

To: All members and other interested parties

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Classification: Trading

Date: 08 March 2022

Subject: **SUSPENSION OF LME NICKEL MARKET**

## Summary

1. Following further unprecedented overnight increases in the 3 month nickel price, the LME has made the decision to suspend trading for, at minimum, the remainder of today (Tuesday 8 March 2022).

## Background

2. The LME, in close discussion with the Special Committee, has been monitoring the LME market and the effect of the evolving situation in Russia and Ukraine. It is evident that this has affected the nickel market in particular, and given price moves in Asian hours this morning, the LME has taken this decision on orderly market grounds.

## Defined Terms

3. Defined terms used in this Notice shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the LME Rulebook or the Rules and Procedures of LME Clear, as applicable, unless otherwise defined in this Notice.

## Actions

4. Trading of the LME Nickel contract on all venues of the LME market will be suspended as of 0815 (London time) on 8 March 2022.
5. Trading will be disabled in LMEselect, and nickel trading will not be permitted on the Ring. Additionally, inter-office trades should not be booked for nickel after this time.
6. Margin on the LME Nickel contract will, for the present time, be calculated on the basis of Closing Prices on 7 March 2022. LME Clear will consider what additional measures, if any, should be taken from a risk management perspective.
7. The LME's other contracts will continue to trade as normal, but will be closely monitored.

## Next steps

8. The LME will actively plan for the reopening of the nickel market, and will announce the mechanics of this to the market as soon as possible. The LME will give consideration to a possible multi-day closure, given the geopolitical situation which underlies recent price moves. In this context, the LME will also make arrangements to deal with upcoming deliveries.
9. The Exchange will further consider whether trades booked prior to 0815 today should be subject to reversal or adjustment, and will again update the market as soon as possible.

## Questions

10. Members who have questions regarding this process should contact their Relationship Manager.



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cc: Board directors  
Special Committee