

ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Foreign Exchange Committee Endorses the Singapore Foreign Exchange Market Committee's Recommendation regarding the Treatment of the Taiwan Dollar Fixing Rate for September 12, 2001

On September 12, 2001, the daily 11:00 a.m. fixing rate for the Taiwan dollar was published during the afternoon of September 12, leading market participants to question whether the published rate reflected 11:00 a.m. trading. In an effort to provide guidance on the treatment of the fixing rate, the Singapore Foreign Exchange Market Committee issued the attached statement recommending that market participants use the fixing rate of September 13 in lieu of the September 12 fixing rate. The Foreign Exchange Committee fully endorses this recommendation in accordance with market best practices.

Singapore Foreign Exchange Market Committee Statement regarding the Treatment of the Taiwan Dollar Fixing Rate for September 12, 2001

On the morning of September 12 (Wednesday), the Taiwan Central Bank stated that the foreign exchange, futures, and the stock markets in Taiwan will be closed. Consequent on the announcement, the foreign exchange banks in Singapore, in the interest of certainty, agreed that it would be prudent and commercial to use the 11:00 a.m. fixing rate appearing on the following business day. Accordingly, there was no 11:00 a.m. fixing rate on that day. After 11:00 a.m. the same day, the Taiwan Central Bank stated that foreign exchange trading in Taiwan would resume at 12:00 noon. Notwithstanding the resumption of foreign exchange trading at 12:00 noon, the banks decided that it would be reasonable to maintain the agreement reached that morning to use the 11:00 a.m. fixing rate on the following business day.