ISDA August 2012 DF Protocol Agreement

International Swap Dealers Association, Inc. (ISDA)

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1. Use of Protocol

(a) A person who adheres to this Protocol Agreement (a “Protocol Participant”) in the manner set forth in paragraph 2 may use the terms of this Protocol Agreement to supplement one or more existing Protocol Covered Agreements by exchanging questionnaires substantially in the form of Exhibit 2 to this Protocol Agreement or in the form provided on ISDA Amend (in either form, a “Questionnaire”), in respect of such Protocol Covered Agreements in the manner set forth in paragraph 3. This Protocol Agreement may also be used by a Protocol Participant to enter into new Protocol Covered Agreements in the form of a DF Terms Agreement by exchanging Questionnaires with another Protocol Participant in the manner set forth in paragraph 3. As described below, the Protocol Participant may be either a principal or an agent in respect of a Protocol Covered Agreement.

(b) “Protocol Covered Agreement” means a DF Terms Agreement or an existing written agreement between two parties that governs the terms and conditions of one or more transactions in Swaps (as defined in the DF Supplement) that each such party has or may enter into as principal.1 “DF Terms Agreement” means the ISDA August 2012 DF Terms Agreement published by ISDA on August 13, 2012.2 “PCA Principal”

Note that the Protocol is not limited to ISDA Master Agreements, and may be used to amend all agreements between a pair of parties that govern the terms and conditions of one or more transactions in Swaps.

Even if a party has incorporated the provisions of the DF Supplement into its existing written agreements, it should consider entering into the DF Terms Agreement so that the provisions of the DF Supplement that it has elected to incorporate into such existing written agreements would also be applicable to any swap that it executes or may execute that is not governed by an existing written agreement. (This may be particularly relevant for certain parties or types of transactions. For example, parties may use so-called “long-form
means a party who is or may become a principal to one or more Swaps under a Protocol Covered Agreement. “PCA Agent” means a party who has executed a Protocol Covered Agreement as agent on behalf of one or more PCA Principals.

(c) An existing Protocol Covered Agreement may have been executed directly by a PCA Principal or by a PCA Agent. In the case of an existing Protocol Covered Agreement executed by a PCA Principal, only such PCA Principal may supplement such Protocol Covered Agreement pursuant to this Protocol Agreement. In the case of an existing Protocol Covered Agreement executed by a PCA Agent on behalf of a PCA Principal, only such PCA Agent may supplement such Protocol Covered Agreement on behalf of a PCA Principal pursuant to this Protocol Agreement (even if such PCA Principal is also a Protocol Participant in respect of one or more other Protocol Covered Agreements). 3

(d) A DF Terms Agreement may be entered into pursuant to this Protocol Agreement by a PCA Principal or a PCA Agent. The capacity in which a Protocol Participant enters into a DF Terms Agreement pursuant to this Protocol Agreement is the same as the capacity in which it completes a Matched Questionnaire (as defined below). Each of such Protocol Participants is an “Executing Party” under the DF Terms Agreement and their Matched Questionnaires shall constitute the “Annex” to their DF Terms Agreement. Each of the relevant PCA Principals in a Matched Questionnaire is a “DF Terms Principal” under the DF Terms Agreement.”

confirmations” to document certain trades and in parts of the foreign exchange market it is common for trades to not be documented under master agreements. In these cases and others, the DF Terms Agreement would allow for the swaps to be covered by the relevant provisions of the DF Supplement.) Protocol Participants may elect to enter into the DF Terms Agreement by indicating that election in Question 10 of Part III of the Questionnaire.

Parties should be aware that the DF Terms Agreement, on its own, would not satisfy the requirements of CFTC Regulation 23.504, which requires “swap trading relationship documentation” between the parties to a Swap. In the ISDA March 2013 DF Protocol, parties can elect to enter into a deemed ISDA Master Agreement that would serve to satisfy the requirements of Regulation 23.504 for swaps not otherwise governed by master agreements. Regulation 23.504 is scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 2013.

3 A swap counterparty who has entered into an agreement governing swaps (such as an ISDA Master Agreement) directly with a swap dealer is referred to in the Protocol as the “PCA Principal.” If that same party enters into swaps through an agent (such as an investment manager) under an agreement entered into by that agent, the agent is referred to as the “PCA Agent.” Often, a PCA Agent will enter into an “umbrella agreement” with a swap dealer under which the PCA Agent may enter into swaps on behalf of one or more PCA Principals. The Protocol differentiates between PCA Principals and PCA Agents to enable a swap dealer to identify the agreements that are modified via the Protocol (e.g., only a PCA Agent may use the Protocol to modify an “umbrella agreement”).

