

made to the proposed amendments to the CBT rough rice futures contract.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing terms of the rough rice futures contract provide for the delivery of rough rice in store at exchange-designated warehouses located in specified counties of central and eastern Arkansas. Regular delivery facilities are either co-located with mills and thus are known as "mill site warehouses," or they are not co-located with mills and thus are known as "non-mill site warehouses." Deliveries made at mill site warehouses are made at the contract price (par) while deliveries made at non-mill site warehouses are subject to a discount of 15 cents per hundredweight.

The proposed amendments will remove the current discount applicable to deliveries at non-mill site warehouses. Thus, rough rice at all regular warehouses would be deliverable at par. The CBT intends to apply the proposed amendments to the September 2000 contract month and all subsequently listed contract months following its receipt of notice of Commission approval.

In support of the proposed amendments, the CBT stated that:

The 15-cent price differential at non-mill site warehouses was specified to reflect a supposed price differential that existed in the cash market between mill site and non-mill site warehouses. The theoretical reason for the price differential was that holders of warehouse receipts at a mill site could have the rice milled by the owner of the mill, a process known as "toll milling." According to several participants in the rice industry, toll milling no longer takes place to any significant extent, and mills will not mill rice that they do not own. On June 9, 1999, a consensus was reached by a rice industry group assembled by the Chicago Board of Trade that toll milling indeed no longer takes place. The group also agreed that because toll milling no longer takes place, no differential exists in the cash-market price between rice at mill sites and non-mill sites. Therefore, the 15-cent per hundredweight discount for delivery at non-mill site warehouses is no longer appropriate.

The Commission requests that commenters address the extent to which the proposed amendment would reflect the relative value of rough rice stored at mill site warehouses versus rough rice stored at non-mill site warehouses and the potential effects of the proposed

amendment on the supply of rough rice likely to be economically available for delivery on the contract as well.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100, or via the Internet on the CFTC website at www.cftc.gov under "What's New & Pending".

Other materials submitted by the CBT in support of the proposal may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitted written data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CBT, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

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AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability of the following U.S. patent for non-exclusive, partially exclusive or exclusive licensing. The listed patent as been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C.

This patent covers a wide variety of technical arts including: A High Output Acoustic Signal Device, A Microwave

Powered Vehicle Stopper and a thermal Battery With Reduced Self-Discharge.

Under the authority of Section 11(a) (2) of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-502) and Section 207 of Title 35, United States Code, the Department of the Army as represented by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory wish to license the U.S. patent listed below in a non-exclusive, exclusive or partially exclusive manner to any party interested in manufacturing, using, and/or selling devices or processes covered by this patent.

Title: Thermal Battery With Reduced Self-Discharge.

Inventor: Frank C. Krieger.

Patent Numbers: 5,900,331.

Issued Date: May 4, 1999.

Title: Multiple Plasma Channel High Output Variable Electro-Acoustic Pulse Source.

Inventor: Bruce Benwell, Dave, DeTroye, Harold E. Boesch and Vincent Ellis.

Patent Numbers: 5,903,518.

Issued Date: May 11, 1999.

Title: In-Road Microwave Vehicle Stopper.

Inventor: Todd M. Turner, Mark D. Berry and Edward P. Scannell.

Patent Numbers: 5,907,290.

Issued Date: May 25, 1999.

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