

NATIONAL COMMODITY & DERIVATIVES EXCHANGE LIMITED

Circular to all members of the Exchange
Circular No : NCDEX/TRADING-002/2021

Date : January 12, 2021

Subject : Re-Launch of Futures contracts – Steel Long (STEEL)

The Exchange is pleased to inform the members of the Exchange that as per its Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations, and with the approval received from Securities and Exchange Board of India, Future contracts in Steel Long (Symbol: STEEL) expiring in the months of February 2021, March 2021 and April 2021 would be available for trading w.e.f. **January 18, 2021**.

The Futures contracts to be launched shall be additionally governed by the Product Note as is notified on the Exchange website under the tab- "Products". Members and Participants are requested to kindly go through the same and get acquainted with the launched product, its trading and related process put in place by the Exchange.

Members are requested to take note of the following:

- 1. Summary of modifications in contract specifications for Steel Long (Symbol: STEEL) Futures contracts expiring in the months of February 2021, March 2021 and April 2021 is given in **Annexure I**.
- 2. Modified contract specifications applicable for Futures contracts expiring in the months of February 2021, March 2021, April 2021 and thereafter is given in **Annexure II**.
- 3. Premium/Discount for delivery location difference and grade difference for contracts expiring in the months of February 2021, March 2021 and April 2021 is given in **Annexure III.**

The transaction charges applicable on Steel Long futures contract (Symbol: STEEL) will be as per Other category commodities as mentioned below, till further notice from the Exchange.

Transaction charges shall be at the flat rate of Re. 1 per lakh of trade.

With reference to circular nos. NCCL/RISK-001/2018 dated September 26, 2018 and NCCL/RISK-008/2019 dated June 12, 2019, members and participants are requested to note that as per the directives of the SEBI and Byelaws, Rules and Regulations of the Exchange, Concentration Margin



shall be levied on Steel Long (Symbol: STEEL). The Open Interest (OI) Threshold Level for Steel Long (Symbol: STEEL) to attract Concentration Margin shall be as mentioned in the table below:

Commodity	Symbol	Measure	Open Interest Threshold Level
Steel Long	STEEL	MT	62,000

The applicable OI slabs and corresponding margin percentages at clearing member level and at the client level shall be same as specified in the circular nos. NCCL/RISK-001/2018 dated September 26, 2018 and NCCL/RISK-008/2019 dated June 12, 2019. The Concentration Margin and Threshold Limit shall be effective from beginning of trading day January 18, 2021.

The contracts and the transactions therein will be subject to Bye Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Exchange and circulars issued by the Exchange as well as directives, if any, issued from time to time by the Regulator. It is clarified that it is the sole obligation and responsibility of the Members and market participants to ensure that apart from the approved quality standards stipulated by the Exchange, the commodity deposited / traded / delivered through the approved warehouse of the Clearing Corporation is in due compliance with the applicable regulations laid down by authorities like BIS, Orders under Packaging and Labelling etc., as also other State/Central laws and authorities issuing such regulations in this behalf from time to time, including but not limited to compliance of provisions and rates relating to GST, LBT, stamp duty, etc. as applicable from time to time on the underlying commodity of any contract offered for deposit /trading / delivery and the Exchange shall not be responsible or liable on account of any non-compliance thereof.

For and on behalf of National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited

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Encl: Annexures

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Annexure I: Summary of modifications in contract specifications – Steel Long futures contract

Parameter	Earlie	er Contract	Modified Contract Specification	Rationale
	Spe	cification		
Name of commodity	Steel Long	(BIS – 2830)	Steel Long	To keep it simple for the market participants, a simpler name is proposed by
Ticker	STEELLON	NG	STEEL	the Exchange Simplified ticker
Symbol				symbol is proposed.
Basis	1	n, exclusive of and VAT/CST, ee of basic	Ex-warehouse Mandi Gobindgarh (exclusive of GST)	As per current practice.
Additional Deliverable Grade	1) Mild St Size Weight Length The Mild St should con	_	NA NA	Since, the Exchange is proposing only BIS standards in Steel, therefore additional deliverable grade is removed.
		Indian Standard otified by the		