4 Like the other components of the DF Protocol, the DF Terms Agreement differentiates between the parties that make the representations and agreements provided in the DF Supplement (such parties are called “DF Terms Principals” in the DF Terms Agreement), and parties that may execute the DF Terms Agreement as agents for those parties. The DF Terms Agreement is drafted according to the principle that the party that executes the DF Terms Agreement (whether through the DF Protocol or on a bilateral basis) is the party that may execute swaps covered by its terms. To address situations where an investment manager or other third party agent will execute swaps on behalf of a client, the relevant agent should execute the DF Terms Agreement as agent for the relevant party. This may be done via the Protocol by such agent delivering a Questionnaire as “PCA Agent.” To address situations where a party will execute swaps on its own behalf, that party should execute the DF Terms Agreement. This may be done via the Protocol by such party delivering a Questionnaire as “PCA Principal.”
2. **Adherence Letters**

(a) Adherence to this Protocol Agreement will be evidenced by the execution and online delivery, in accordance with this paragraph 2, by a Protocol Participant to ISDA, as agent, of a letter substantially in the form of Exhibit 1 (an “Adherence Letter”). A person wishing to participate in this Protocol Agreement, whether as PCA Principal or PCA Agent, or both, shall submit, using an online form, a single Adherence Letter to ISDA pursuant to this paragraph 2. ISDA will have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, upon thirty calendar days’ notice on the “ISDA August 2012 DF Protocol” section of its website at www.isda.org (or by other suitable means) to designate a closing date of the adherence period for this Protocol (such closing date, the “Adherence Cut-off Date”). After the Adherence Cut-off Date, ISDA will not accept any further Adherence Letters with respect to this Protocol Agreement.

(b) Each Protocol Participant executing an Adherence Letter will access the “Protocol Management” section of the ISDA website at www.isda.org to enter information online that is required to generate its form of Adherence Letter and will submit payment of any applicable fee. Either by directly downloading the populated Adherence Letter from the Protocol Management system or upon receipt via e-mail of the populated Adherence Letter, each Protocol Participant will print, sign and upload the signed Adherence Letter as a PDF (portable document format) attachment into the Protocol Management system. Once the signed Adherence Letter has been approved and accepted by ISDA, the Protocol Participant will receive an e-mail confirmation of the Protocol Participant’s adherence to the Protocol.

(c) ISDA will publish, so that it may be viewed by all Protocol Participants, a conformed copy of each Adherence Letter containing, in place of each signature, the printed or typewritten name of each signatory.5

(d) Each Protocol Participant executing and submitting an Adherence Letter agrees that, for evidentiary purposes, a conformed copy of an Adherence Letter certified by the General Counsel (or other appropriate officer) of ISDA will be deemed to be an original.

(e) Each Protocol Participant agrees that the determination of the date and time of acceptance of any Adherence Letter will be determined by ISDA in its absolute discretion.

3. **Questionnaires**

(a) A Questionnaire in respect of Protocol Covered Agreements may only be executed and submitted by a Protocol Participant who has previously, or simultaneously, executed and submitted an Adherence Letter. A Protocol Participant who wishes to enter into or supplement Protocol Covered Agreements with multiple counterparties may (but is not required to) execute multiple Questionnaires in order to deliver different Questionnaires to different counterparties pursuant to this paragraph 3; provided that a Protocol Participant who is a PCA Principal may not deliver more than one Questionnaire to the same Protocol Participant and a Protocol Participant who is a PCA Agent may not deliver more than one Questionnaire to the same Protocol Participant on behalf a single PCA Principal.

(b) A Protocol Participant may extend an offer to enter into or supplement Protocol Covered Agreements by executing a completed Questionnaire and delivering such Questionnaire to another Protocol Participant in the manner set forth in this paragraph 3. If and when a Protocol Participant receiving a Questionnaire also delivers a Questionnaire to the offering Protocol Participant, the receiving Protocol Participant will be deemed to have accepted the offer to supplement their existing Protocol Covered Agreements and enter into DF Terms Agreements, in each case if and to the extent set forth in paragraph 4. For purposes of this Protocol Agreement, each such Protocol Covered Agreement is referred to as a “Matched PCA,” both PCA Principals thereto are referred to together as “Matched PCA Parties,” and the Questionnaires

