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OBX - Split and Dividend Adjustment

Members are advised that Oslo Børs has published the enclosed notice regarding upcoming changes to the OBX Index. The calculation method in relation to dividends and determination of expiration value will change and, in addition, the OBX Index will undergo a four for one (4:1) split of the index value.

Four other changes are specified within the notice in relation to strike intervals, tick sizes and Market Maker obligations. Members are invited to send feedback on the changes specified in the notice to EDX London before 31 March 2006 and they will, in turn, inform Oslo Bors.

Further information and a Rule Amendment Notice highlighting changes to Part EDX.4.4 and Appendix A of the EDX London Rules will be forthcoming prior to the outlined changes.

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Regarding OBX changes

Oslo Børs will from and including 21st April 2006 split the OBX 4:1. At the same time the OBX will become a total return index and the calculation basis for the volume-weighted OBX will be automatch trades solely. Oslo Børs also proposes a few other changes (see ad below) and requests feedback on these changes before 31st March 2006.

The OBX split implies that the index value and index history will be reduced to a fourth. Index options and futures expiring in May and June will be adjusted by dividing strike and futures prices by four and multiplying the number of contracts by four.

Today the OBX is adjusted for the amount of dividend that exceeds 5% of the stock price. Thus, the OBX principally is a price index. Effective from 21st April, the OBX will be fully adjusted for all dividends, making the OBX a total return index.

In connection with the transition to a return index, the OBX history will be fully dividend adjusted. A new OBX price index (ticker XOBXP) will be established inheriting the old OBX history.

Today the basis of calculation for OBX and stock fixing values (volume-weighted average) are automatch and certain off-exchange trades. Effective from 21st April the calculation basis for all fixing values will be automatch trades solely.

Oslo Børs requests feedback on the following proposed changes:

a) Strike intervals OBX options:

Current intervals:

Strike	Interval (NOK)
0 - 1000	10
1000 →	20

Proposal for new intervals:

Strike	Interval (NOK)
0 -100	2
100 -250	3
250 -500	5
500 -1000	10
1000 →	20

b) Tick size for stock and OBX options in EMP:

Current tick size rules for stock and OBX options:

Tick size is 0.01 when the option premium is less than 0.1; 0.05 when the option premium is greater or equal to 0.1 but less than 4.0; and 0.25 when the option premium is greater or equal to 4.0.

Proposal for new tick size rules for stock and OBX options:

Tick size is 0.01 when the option premium is less than 0.1; 0.05 when the option premium is greater or equal to 0.1 but less than 4.0; 0.10 when the option premium is greater or equal to 4.0 but less than 8.0; and 0.25 when the option premium is greater or equal to 8.0.

c) Tick size OBX futures:

Current tick size rules for OBX futures:

Tick size is 0.01 when the futures price is less than 0.1; 0.05 when the futures price is greater or equal to 0.1 but less than 4.0; and 0.25 when the futures price is greater or equal to 4.0.

Proposal for new tick size rules for OBX futures:

Tick size is 0.10 when the futures price is less than 1000; and 0.25 when the futures price is greater or equal to 1000.

d) Spread and volume obligations for market makers

Volume obligations for market makers in OBX options and futures:

Volume is changed from 20 to 100.

Index	Front	Middle	Back
	100	100	None
Stock	Front		Back
	20		20

Spread obligations for market makers in OBX futures:

Spread obligations for stock forwards are unchanged, while spread obligations for OBX futures are changed.

Bid	Spread "normal market"	Spread "fast market"
< 50	0,2	0,4
< 150	0,4	1
< 350	0,8	2
< 500	1,3	3
< 700	2,0	4
< 850	2,5	5
< 1000	3	6
>1000	3,5	7