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To: All Members and other interested parties

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Subject: **LAUNCH OF THE NEW FERROUS LIQUIDITY PROVIDER HS001 PROGRAMME**

Summary

1. This Notice (the "**Notice**") announces the launch of the new Ferrous Liquidity Provider HS001 Programme (the "**Ferrous LP HS001**" programme).

2. The Ferrous LP HS001 programme aims to support the development of electronic liquidity on the new LME Steel HRC Shanghai cash-settled futures.

Defined terms

3. Terms not otherwise defined in this Notice shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Rules and Regulations of the LME (the "**LME Rules**").

Eligible Contracts

4. The contracts eligible for the Ferrous LP HS001 programme are:

   - LME Steel HRC Shanghai

Background

5. The Ferrous LP HS001 programme will commence on 27 October 2026 and terminate on 31 December 2027.

6. The high-level specifications for the Ferrous LP HS001 programme are set out in the relevant Specification Document and can also be found on the LME's website. Detailed specifications are available upon request.

Application process

7. Interested parties are invited to submit their applications for the programme to the LME Commercial Strategy & Partnerships department at ferrous@lme.com according to the following deadlines:

Deadline for submission of completed applications	**Start date of participation in the programme**
15 October 2026	27 October 2026
Fifteenth day of the month	First day of the following month
15 November 2027	01 December 2027

Questions

8. Members or other interested parties with any questions in respect of the Ferrous LP HS001 programme are invited to contact the LME Commercial Strategy & Partnerships department by email at ferrous@lme.com.

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cc: Board directors
Steel Committee

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INCENTIVE PROGRAMME SPECIFICATIONS

Ferrous Liquidity Provider HS001 (“Ferrous LP HS001”) programme

1. This programme is governed by the General Terms of the LME Incentive Programmes. This document can be obtained on the LME website or from the GCD team at GCD@lme.com.

2. Capitalised terms not otherwise defined in this Specification shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the General Terms of the LME Incentive Programmes.

Eligibility Criteria

3. To be eligible for the Ferrous LP HS001 programme, a Participant:
   a) must be a Member, Client or Indirect Client; and
   b) must, in the opinion of the LME, have the experience, technical and operational ability to meet the LP Obligations.
4. The Exchange may designate up to ten (10) Participants (“**Designated Participants**”) to also receive a monthly stipend in addition to the other incentives available in the Ferrous LP HS001 programme that are available to all Participants.

Eligible Contracts

5. The contracts eligible for the Ferrous LP HS001 programme are: LME Steel HRC Shanghai (the “**Eligible Contracts**”).
6. Any additional Eligible Contracts that may be added to the Ferrous LP HS001 programme will be communicated via Notice.

Duration and application period of the Ferrous LP HS001 programme

7. The Ferrous LP HS001 programme will commence on 27 October 2026 and terminate on 31 December 2027.
8. Detailed specifications of the Ferrous LP HS001 programme are available on request to prospective participants.

9. Interested parties are invited to submit their applications to the LME Commercial Strategy & Partnerships department at ferrous@lme.com according to the following deadlines:

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10. Interested parties must also submit, as part of their application, additional information related to:

    a) the party's proposed arrangements, which may include the number and experience of its traders, utilization of software, and IT support available;

    b) the party's knowledge of the ferrous industry and of the Eligible Contracts;

    c) the party's previous activity in the Eligible Contracts and in steel futures traded on Chinese exchanges;

    d) the party's participation in other LME incentive programmes; and

    e) the operational costs (such operational costs are likely to include the costs of staff responsible for electronic quoting, IT software and IT support) that are expected to be incurred in performing the required electronic quoting activities.

Ferrous Liquidity Provider Programme HS001 – Participant Application Form

☐ **By ticking this box and executing this Participant Application Form, the Participant agrees to comply with the terms of: (i) LME Incentive Programme General Terms; (ii) the specification for the Ferrous Liquidity Provider Programme HS001; and (iii) any terms that might be set out in this application form.**

This form should be completed by the relevant Participant. Please ensure that the information provided is clear and correct. The completed form should be returned to the LME ferrous team by email to ferrous@lme.com

The LME shall treat all Personal Data provided to it by the Member and the Participant in accordance with the LME Privacy Statement, the current version of which can be found on the LME's website at https://www.lme.com/legal/privacy-statement

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PARTICIPANT DETAILS

Name of Participant	
Contact name	
Company under which volume is to be accumulated	
Telephone number	
Email	
Primary trading location address	
TAG 81	
PARTY ROLE 3 (CLIENT SHORT CODE)	
LME member through which the Participant will trade	

Please attach to this application further details on:

i. the party's proposed arrangements, which may include the number and experience of its traders, utilisation of software, and IT support available;

ii. the party's knowledge of the ferrous industry and of the Eligible Contracts;

iii. the party's previous activity in the Eligible Contracts and in steel futures traded on Chinese exchanges;

iv. the party's participation in other LME incentive programmes; and

v. the operational costs (such operational costs are likely to include the costs of staff responsible for electronic quoting, IT software and IT support) that are expected to be incurred in performing the required electronic quoting activities.

LME CLEARING MEMBER'S COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT AUTHORISATION (to be completed and signed by the Clearing Member's compliance officer)

If the participant is an LME member, please note that only quotes and trades performed on the participant's own account (ie excluding all client business) will be eligible for consideration under this programme.

Name of signatory	
Job title	
Company	
Email address	
Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Signature	

LME CLEARING MEMBER AUTHORISATION (to be completed and signed by the Clearing Member)

Name of signatory	
Job title	
Company	
Email address	
Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Signature	

EXECUTING BROKER AUTHORISATION (to be completed and signed by the executing broker)

(NB where the executing broker and the Clearing Member are the same entity, you need only complete the Clearing Member section, but the compliance department of the LME member must always complete their section of this form)

☐ Executing broker and Clearing Member are the same

Name of signatory	
Job title	
Company	
Email address	
Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Signature	

Please return the completed form via email to ferrous@lme.com