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Activation of PMEX International Cotton Futures Contract

We are pleased to inform that ICOTTON-MA15 has been activated for trading at Pakistan Mercantile Exchange. The contract specification, trading parameters and settlement procedures have been attached with this circular, which will be binding on all the brokers of the Exchange.

Market Timings for this contract are from 07:00 am to 12:20 am. However, on expiry the contract will close at 04:00 pm.

PMEX trading and settlement fee on the contract will be Rs.55.50 per contract per side inclusive of fee for Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) and Investor Protection Fund.

For further information and assistance, please feel free to contact our Customer Support Services by phone on 021-111-623-623, 0300-8213-324 and 0321-8756-623 or by email at support@pmex.com.pk.

Best regards,

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PMEX International Cotton (ICOTTON) Futures Contract Specifications

Trading Hours	Hours of Trading in the PMEX International Cotton Futures Contract shall be Monday to Friday (excluding Exchange specified holidays) as given below or as specified by the Exchange from time to time: Normal Trading Session: 07:00 am to 12:20 am PST On the last trading day of a contract normal trading will end at 04:00 pm
Unit of Trading	5,000 Pounds
Trading System	PMEX ETS
Price Quotation	US Cents per pound, up to two decimal places
Tick size	0.01 cents
Tick Value	\$0.5
Price Limit	+/- 7 cents per day based on previous day's settlement price or as notified in advance by the Exchange.
Contract Months	March, May, July, October and December. Additional contract months would be made available at the discretion of the exchange depending on the needs of the market.
Last Trading Day (Contract Expiry Day)	Six business days before the first business day of the contract month or a day specified by the Exchange as Last Trading Day.
Holiday Convention	In case the Last Trading Day falls on an Exchange holiday, previous day will be designated as Last Trading Day.
Settlement Mode	Cash Settlement in Pakistani Rupees.
Daily Settlement Price	Calculated on PMEX specified methodologies which include reference to internationally available prices, Session Consensus Price, Volume Weighted Average Price during last 20 minutes of trading theoretical futures price or any other methodology notified in advance by the Exchange.
Final Settlement Price	Last traded price of the corresponding month of Cotton No.2 Futures Contract on ICE at the time of end of trading on the Last Trading Day of PMEX International Cotton Futures Contract. If, for any reason, the last traded price at PMEX expiry time is not available, the last available traded price of the corresponding contract on ICE will be used as the basis of Final Settlement Price.

<p>Daily Settlement Amount</p>	<p>Daily Settlement of PMEX International Cotton Futures Contract will result in a cash settlement amount in Rupees. The daily cash settlement amount shall be the day's mark-to-market profit or loss amount in Rupees based on the Daily Settlement Price of the PMEX International Cotton futures contract converted at the USDPKR Exchange rate as determined and notified by the Exchange.</p>
<p>Final Settlement Amount</p>	<p>Final Settlement of PMEX International Cotton futures contract will result in the delivery of a cash settlement amount in Rupees on the Final Settlement Date. The cash settlement amount on the Final Settlement Date shall be the Last Trading Day's mark-to-market profit or loss amount in Rupees based on the Final Settlement Price of the PMEX International Cotton futures contract converted at the USDPKR Exchange rate as determined and notified by the Exchange.</p>
<p>Position Limits</p>	<p>2000 contracts per Broker (including proprietary and all its clients) 100 contracts per Client of Broker.</p>
<p>Margin Requirement</p>	<p>The amount of margin payable by Brokers in respect of their outstanding contracts in PMEX International Cotton futures contract shall be determined by the Exchange. Exchange will amend margin requirement whenever necessary or required due to changes in market conditions and risk management principles. All Margins will be collected in Pakistani Rupees.</p>
<p>Initial Margin</p>	<p>Minimum Initial Margin will be based on VaR methodology at 99% confidence interval over a 1-day Time Horizon or as specified by the Exchange.</p>
<p>Special Margin</p>	<p>Exchange reserves the right to impose special margins during periods of increased or excessive volatility. Special margins will be computed by increasing the look-ahead period, reducing sample size, or by changing any other parameters used in the VaR.</p>

