

## **Market Notice**

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## Currency Futures Initial Margin Requirements (IMR's) including Series Spread Margin

Currently, the Currency Derivatives market provides for Calendar Spread Margin, which allows for offsets in initial margin across the different expiries in the same currency.

Example: If you are long one March 2011 Dollar/Rand contract, an initial margin of R300 will be applied. Similarly if you are short one June 2011 Dollar/Rand contract an initial margin of R305 will be applied. The initial margin is partially offset between these two contracts.

R305 - R300 = R5

+ calendar spread margin of R15 each side

Total IMR for one March 2011 Dollar/Rand and one June 2011 Dollar/Rand contract = R35

The JSE has now decided to introduce Series Spread Margin to the Currency Derivatives market, which offsets initial margin across different currencies. This will benefit clients who wish to synthetically trade two foreign currency pairs against each other, for instance the Euro/Dollar Currency Future contract.

A detailed explanation and new technical specifications will be sent out in due course of how the Series Spread Margins will be calculated.

Please refer below to the initial margin requirements for February 2011.



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The Initial margin requirements (IMR) for the relevant currency contracts listed below are as follows and will be changing on Tuesday 8th February 2011 for settlement on Wednesday 9th February 2011.

		Fixed Initial		Series Spread	VSR
		Margin	Spread Margin	Margin	
Contract Code	Expiry Date	Requirement	Requirement	Requirement	
Dollar/Rand (\$/R)	14 March 2011	R300.00	R15.00	R40.00	<u>2.5</u>
Dollar/Rand (\$/R)	13 June 2011	R305.00	R15.00	R40.00	<u>2.5</u>
Dollar/Rand (\$/R)	19 Sept 2011	R310.00	R15.00	R40.00	<u>2.5</u>
Dollar/Rand (\$/R)	19 Dec 2011	R310.00	R15.00	R40.00	<u>2.5</u>
Dollar/Rand (\$/R)	16 March 2012	R315.00	R20.00	R40.00	<u>2.5</u>
Dollar/Rand (\$/R)	14 Dec 2015	R400.00	R20.00	R40.00	<u>2.5</u>

		Fixed Initial		Series Spread	VSR
		Margin	Spread Margin	Margin	
Contract Code	Expiry Date	Requirement	Requirement	Requirement	
Euro/Rand (€/R)	14 March 2011	R355.00	R20.00	R30.00	<u>2.5</u>
Euro/Rand (€/R)	13 June 2011	R360.00	R20.00	R30.00	<u>2.5</u>
Euro/Rand (€/R)	19 Sept 2011	R365.00	R20.00	R30.00	<u>2.5</u>
Euro/Rand (€/R)	19 Dec 2011	R370.00	R20.00	R30.00	<u>2.5</u>
Euro/Rand (€/R)	16 March 2012	R375.00	R20.00	R30.00	<u>2.5</u>

		Fixed Initial		Series Spread	VSR
		Margin	Spread Margin	Margin	
Contract Code	Expiry Date	Requirement	Requirement	Requirement	
Sterling / Rand (£/R)	14 March 2011	R420.00	R25.00	R30.00	<u>2.5</u>
Sterling / Rand (£/R)	13 June 2011	R425.00	R25.00	R30.00	<u>2.5</u>
Sterling / Rand (£/R)	19 Sept 2011	R430.00	R25.00	R30.00	2.5
Sterling / Rand (£/R)	19 Dec 2011	R435.00	R25.00	R30.00	<u>2.5</u>
Sterling / Rand (£/R)	16 March 2012	R445.00	R25.00	R30.00	2.5

		Fixed Initial		Series Spread	VSR
		Margin	Spread Margin	Margin	
Contract Code	Expiry Date	Requirement	Requirement	Requirement	
Australian Dollar / Rand (ZAAD/R)	14 March 2011	R 255.00	R15.00	R40.00	<u>2.5</u>
Australian Dollar / Rand (ZAAD/R)	13 June 2011	R 255.00	R15.00	R40.00	<u>2.5</u>
Australian Dollar / Rand (ZAAD/R)	19 Sept 2011	R 255.00	R15.00	R40.00	<u>2.5</u>
Australian Dollar / Rand (ZAAD/R)	14 Dec 2015	R285.00	R15.00	R40.00	<u>2.5</u>

		Fixed Initial		Series Spread	VSR
		Margin	Spread Margin	Margin	
Contract Code	Expiry Date	Requirement	Requirement	Requirement	
Dollar/Rand (\$/R) Maxi	14 March 2011	R30 000.00	R1 500.00	R4 000.00	<u>2.5</u>
Dollar/Rand (\$/R) Maxi	13 June 2011	R30 500.00	R1 500.00	R4 000.00	<u>2.5</u>

		Fixed Initial		Series Spread	VSR
		Margin	Spread Margin	Margin	
Contract Code	Expiry Date	Requirement	Requirement	Requirement	
Japanese Yen /Rand (¥/R)	14 March 2011	R445.00	R35.00	R40.00	2.5
Japanese Yen /Rand (¥/R)	13 June 2011	R450.00	R35.00	R40.00	2.5

		Fixed Initial		Series Spread	VSR
		Margin	Spread Margin	Margin	
Contract Code	Expiry Date	Requirement	Requirement	Requirement	
Canadian Dollar/Rand (CAD/R)	14 March 2011	R265.00	R15.00	R30.00	<u>2.5</u>
Canadian Dollar/Rand (CAD/R)	13 June 2011	R265.00	R15.00	R30.00	<u>2.5</u>

		Fixed Initial		Series Spread	VSR
		Margin	Spread Margin	Margin	
Contract Code	Expiry Date	Requirement	Requirement	Requirement	
Swiss Franc/Rand (CHF/R)	14 March 2011	R315.00	R20.00	R30.00	<u>2.5</u>
Swiss Franc/Rand (CHF/R)	13 June 2011	R320.00	R20.00	R30.00	<u>2.5</u>

		Fixed Initial		Series Spread	VSR
		Margin	Spread Margin	Margin	
Contract Code	Expiry Date	Requirement	Requirement	Requirement	
Chinese Yuan/Rand (CNY/R)	14 March 2011	R445.00	R25.00	R60.00	<u>2.5</u>
Chinese Yuan/Rand (CNY/R)	13 June 2011	R455.00	R25.00	R60.00	<u>2.5</u>

		Fixed Initial		VSR
		Margin	Spread Margin	
Contract Code	Expiry Date	Requirement	Requirement	
Rand Index (RAIN)	14 March 2011	R4825.00	R270.00	<u>2.5</u>
Rand Index (RAIN)	13 June 2011	R4890.00	R270.00	<u>2.5</u>

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