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SUBJECT: **REVISED CONTRACT SIZE FOR SORGHUM**

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Dear Stakeholder,

In response to a request from the industry, mainly due to decrease in domestic production of sorghum, the standard contract sizes for physically settled sweet sorghum (contract code SORG) and bitter sorghum (contract code SGBT) will be decreased **from 100 tons to 30 tons**.

The existing 100 tons Sorghum contracts and their trading codes will cease to exist as at Friday 15 February 2019 and the new 30 ton contracts will be **available for trading as of Monday, 18 February 2019**. Going forward, the sweet sorghum trading code (SORG) will be replaced by MSRG while the bitter sorghum trading code (SGBT) will be replaced by MSBT.

The delisting of the 100 tons Sorghum contracts will take place on Friday 15 February 2019 after the balancing end of day procedure is completed with all clearing members. The following sweet and bitter 30 tons Sorghum expiries will be available for trading on 18 February 2019:

- Mar19 (MSRG)
- May19 (MSRG)
- Jul19 (MSRG)
- Sep19 (MSRG)
- Dec19 (MSRG)
- Mar19 (MSBT)
- May19 (MSBT)
- Jul19 (MSBT)

- Sep19 (MSBT)
- Dec19 (MSBT)

All Clearing Members plus market participants with existing open positions in the 100-ton sorghum contracts have been informed of the eminent changes.

Market participants including Clearing Members who are exposed to third party software vendors are encouraged to ensure all system vendors are aware of the contract code changes that will take place on **Friday 15 February 2019** and to **co-ordinate the change** to avoid any potential downstream system impact. Once the JSE changes the contract, market participants will be able to download via the API the updated contract details.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Commodities Team at 011 520 7039 or email commodities@jse.co.za

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