Parameter		r Contract	Modifie	ed Contract Spe	cification	Rationale
	-					
	Bureau of Ir					
	Standards (BIS).				
	Heat number	er to be				
	mentioned of	on each ingot.				
	2) Mild Ste	eel Billets				
	The Mild Ste	eel Billets				
	should confe	orm to the				
	applicable In	ndian Standard				
	(IS) 2830 no	otified by the				
	Bureau of Ir	ndian				
	Standards (BIS).				
	Size	100*100 to				
		130*130				
		mm				
		6m ± 200mm				
	Length	0111 1 200111111				
	20119411					
Quality	Mild Steel Ir	ngot/Steel Long	Parameter	Mild Steel	Mild Steel	Based on market
Specificatio	The Mild Ste	_		(MS) Ingots	(MS) Billets	feedback. This is also
ns:	should confe		Carbon	Upto 0.3%	Upto 0.3%	based on the Bureau
		ndian Standard	Carbon	υριυ υ.ο /٥	Ορίο σ.3 /	of Indian Standards
		otified by the	Jonitent			for Steel.
		ndian Standards	Manganese	Minimum	Minimum	
	(BIS)		Minimum	0.4% &	0.4% &	
				Maximum	Maximum	
				0.9%	0.9%	



Parameter	Earlie	r Contract	Modifie	Rationale		
	Spec	cification				
	Size	3 ^{1/2} * 4 ^{1/2} inch	Sulphur	Upto 0.06%	Upto 0.06%	
	Weight	min of 90	Phosphorous	Upto 0.075%	Upto 0.075%	
		Kgs per ingot	Sulphur +	Upto 0.135%	Upto 0.135%	
	Length	min of 48	Phosphorous			
		inches per	144 1 1 1 1	001		
		ingot	Weight min	90 kg per ingot		
	Heat number	er to be		Ingot		
	mentioned of	on each ingot.	Length	48 inches per	6 m +/- 200	
				ingot	mm	
			Size	3 ½ * 4 ½ inch	100*100 mm	
					to 110*110	
					mm	
			Other	Heat	• Heat	
			parameters	number to	number	
				be	to be	
				mentioned on each	mentione d on	
				ingot	each	
					Billet	
				Ingots without	Billets	
				harmful	must	
				and	have	
				appreciabl	reasonab	
				е	ly plain	
				hollownes	surface	
				s, piping and rising		
				and namy		



Parameter	Earlier Contract Specification	Modifie	Rationale		
	Specification	Additional parameter	Ingots must have reasonabl y plain surface MS Ingots conforming to Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) specification 2830 or 2831 produced by a BIS licensed plant/factory	MS Billets conforming to Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) specification 2830 or 2831 produced by a BIS licensed plant/factory	
Delivery	Mandi Gobindgarh (within	Mandi Gobindga	ı arh, (within a radi	us of 50 km	As per current
center	50 kms of the municipal limits of Mandi Gobindgarh)	from the munici	practice		
Additional	Ghaziabad, Raipur,	Ghaziabad (Utta	ar Pradesh)		As per the feedback
delivery	Wada(Thane), Kolkata,	(up to the radius	the municipal	received from market	
centers	Hyderabad and Jaipur	limits)			participants.
	(within 50 kms from the				
	municipal limits of the				
	additional delivery centers)				
Hours of	As per directions of the	As notified by	the Exchange fro	om time to time,	Modification
Trading	Forward Markets	currently:	_		proposed as is
					applicable across



Parameter	Earlier Contract	Modified Contract Specification	Rationale
	Specification		
	Commission from time to time, currently- Monday through Friday: 10:00 AM to 11:30 PM On the expiry date, contracts expiring on that day will not be available for trading after 5 PM. The Exchange may vary the above timing with due notice	Mondays through Fridays: 9.00 A.M. to 9.00 P.M. On the expiry date, contracts expiring on that day will not be available for trading after 5 P.M. The Exchange may vary above timing with due notice	commodities with international reference.
Tender Period	Tender Period: The tender period shall start on 11th of every month in which the contract is due to expire. In case 11th happens to be a Saturday, a Sunday or a holiday at the Exchange, the tender period would start from the next working day. Pay-in and Pay-out: On a T+2 basis. If the tender date is T, then pay-in and pay-out would happen on T+2 day (excluding Saturday). If such a T+2 day happens to	Tender Date –T Tender Period: The tender period would be the last 5 trading days (including expiry day) of the contracts. Pay-in and Pay-out: On a T+2 basis. If the tender date is T, then pay-in and pay- out would happen on T+2 day. If such a T+2 day happens to be a Saturday, a Sunday or a holiday at the Exchange, Clearing Corporation, clearing banks or any of the service providers, pay-in and pay-out would be effected on the next working day.	As per current practice.



