

To: All members, warehouse companies and their London agents and other interested parties

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Subject: **SPECULATION AROUND CONSULTATION ON ONGOING WARRANTABILITY OF RUSSIA ORIGIN METAL**

Background

1. The LME notes the media speculation as to the issuance of a consultation in respect of the ongoing warrantability of Russia origin metal.

Option for Discussion Paper

2. The LME confirms that the issuance of a market-wide Discussion Paper is an option currently under active consideration. If issued, such a Discussion Paper would be with the aim of eliciting market views as to the ongoing acceptability of Russian metal in the broader physical market, especially in the context of current negotiations for 2023 physical supply agreements. A Discussion Paper could also lay out potential options which could be pursued, on the basis of market feedback gathered, including the option to take no action.
3. It is important to note that, although a potential Discussion Paper is under consideration by the LME, no decision has yet been taken whether to issue such a paper. Furthermore, if a Discussion Paper is issued in due course, any further steps that may be taken by the LME will have regard to the feedback received from respondents.
4. The market will be further updated via Notice as soon as practicable.

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