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Subject: MARGIN UPDATE - LARGE EXPOSURE ADD-ON INCREASE 05 MAY 2025

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Dear Client

As the central counterparty in the South African listed derivatives market, JSE Clear monitors the sufficiency of the prefunded resources - initial margin and the default fund - that would be required to manage a default and safeguard the market. This is done through daily stress testing. The latest results have determined high default fund exposures driven predominantly by material portfolio shifts and significant increases in net exposures in the interest rate derivatives market.

The high default fund exposures in the context of current market conditions and volatility have highlighted the need for a further increase to prefunded resources. JSE Clear will be adjusting the Large Exposure Add-on (LEAO) threshold resulting in an increase in this margin add-on levied on large portfolios in the interest rate derivatives market. Initial margin levied on participant portfolios to cover potential future exposures is comprised of a base margin component, the liquidation period add-on and the LEAO. The LEAO is levied on very large portfolios which under stress scenarios would expose a significant proportion of the R600mn default fund were the participant to default.

Currently the LEAO threshold is set at R90mn in the interest rate derivatives market. The LEAO threshold was adjusted to R110mn in this market on 4 April 2025 (refer to [Market Notice 110/2025](#) for further details). Following the observation of further high default fund exposures, the LEAO threshold was further adjusted to R90mn in this market on 25 April 2025 (refer to [Market Notice 131/2025](#) for further details).

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The latest stress testing results indicate that the default fund exposure exceeds 86% of the default fund size (above the early warning threshold) highlighting the need to urgently increase prefunded resources to mitigate the risk of exposures exceeding risk appetite. **To this effect, JSE Clear will further reduce the LEAO threshold from R90mn to R60mn in the Interest Rate Derivative markets only. The threshold change will be affected in today's EOD margin run, for settlement on Tuesday 6 May.**

The LEAO threshold adjustment will impact participants with very large portfolios. Participants currently being levied a LEAO will have an increase in this add-on of R30mn. Participants who fall below the current R90mn threshold but above the new R60mn threshold will be levied LEAO of up to R30mn. The margin impact of affected market participants (based on exposures as at 2 May 2025) will be communicated to their respective clearing members by JSE/JSE Clear.

JSE Clear will closely monitor the sufficiency of prefunded resources to assess whether any further changes are required.

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