Parameter	Earlier Contract	Modified Contract Specification	Rationale
	Specification		
Delivery Specificatio ns	be a Saturday, a Sunday or a holiday at the Exchange, clearing banks or any of the service providers, pay-in and pay-out would be effected on the next working day. During the Tender period, if any delivery is tendered by seller, the corresponding buyer having open position and matched as per process put in place by the Exchange, shall be bound to settle by taking physical delivery.	Upon expiry of the contracts all the outstanding open positions shall result in compulsory delivery. During the Tender period, if any delivery is tendered by seller, the corresponding buyer having open position and matched as per process put in place by the Exchange, shall be bound to settle by taking delivery on T + 2 day from the delivery center where the seller has delivered same. The penalty structure for failure to meet delivery obligations will be as per circular no. NCCL/CLEARING-020/2020 dated April 07, 2020.	As per current practice.
Final settlement Price	The Final Settlement Price shall be the last spot price of the day as polled by the Exchange on the last trading day of the contract.	FSP shall be arrived at by taking the simple average of the last polled spot prices of the last three trading days viz., E0 (expiry day), E-1 and E-2. In the event the spot price for any one or both of E- 1 and E-2 is not available; the simple average of the last polled spot price of E0, E-1, E-2 and E-3, whichever available, shall be taken as FSP. Thus, the FSP under various scenarios of	As per current practice.



Parameter	Earlier Contract Specification	Modified Contract Specification non-availability of polled spot prices shall be as					Rationale	
		under:						
		Scen	Po	lled s	pot	price	FSP shall be	
		ario	ava	ailabilit	ty on		simple	
							average of	
			E	E-	E -	E-	last polled spot prices	
			0		2	3	on:	
			Y		Υ	Y es		
			e	Υ	e	/N		
		1	S	es	S	0	E0, E-1, E-2	
			Υ					
			е	Υ	N	Υ		
		2	S	es	0	es	E0, E-1, E-3	
			Υ		Υ			
			е	N	е	Υ		
		3	S	0	S	es	E0, E-2, E-3	
			Y					
			е	N	N	Υ		
		4	s	0	0	es	E0, E-3	
			Υ					
			е	Υ	N	N		
		5	S	es	0	0	E0, E-1	