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5 In order to incorporate provisions of the DF Supplement into agreements between a dealer and a counterparty, the Protocol requires the exchange of Questionnaires as described below. Information made public on ISDA’s website allows a Protocol Participant to identify other parties with whom it may wish to exchange Questionnaires as well as the method by which such other parties will accept delivery of Questionnaires. The exchange may also be effected via ISDA Amend.
delivered by or on behalf of the Matched PCA Parties in respect of the Matched PCA are referred to together as “Matched Questionnaires.” For the avoidance of doubt, if a PCA Agent has not delivered a Questionnaire on behalf of a particular PCA Principal, such PCA Agent will not have entered into or supplemented any Protocol Covered Agreement on behalf of such PCA Principal pursuant to this Protocol Agreement even if the PCA Agent has delivered a Questionnaire in respect of other PCA Principals.

(c) For purposes of this Protocol Agreement, when a Protocol Participant delivers a Questionnaire to another Protocol Participant, each PCA Principal on whose behalf such Questionnaire is delivered is referred to as a “Delivering PCA Principal.” Delivery of a Questionnaire by a PCA Agent in the manner set forth in this paragraph 3 will be deemed to be delivery by each Delivering PCA Principal identified by the PCA Agent in such Questionnaire. Delivery of a Questionnaire to a PCA Agent in the manner set forth in this paragraph 3 will be deemed to be delivery by a relevant Delivering PCA Principal (i) to each PCA Principal on whose behalf the PCA Agent has entered into an existing Protocol Covered Agreement with such Delivering PCA Principal or (ii) if there is no existing Protocol Covered Agreement with respect to a Delivering PCA Principal, to each PCA Principal identified in the reciprocal Questionnaire delivered by the PCA Agent to such Delivering PCA Principal.

(d) Delivery of a Questionnaire must be made in the manner described in this paragraph 3(d) not later than the 30th calendar day following the Adherence Cut-off Date (the “Matching Cut-off Date”). Delivery of a Questionnaire to a Protocol Participant shall be effective if delivered in a manner specified by such Protocol Participant in its Adherence Letter. In addition, without regard to the election that a Protocol Participant has made in its Adherence Letter, if such Protocol Participant has taken all steps necessary to establish the ability to receive a Questionnaire via ISDA Amend, delivery of a Questionnaire to such Protocol Participant via ISDA Amend shall be effective.

(e) In using this Protocol Agreement to enter into or supplement Matched PCAs, a Protocol Participant may not specify additional provisions, conditions or limitations in its Questionnaire, except as expressly provided therein.

4. DF Terms Agreements and Matched PCA Supplements

(a) Every pair of Matched PCA Parties will be deemed to have entered into a DF Terms Agreement if both of such Matched PCA Parties have agreed in the Matched Questionnaires to enter into a DF Terms Agreement, in which case such DF Terms Agreement is a “Matched PCA” for purposes of this Protocol.

(b) Every pair of Matched PCA Parties will be deemed to have supplemented each Matched PCA by incorporating therein DF Schedules 1 and 2 and, in the case of any other DF Schedule, as follows:

(i) with respect to DF Schedule 3, if (i) both of such Matched PCA Parties have agreed in the Matched Questionnaires to incorporate such DF Schedule into such Matched PCA and (ii) with respect to any Matched PCA Party who has represented that it has a Designated Evaluation Agent, each Designated Evaluation Agent has countersigned such Questionnaire to make the representations and agreements applicable to it; and

(ii) with respect to any of DF Schedules 4, 5, and 6, if (i) both of such Matched PCA Parties have agreed in the Matched Questionnaires to incorporate such DF Schedule into such Matched PCA and (ii) with respect to any Matched PCA Party who is a Special Entity, each Designated QIR (in

6 See supra note 3.

7 As described in the annotations to the DF Supplement, a counterparty who designates a “Designated Evaluation Agent” for purposes of Schedule 3 of the DF Supplement must arrange for each Designated Evaluation Agent to make the representations and agreements set forth in that Schedule. Please note that CP is not required to designate a “Designated Evaluation Agent” to enter into Schedule 3, provided that CP can make the representations about itself in Part II of DF Schedule 3. In addition, please note that the term “Designated Evaluation Agent” is defined to exclude an employee of the CP.
the case of DF Schedule 4) or Designated Fiduciary (in the case of DF Schedules 5 and 6) of such Special Entity has countersigned such Questionnaire to make the representations and agreements applicable to it. 8

5. Effectiveness

(a) The agreement to enter into or supplement a Matched PCA on the terms and conditions set forth in this Protocol Agreement, the Matched Questionnaires and the DF Supplement, will, as between any Matched PCA Parties, be effective on the date on which the later of two Matched PCA Parties delivers its completed Questionnaire in accordance with paragraph 3 (such date, the “Implementation Date”).

