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Barclays completes first cleared oil swap transaction referencing RIM Intelligence

Tokyo, June 28, 2012 - Barclays today announced that it has completed the first exchange-cleared oil swap transaction referencing RIM Intelligence Co., Japan's energy price and information service provider, via a new OTC-cleared contract launched by CME Group. This new contract enables Japanese traders to fix price fluctuation risk for their oil product inventories. This transaction demonstrates Barclays commitment to offering a full range of products and services to clients in the commodities sector, and further demonstrates the firm's ability to provide intelligent risk management solutions.

Barclays and a Japanese trading house completed the first transaction on June 26 with a substantially sized contract that references RIM Intelligence Gasoline (Tokyo/Chiba). The new CME Group contract is listed on NYMEX as Tokyo Bay Gasoline (RIM) Swap Futures (product symbol RMG), with clearing services available through CME ClearPort®. Similar contracts referencing the RIM Intelligence index for other products are also available.

In the recent Asia Risk commodity rankings 2012, clients voted Barclays the number one Commodities house in Asia Pacific. Barclays mix of local specialisation and wider geographic coverage, together with a regional structuring capability, fully meets the varied needs presented by the diverse Asian commodities markets.

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