trading including Procedures, Operating Rules and Block Trade examples are available from the ASX website at www.asx.com.au/products/futures/btf/index.htm

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