(b) This Protocol Agreement is intended for use without negotiation, but without prejudice to any amendment, modification or waiver in respect of a Protocol Covered Agreement that the parties may otherwise effect in accordance with the terms of that Protocol Covered Agreement or as otherwise provided by applicable law.

(i) In adhering to this Protocol Agreement, a party may not specify additional provisions, conditions or limitations in its Adherence Letter; and

(ii) Any purported adherence that ISDA, as agent, determines in good faith is not in compliance with this Protocol Agreement will be void and ISDA will inform the relevant parties of such fact as soon as reasonably possible after making such determination and will remove the party’s Adherence Letter from the ISDA website.

6. Representations and Agreements

(a) Representations by a PCA Principal. In the case of a Protocol Participant who is a PCA Principal in respect of a Matched Questionnaire and Matched PCA, the PCA Principal represents to the other PCA Principal that is party to such Matched PCA that, as of the Implementation Date:

(i) **Status.** It is, if relevant, duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization or incorporation and, if relevant under such laws, in good standing or, if it otherwise represents its status in or pursuant to a Matched PCA, has such status;

(ii) **Powers.** It has the power to execute and deliver the Adherence Letter and the Matched Questionnaire and to perform its obligations under the Adherence Letter, this Protocol Agreement, the Matched Questionnaire and each Matched PCA (as supplemented by this Protocol Agreement), and has taken all necessary action to authorize such execution, delivery and performance;

(iii) **No Violation or Conflict.** Such execution, delivery and performance do not violate or conflict with any law applicable to it, any provision of its constitutional documents, any order or judgment of any court or other agency of government applicable to it or any of its assets or any contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets;

(iv) **Credit Support.** Such execution, delivery and performance will not, in and of itself, adversely affect any obligations owed, whether by it or by any third party, under any Credit Support Document in respect of its obligations relating to any Matched PCA;

(v) **Consents.** All governmental and other consents that are required to have been obtained by it with respect to the Adherence Letter, the Matched Questionnaire and each Matched PCA (as

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8 As described in the annotations to the DF Supplement, a Special Entity who wishes to incorporate the safe harbor provisions of Schedule 4, 5 or 6 of the DF Supplement must arrange for each Designated Fiduciary or Designated QIR to make the representations and agreements set forth in the applicable Schedule.
supplemented by this Protocol Agreement) have been obtained and are in full force and effect and all conditions of any such consents have been complied with; and

(vi) **Obligations Binding.** Its obligations under the Adherence Letter, this Protocol Agreement, the Matched Questionnaire and each Matched PCA (as supplemented by this Protocol Agreement) constitute its legal, valid and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms (subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors’ rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to equitable principles of general application (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law)).

(b) **Representations by a PCA Agent.** In the case of a Protocol Participant who is a PCA Agent acting on behalf of a Delivering PCA Principal in respect of a Matched Questionnaire and Matched PCA, the Agent represents to the other PCA Principal that is party to such Matched PCA that, as of the Implementation Date:

(i) **Status.** Each of the Delivering PCA Principal and the PCA Agent is, if relevant, duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization or incorporation and, if relevant under such laws, in good standing or, if it otherwise represents its status in or pursuant to a Matched PCA, has such status;

(ii) **Powers.** The Delivering PCA Principal has the power to execute and deliver each Matched PCA (as supplemented by this Protocol Agreement) and to perform its obligations thereunder, and has taken all necessary action to authorize such execution, delivery and performance. The PCA Agent has the power to execute and deliver the Adherence Letter and the Matched Questionnaire and to perform its obligations under the Adherence Letter, this Protocol Agreement, the Matched Questionnaire and each Matched PCA (as supplemented by this Protocol Agreement), and has taken all necessary action to authorize such execution, delivery and performance. The PCA Agent has all necessary authority to enter into the Adherence Letter, this Protocol Agreement and the Matched Questionnaire on behalf of the Delivering PCA Principal and has in its files a written agreement or power of attorney authorizing it to act on the Delivering PCA Principal’s behalf in respect thereof;

(iii) **No Violation or Conflict.** Such execution, delivery and performance by the Delivering PCA Principal and the PCA Agent, respectively, do not violate or conflict with any law applicable to it, any provision of its constitutional documents, any order or judgment of any court or other agency of government applicable to it or any of its assets or any contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets;

