



Regulatory Circular RG12-076

DATE: June 21, 2012

FROM: Market Operations Department

RE: Restrictions on Transactions in
China North East Petroleum Holdings Ltd

Effective June 21, 2012, China North East Petroleum Holdings Ltd (“NEP”) will be delisted from the NYSE. Trading in NEP will commence on the Other OTC market. The NEP option symbol will remain the same for one day and change to CNEP effective for trading on Friday, June 22, 2012.

Trading on the CBOE in existing series of NEP/CNEP options will be subject to the following restrictions. Only closing transactions may be affected in any series of NEP/CNEP options except for (i) opening transactions by Market-Makers executed to accommodate closing transactions of other market participants and (ii) opening transactions by CBOE TPH organizations to facilitate the closing transactions of public customers executed as crosses pursuant to and in accordance with CBOE Rule 6.74(b) or (d).

The execution of opening transactions in NEP/CNEP options, except as permitted above, and/or the misrepresentation as to whether an order is opening or closing, will constitute a violation of CBOE rules, and may result in disciplinary action. TPH organizations should ensure that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent their customers from entering opening orders in this restricted option class. In addition, transactions in contravention of this restriction may be subject to nullification pursuant to Exchange Rule 6.25.

There are no restrictions in place with respect to the exercise of NEP/CNEP options.

Any questions regarding this circular may be directed to Kerry Winters at (312) 786-7312 or the Regulatory Interpretations and Guidance team by telephone at (312) 786-8141 or by email at RegInterps@cboe.com.

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