

## MARKET NOTICE

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 Equity Derivatives  
 Commodity Derivatives  
 Interest Rate and Currency Derivatives  
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**SUBJECT:** TREATMENT OF MONDI PLC (MNP) CORPORATE ACTION - SPECIAL DIVIDEND 2 MAY 2018 (EX-DATE)

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Members notice is drawn to section 13 of the contract specifications of Individual Equity Futures and options, which states:

### **“13. Corporate Events**

The JSE reserves the right to adopt any procedure or to adjust any single stock future or option on a single stock future, in a manner it deems fit, to deal with any extraordinary corporate events that may occur from time to time in relation to a share that is the underlying instrument of the equity option and to notify position holders, derivatives members and any other interested parties, of such event and the procedure or adjustment adopted. Such events include, for example, mergers, take-overs, unbundlings, capitalisation issues and rights issues.

The implication of this is that anybody trading in Single Stock futures or options on Single Stock futures in which the underlying stock is the subject of an extraordinary corporate event should be aware that the JSE may make adjustments to the Single Stock futures and options.

### **Special Dividend**

Mondi PLC (MNP) has declared a special dividend of 1458.592 cents per share. With regards to this corporate action, the following adjustments will be made to MNPQ positions on Wednesday, 2 May 2018 (**Ex-date**). The adjustments will be made to positions held in MNPQ as at close of business on Monday, 30 April 2018 (**LDT**).

**Please note**

Adjustments will be made to all contracts where MNP is the underlying share.

**Futures contracts**

The futures position will be increased by the following factor:

**Calculation of futures factor:**

**Spot price / adjusted price**

**Where:**

**Spot price** = the official closing price of the underlying share on Monday, 30 April 2018 (LDT).

**Adjusted price** = Spot price – 14.585920 (Special Dividend).

E.g. if the official closing prices of the underlying share on Monday, 30 April 2018 (LDT) is 351.32 the following would apply:-

Spot price = 351.32

Adjusted price = 351.32 – 14.585920

= 336.734080

Futures factor = 351.32/ 336.734080

= 1.04331584139033

**I.e.** Current positions\*Factor (rounded to nearest whole contract) = the number of total contracts. Additional contracts will be created at an initial value of zero.

### Option contracts

- a. The options position will be increased by the same factor as the futures above.
- b. The option strikes will be adjusted by the following factor:

Calculation of options factor (based on the example above):

#### Adjusted price / spot price

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Options factor} &= 336.734080 / 351.32 \\ &= \underline{0.95848252306} \end{aligned}$$

E.g. if the old strike is 339 the following would apply:-

$$\begin{aligned} \text{New strike} &= \text{Old strike} * \text{options factor} \\ &= 339 * 0.95848252306 \\ &= \underline{324.93} \end{aligned}$$

Existing positions will be closed out at a 0 value and new positions opened at the new strike with a 0 value.

### CFD Contracts

Current positions\*Factor (rounded to nearest whole contract) = the number of total contracts. Additional contracts will be created at an initial value of zero.

#### IMPORTANT:

As per Notice F708, allocation of additional contracts will be applied as follows:

The entire open interest is multiplied by the appropriate factor. These additional contracts are then allocated across the market in the following manner.

1. Current positions are multiplied by the factor <sup>(\*)</sup> at a member level. (See table 1 below).
2. Results of 0.50 and higher are rounded up to 1.
3. Results of 0.49 and lower are rounded down 0.
4. Although current positions are multiplied by the factor <sup>(\*)</sup> at a member level, allocation of additional contracts will be done at a client level. (See table 2 below).
5. In the event of an uneven allocation across clients, the client with the higher decimal fraction will receive priority above the client with the lower decimal fraction.
6. In the event of the client's decimal fractions being the same and the number of clients exceeds the number of contracts to be allocated; the additional contracts will be added at a member level for the member to distribute.

(\*) FACTOR = 1.04537205082

TABLE 1

| MEMBER | CURRENT POSITION | NEW POSITION | POSITION ROUNDED | ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS |
|--------|------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|
| ABC    | 298              | 311.52087    | 312              | 14                   |

In above example, current positions were multiplied by the factor (\*) at a member level, thus clients of member ABC received a total of 14 additional contracts.

The 14 additional contracts will be allocated as follows: (See table 2 below)

- 8 to client SSF03
- 5 to client SSF05
- 1 to client SSF04 (highest decimal fraction)

(\*) FACTOR = 1.04537205082

TABLE 2

| MEMBER     | CLIENT       | CURRENT POSITION  | NEW POSITION     | POSITION ROUNDED  | ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| ABC        | SSF01        | 5                 | 5.2268603        | 5                 | 0                    |
| ABC        | SSF02        | 6                 | 6.2722323        | 6                 | 0                    |
| ABC        | SSF03        | 178               | 186.0762250      | 186               | 8                    |
| <b>ABC</b> | <b>SSF04</b> | <b>9</b>          | <b>9.4083485</b> | <b>9+1</b>        | <b>1</b>             |
| ABC        | SSF05        | 100               | 104.537205       | 105               | 5                    |
|            |              | <b><u>298</u></b> |                  | <b><u>312</u></b> | <b><u>14</u></b>     |

The market is advised that these changes are designed to improve market efficiency and make the allocations of corporate action adjustments more equitable.

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