(iv) **Credit Support.** Such execution, delivery and performance will not, in and of itself, adversely affect any obligations owed, whether by the Delivering PCA Principal or by any third party, under any Credit Support Document in respect of its obligations relating to any Matched PCA;

(v) **Consents.** All governmental and other consents that are required to have been obtained by the Delivering PCA Principal or the PCA Agent with respect to the Adherence Letter, the Matched Questionnaire and each Matched PCA (as supplemented by this Protocol Agreement) have been obtained and are in full force and effect and all conditions of any such consents have been complied with; and

(vi) **Obligations Binding.** The respective obligations of the Delivering PCA Principal and the PCA Agent under the Adherence Letter, this Protocol Agreement, the Matched Questionnaire and each Matched PCA (as supplemented by this Protocol Agreement) constitute its legal, valid and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms (subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors’ rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to equitable principles of general application (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law)).
Agreements by Matched PCA Parties. Each Matched PCA Party agrees with the other Matched PCA Party that:

(i) any Credit Support Document between Matched PCA Parties that relates to a Matched PCA will be deemed to be supplemented to the extent necessary such that the operation thereof is not affected by the adherence by such Matched PCA Parties or any supplements contemplated by this Protocol Agreement and the relevant Matched Questionnaires;

(ii) the following information shall be “DF Supplement Information” for purposes of the DF Supplement: (A) all information and representations provided by it or by its PCA Agent on its behalf in the Matched Questionnaire and (B) all Substitute Part II Information with respect to it;

(iii) solely for purposes of delivering notices of the type specified in Section 2.3 of the DF Supplement in respect of information or representations set forth in the Matched Questionnaire of the other Matched PCA Party, the other Matched PCA Party may provide such notices pursuant to Section 2.3 of the DF Supplement to any address to which delivery of a Questionnaire to such Matched PCA Party would be effective under paragraph 3(d) hereof or to any substitute address provided by such Matched PCA Party under Section 2.3 of the DF Supplement; and

(iv) solely for purposes of delivering notices and disclosures of the types specified in Section 2.12 of the DF Supplement, the “Notice Procedures” applicable to a Matched PCA Party include written notice by e-mail delivered to an address specified in Part II, Section 10 of such Matched PCA Party’s Questionnaire or to any substitute e-mail address provided under Section 2.3 of the DF Supplement. Such written notice shall be deemed delivered when sent to the specified address.

7. Miscellaneous

(a) Entire Agreement; Survival.

(i) This Protocol Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Protocol Participants with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all oral communication and prior writings (except as otherwise provided herein) with respect thereto. Each Protocol Participant acknowledges that, in adhering to this Protocol Agreement, it has not relied on any oral or written representation, warranty or other assurance (except as provided for or referred to elsewhere in this Protocol Agreement or in a Questionnaire) and waives all rights and remedies which might otherwise be available to it in respect thereof, except that nothing in this Protocol Agreement will limit or exclude any liability of a Protocol Participant for fraud.

(ii) Except for any supplement deemed to be made pursuant to this Protocol Agreement in respect of any Protocol Covered Agreement, all terms and conditions of each Protocol Covered Agreement will continue in full force and effect in accordance with its provisions as in effect immediately prior to the Implementation Date. Except as explicitly stated in this Protocol Agreement, nothing herein will constitute a waiver or release of any rights of any party under any Protocol Covered Agreement.

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9 Under the DF Supplement, a party makes various representations about its DF Supplement Information, and agrees to update such information and representations.

10 Under Section 2.3 of the DF Supplement, a counterparty agrees to provide written notice of any updated information and representations.

11 Section 2.12 of the DF Supplement provides that a swap dealer may provide various notifications and informational disclosures required by CFTC rules, including standardized notifications and disclosures applicable to multiple Swaps, as well as oral disclosures of pre-trade mid-market marks. This provision indicates that the e-mail address provided by a party in its Questionnaire may be used for such purposes.
(b) **Amendments.** An amendment, modification or waiver in respect of the matters contemplated by this Protocol Agreement will only be effective in respect of a Matched PCA if made in accordance with the terms of such Matched PCA.

(c) **Headings and Footnotes.** The headings and footnotes used in this Protocol Agreement, any Questionnaire and any Adherence Letter are for informational purposes and convenience of reference only, and are not to affect the construction of or to be taken into consideration in interpreting this Protocol Agreement, any Questionnaire or any Adherence Letter.