Specification							
		Specification					
		Y		Υ			
		е	N	е	N		
	6	s	0	s	0	E0, E-2	
		V					
			NI	N	NI		
	7					E0.	
	,	5	U	U	O		
Daily price fluctuation limit	Daily price	e lim	nit is (-	+/-) 4	%. Or	nce the 4% limit is	As per current
is (+/-) 4%. If the trade hits	reached, t	hen	after a	a perio	od of 1	5 minutes the limit	practice.
the prescribed daily price	shall be in	crea	sed fu	ırther	by 2%	. The trading shall	
limit there will be a cooling	be permitted during the 15 minutes period within						
off period for 15 minutes.	the 4% limit. After the DPL is enhanced, trades						
Trade will be allowed during	shall be permitted throughout the day within the						
this cooling off period within	enhanced total DPL of 6%.						
the price band. Thereafter	The DDL 4	on th	so lour	ach (f	irot) d	ay of now contract	
the price band would be				,	•	•	
raised by another 50% of							
the existing limit i.e. (+/-)	034/2010/	209	ualeu	Sepi	CITIDE	1 00, 2010.	
2%. If the price hits the							
revised price band (6%)							
again during the day, trade							
will only be allowed within							
the revised price band. No							
trade/order shall be							
permitted during the day							
beyond the revised limit of							
(+/-) 6%.							
	is (+/-) 4%. If the trade hits the prescribed daily price limit there will be a cooling off period for 15 minutes. Trade will be allowed during this cooling off period within the price band. Thereafter the price band would be raised by another 50% of the existing limit i.e. (+/-) 2%. If the price hits the revised price band (6%) again during the day, trade will only be allowed within the revised price band. No trade/order shall be permitted during the day beyond the revised limit of	Daily price fluctuation limit is (+/-) 4%. If the trade hits the prescribed daily price limit there will be a cooling off period for 15 minutes. Trade will be allowed during this cooling off period within the price band. Thereafter the price band would be raised by another 50% of the existing limit i.e. (+/-) 2%. If the price hits the revised price band (6%) again during the day, trade will only be allowed within the revised price band. No trade/order shall be permitted during the day beyond the revised limit of	Daily price fluctuation limit is (+/-) 4%. If the trade hits the prescribed daily price limit there will be a cooling off period for 15 minutes. Trade will be allowed during this cooling off period within the price band. Thereafter the price band would be raised by another 50% of the existing limit i.e. (+/-) 2%. If the price hits the revised price band (6%) again during the day, trade will only be allowed within the revised price band. No trade/order shall be permitted during the day beyond the revised limit of	Daily price fluctuation limit is (+/-) 4%. If the trade hits the prescribed daily price limit there will be a cooling off period for 15 minutes. Trade will be allowed during this cooling off period within the price band. Thereafter the price band would be raised by another 50% of the existing limit i.e. (+/-) 2%. If the price hits the revised price band (6%) again during the day, trade will only be allowed within the revised price band. No trade/order shall be permitted during the day beyond the revised limit of	Daily price fluctuation limit is (+/-) 4%. If the trade hits the prescribed daily price limit there will be a cooling off period for 15 minutes. Trade will be allowed during this cooling off period within the price band. Thereafter the price band would be raised by another 50% of the existing limit i.e. (+/-) 2%. If the price hits the revised price band (6%) again during the day, trade will only be allowed within the revised price band. No trade/order shall be permitted during the day beyond the revised limit of	Daily price fluctuation limit is (+/-) 4%. If the trade hits the prescribed daily price limit there will be a cooling off period for 15 minutes. Trade will be allowed during this cooling off period within the price band. Thereafter the price band would be raised by another 50% of the existing limit i.e. (+/-) 2%. If the price hits the revised price band (6%) again during the day, trade will only be allowed within the revised price band. No trade/order shall be permitted during the day beyond the revised limit of	Daily price fluctuation limit is (+/-) 4%. If the trade hits the prescribed daily price limit there will be a cooling off period for 15 minutes. Trade will be allowed during this cooling off period within the price band. Thereafter the price band would be raised by another 50% of the existing limit i.e. (+/-) 2%. If the price bind (6%) again during the day, trade will only be allowed within the revised price band. No trade/order shall be permitted during the day beyond the revised limit of



Parameter	Earlier Contract Specification	Modified Contract Specification	Rationale
Position Limit	Member: 6,00,000 MT or 15% of market wide open interest, whichever is higher. Client: 1,20,000 MT. The above limits will not be applicable to bona fide hedgers. For bona fide hedgers, the Exchange will, on a case to case basis, decide the hedge limits. Please refer to Circular No NCDEX/TRADING-100/2005/219 dated October 20, 2005.	Client-wise: 1,20,000 MT or 5% of the market wide open position whichever is higher, for all Steel Long contracts combined together. Member-wise: 6,00,000 MT or 20% of the market wide open interest in the commodity, whichever is higher, for all Steel Long contracts combined together. Bona fide hedger/ EFE clients may seek exemption as per approved Hedge Policy of the Exchange notified vide Circular No. NCDEX/CLEARING-019/2016/246 dated September 28, 2016 and Circular No: NCDEX/TRADING-072/2018 dated November 28, 2018	Position limits are proposed as per SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/CDMRD/D MP/CIR/P/2016/96 dated September 27, 2016.
Minimum Initial Margin	5%	8%	As per current practice.
Special Margin	In case of additional volatility, a special margin at such percentage, as deemed fit, will be imposed in respect of outstanding positions, under immediate intimation to the Commission which will remain in force as long as volatility exists, after which	In case of unidirectional price movement/ increased volatility, an additional/ special margin at such other percentage, as deemed fit by the Regulator/Exchange, may be imposed on the buy and the sell side or on either of the buy or sell sides in respect of all outstanding positions. Reduction/ removal of such additional/ special margins shall be at the discretion of the Regulator/Exchange.	As per current practice.



