

Market Participants Complete Offset and Netting  
of Venezuela and Nigeria Warrant Deliveries and Payments  
in Two EMTA-Sponsored Facilities

New York, June 7, 2007 -- EMTA is pleased to announce that six market participants have successfully completed the offset and netting of deliveries and payments relating to Venezuela and Nigeria warrants with an aggregate gross value (net of residual unsettled positions) of approximately US\$54 million. After a long period of frustration with the inability to get beyond the necessary reconciliation process and actually complete multilateral netting and settlement facilities, this week's two offset and netting settlement facilities represent significant progress in the EM trading industry's ongoing effort to clear the longstanding settlement backlog for Venezuela oil obligations and Nigeria payment adjustment rights.

"Following a great deal of preparatory work by the dealer community and some of their larger customers, these two facilities pave the way for what promises to be a series of netting and offset arrangements that taken together could lead to a substantial reduction in the outstanding settlement backlog in these two instruments," said EMTA Executive Director Michael M. Chamberlin. "Hard work and a willingness to make small compromises in the interest of the greater good really do pay off."

Completed late last week and early this week were a multilateral netting and settlement of Nigeria payment adjustment rights and a trilateral offsetting of Venezuela oil warrants. The two facilities follow several years of intensive activity by the dealer community to reconcile their trading records internally, with the industry clearing systems and with each other.

EMTA invites all market participants with outstanding positions in these instruments to join in this effort to reconcile trading positions and address outstanding settlement backlogs that date back to the early 1990's. Further information about Venezuela's oil obligations and Nigeria's payment adjustment rights can be found in EMTA's Primers: <http://www.emta.org/members/venez5.pdf> and <http://www.emta.org/members/nigeria3.pdf>.

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