(d) **Governing Law.** This Protocol Agreement and each Adherence Letter will, as between Matched PCA Parties, be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without reference to choice of law doctrine, provided that supplements to each Matched PCA effected by this Protocol Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law governing such Matched PCA.

8. **Definitions**

As used in this Protocol Agreement, the terms “**Designated Evaluation Agent,**” “**Designated Fiduciary,**” “**Designated QIR,**” “**LEI/CICI,**” and “**Special Entity**” shall be given the meanings provided in the form of questionnaire attached hereto as Exhibit 2, and the following terms will have the following meanings:

“**Credit Support Document**” means, with respect to a Matched PCA Party, a document, which by its terms secures, guarantees or otherwise supports the obligations of one or both of the Matched PCA Parties under a Matched PCA, whether or not such document is specified as a “**Credit Support Document**” in such Matched PCA.


“**Substitute Part II Information**” means the information requested to be provided by a party in Part II, Sections 2 through 5 of the Questionnaire, as applicable, that (a) such party represents it has previously provided in writing to the Matched PCA Party receiving such Questionnaire in lieu of providing such information in the Questionnaire or (b) appears in the publicly available portion of the LEI/CICI database with respect to such Matched PCA Party.12

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12 *See Section 6(c)(ii).* As a matter of convenience, certain information that is required by the Questionnaire and that a party has previously provided to a dealer or submitted in the publicly-available portion of the LEI/CICI database may be omitted from the Questionnaire, although such information will be subject to the same representations and obligations to update as information contained in the Questionnaire. However, for operational and systems reasons, parties may prefer that all such information be set forth in a complete Questionnaire.
Dear Sirs:

Re: ISDA August 2012 DF Protocol Agreement

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our adherence as a “Protocol Participant” to the ISDA August 2012 DF Protocol Agreement as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. on August 13, 2012 (the “Protocol Agreement”). This letter constitutes an Adherence Letter as referred to in the Protocol Agreement. The definitions and provisions contained in the Protocol Agreement are incorporated into this Adherence Letter.

We agree to pay a one-time fee of $500 to ISDA at or before the submission of this Adherence Letter.

1. Specific Terms

We hereby represent that this is the only Adherence Letter submitted by us to ISDA in respect of the Protocol Agreement.

2. Appointment as Agent and Release

We hereby appoint ISDA as our agent for the limited purposes of the Protocol Agreement and accordingly we waive, and hereby release ISDA from, any rights, claims, actions or causes of action whatsoever (whether in contract, tort or otherwise) arising out of or in any way relating to this Adherence Letter or our adherence to the Protocol Agreement or any actions contemplated as being required by ISDA.

3. Contact Details

Our contact information, solely for purposes of this Adherence Letter (and unrelated to the Questionnaire delivery options in the subsequent section) is:

Name:
Address:
Telephone:
Fax:
E-mail:
4. Delivery of Questionnaire

Delivery of a Questionnaire by another Protocol Participant may be made to us pursuant to Section 3 of the Protocol Agreement as follows, where the relevant box has been checked:

☐ if submitted via ISDA Amend in accordance with the terms thereof.

☐ if in writing and delivered in person or by courier, or by certified or registered mail (airmail, if overseas) or the equivalent (return receipt requested) to:

[Address]
[Address]
[Address]
[Attention]

☐ if sent by facsimile transmission, to:

[Fax Number]
[Attention]

☐ if sent by e-mail or other electronic messaging system, to:

[Address]

☐ 5. We understand that the Protocol is designed to allow "matching" of Questionnaires between a swap dealer and other counterparties (including other swap dealers). Accordingly, to assist in the administration of the Protocol, we have checked this box to indicate that for purposes of receiving Questionnaires (a) we are, or expect to be, a swap dealer or (b) we are submitting this letter to act under the Protocol Agreement on behalf of a PCA Principal that is, or expects to be, a swap dealer and whose legal name is: _________________________.

We consent to the publication of a conformed copy of this letter by ISDA and to the disclosure by ISDA of the contents of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

[PROTOCOL PARTICIPANT]

Signature: ______________________
Name: ______________________
Title: ______________________

A party who expects to become a registered swap dealer may wish to adhere to the Protocol in advance of becoming registered so that its swap agreements with counterparties will incorporate provisions of the DF Supplement when its registration becomes effective.
EXHIBIT 2

to August 2012 ISDA DF Protocol Agreement

Form of Questionnaire