Parameter	Earlier Contract	Modified Contract Specification	Rationale
	Specification		
	the special margin may be		
	relaxed.		
Additional	An additional mechanism of	NA	Exchange has
Delivery	direct delivery shall be		introduced the
Mechanism	available for the		compulsory delivery
	participants if the buyer and		and hence additional
	seller mutually opt for the		delivery mechanism
	same.		has been removed.
Delivery	Compulsory Delivery (Upon	Compulsory Delivery	Modification
		Compaisory Benvery	
Logic	the expiry of the contract all		proposed as is
	the outstanding open		applicable across
	position shall result in		commodities
	compulsory delivery)		



Annexure II: Modified Contract Specifications of Steel Long STEEL) Futures contract

Type of Contract	Futures Contract					
Name of Commodity	Steel Long					
Ticker symbol	STEEL					
Trading System	NCDEX Trading Sys	tem				
Basis	Ex-warehouse Mano	li Gobindgarh (exclusive of G	ST)			
Unit of trading	10 MT					
Delivery unit	10 MT					
Maximum Order Size	500 MT					
Quotation/base value	Rs. per MT					
Tick size	Rs. 10 per MT					
Quality specification	Parameter Carbon Content Manganese Minimum Sulphur Phosphorous Sulphur + Phosphorous Weight min Length Size	Mild Steel (MS) Ingots Upto 0.3% Minimum 0.4% & Maximum 0.9% Upto 0.06% Upto 0.075% Upto 0.135% 90 kg per ingot 48 inches per ingot	Mild Steel (MS) Billets Upto 0.3% Minimum 0.4% & Maximum 0.9% Upto 0.06% Upto 0.075% Upto 0.135% 6 m +/- 200 mm 100*100 mm to 110*110 mm			



	Other parameters	 Heat number to be mentioned on each ingot Ingots without harmful and appreciable hollowness, piping and rising Ingots must have reasonably plain surface 	Heat number to be mentioned on each Billet Billets must have reasonably plain surface		
	Additional parameter	MS Ingots conforming to Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) specification 2830 or 2831 produced by a BIS licensed plant/factory	MS Billets conforming to Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) specification 2830 or 2831 produced by a BIS licensed plant/factory		
Quantity variation	+/- 3% or 5 MT whiche	ever is lower			
Delivery center	Mandi Gobindgarh, (within a radius of 50 Kms from the municipal limits)				
Additional delivery centers	Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh) (up to the radius of 50 Kms from the municipal limits)				
Hours of Trading	As notified by the Exchange from time to time, currently: Mondays through Fridays: 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. On the expiry date, contracts expiring on that day will not be available for trading after 5 PM. The Exchange may vary above timing with due notice.				
Due date/Expiry date	Expiry date of the contract: 20 th day of the delivery month. If 20 th happens to be a holiday, a Saturday or a Sunday then the due date shall be the immediately preceding trading day of the Exchange, which is other than a Saturday.				



	The settlement of contract would be by a staggered system of Pay-in and Pay- out including the last pay-in and pay-out which would be the final settlement of the contract.
Delivery specification	Upon expiry of the contracts all the outstanding open positions shall result in compulsory delivery. During the Tender period, if any delivery is tendered by seller, the corresponding buyer having open position and matched as per process put in place by the Exchange, shall be bound to settle by taking delivery on T + 2 day from the delivery center where the seller has delivered same. The penalty structure for failure to meet delivery obligations will be as per circular no. NCCL/CLEARING-020/2020 dated April 07, 2020
Opening of contracts	Trading in any contract month will open on the 1st day of the month. If the 1st day happens to be a non-trading day, contracts would open on the next trading day
Tender Period	Tender Date –T Tender Period: The tender period would be the last 5 trading days (including expiry day) of the contracts. Pay-in and Pay-out: On a T+2 basis. If the tender date is T, then pay-in and pay- out would happen on T+2 day. If such a T+2 day happens to be a Saturday, a Sunday or a holiday at the Exchange, Clearing Corporation, clearing banks or any of the service providers, pay-in and pay-out would be effected on the next working day.
Closing of contract	Clearing and settlement of contracts will commence with the commencement of Tender Period by compulsory delivery of each open position tendered by the seller on T + 2 to the corresponding buyer matched by the process put in place by the Exchange. Upon the expiry of the contract all the outstanding open position shall result in compulsory delivery.
No. of active contracts	As per Contract launch calendar
Daily Price Limit (DPL)	Daily price limit is (+/-) 4%. Once the 4% limit is reached, then after a period of 15 minutes the limit shall be increased further by 2%. The trading shall be permitted during the 15 minutes period within the 4% limit. After the DPL is



	enhanced, trades shall be permitted throughout the day within the enhanced total DPL of 6%.						
	The DPL on the launch (first) day of new contract shall be as per the circular no. NCDEX/RISK-034/2016/209 dated September 08, 2016.						
	Client-wise: 1,20,000 MT or 5% of the market wide open position whichever is higher, for all Steel Long contracts combined together.						
Position limits	Member: 6,00,000 MT or 20% of the market wide open position whichever is higher, for all Steel Long contracts combined together.						
	Bona fide hedger/ EFE clients may seek exemption as per approved Hedge Policy of the Exchange notified vide Circular No. NCDEX/CLEARING-019/2016/246 dated September 28, 2016 and Circular No: NCDEX/TRADING-072/2018 dated November 28, 2018.					IĞ-	
Special margins	In case of unidirectional price movement/ increased volatility, an additional/ special margin at such other percentage, as deemed fit by the Regulator/Exchange, may be imposed on the buy and the sell side or on either of the buy or sell sides in respect of all outstanding positions. Reduction/removal of such additional/ special margins shall be at the discretion of the Regulator/Exchange.						
	FSP shall be arrived at by taking the simple average of the last polled spot prices of the last three trading days viz., E0 (expiry day), E-1 and E-2. In the event the spot price for any one or both of E-1 and E-2 is not available; the simple average of the last polled spot price of E0, E-1, E-2 and E-3, whichever available, shall be taken as FSP. Thus, the FSP under various scenarios of non-availability of polled spot prices shall be as under:						
	Scenario Polled spot price availability on FSP shall be simple average of last						
Final Settlement price		E0	E-1	E-2	E-3	polled spot prices on:	
	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/No	E0, E-1, E-2	
	2	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	E0, E-1, E-3	
	3	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	E0, E-2, E-3	
	4	Yes	No	No	Yes	E0, E-3	
	5	Yes	Yes	No	No	E0, E-1	



	6	Yes	No	Yes	No	E0, E-2	
	7	Yes	No	No	No	E0	
Minimum Initial Margin	8%						
Location Premium /	Location and Grade Premium/Discount would be announced before launch of						
Discount	contracts						
Delivery Logic	Compulsory [Delivery					

Contract Launch Calendar

Contract Launch Month	Contract Expiry Month
January 18, 2021	February 2021
	March 2021
	April 2021
February 2021	May 2021
March 2021	June 2021
April 2021	July 2021
May 2021	August 2021
June 2021	September 2021
July 2021	October 2021
August 2021	November 2021
September 2021	December 2021



Annexure IV:

Premium/Discount for delivery location difference for contracts expiring in the month of February 2021, March 2021 and April 2021

Commodity (Basis)	Delivery Centre	(+) Premium / (-) Discount
Steel Long (Mandi Gobindgarh)	Ghaziabad	(-) Rs. 1000/MT

Premium/Discount for grade difference for contracts expiring in the month of February 2021, March 2021 and April 2021

Base Grade		(+) Premium / (-) Discount
Mild Steel (MS) Ingots		
		-
Size	3 ½ * 4 ½ inch	
Mild Steel (MS) Bille	ts	
		(+) Rs. 400/MT
Size	100*100 mm to 110*110	
	mm	