

EDGA & EDGX STOCK EXCHANGES				
Regulatory Information Circular				
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**Subject:** iPath S&P MLP ETN

## **Background Information on the Fund**

As more fully explained in the <u>Pricing Supplement</u> of the Registration Statement (No. 333-169119) for the iPath S&P MLP ETN (the "ETNs"), the return of the ETNs is linked to the performance of the S&P MLP Index (the "Index").

Ticker	Fund Name	CUSIP
IMLP	iPath S&P MLP ETN	06742A750

#### **Description of the Fund**

The ETNs do not guarantee any return of principal at maturity and do not pay any interest during their term. Instead, investors will receive a cash payment at maturity or upon early redemption based on the performance of the Index *less* an investor fee.

The return on the ETNs is linked to the performance of the Index. The Index is designed to provide exposure to leading partnerships that trade on major U.S. exchanges and are classified in the GICS® Energy Sector and GICS® Gas Utilities Industry according to the Global Industry Classification Standard® ("GICS"). It includes both master limited partnerships ("MLPs") and publicly traded limited liability companies which have a similar legal structure to MLPs and share the same tax benefits as MLPs (collectively, the "Index Constituents"). The Index is calculated, maintained and published by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC ("S&P Indices" or the "Index Sponsor"). The level of the Index is reported on Bloomberg page "SPMLP <Index>".

The ETNs are unsecured promises of Barclays Bank PLC and are not secured debt. The ETNs are riskier than ordinary unsecured debt securities. The return on the ETNs is linked to the VWAP level, which is intended to track the performance of the Index. Investing in the ETNs is not equivalent to investing directly in the Index or the Index Constituents. See "The Index" as well as the Index-specific sections in the pricing supplement for more information.

#### **Payment at Maturity**

If investors hold the ETNs to maturity, they will receive a cash payment per ETN at maturity in U.S. dollars equal to the closing indicative value on the final valuation date.

### **Daily Redemption Value**

As discussed in "Specific Terms of the ETNs—Payment Upon Early Redemption" in the Pricing Supplement, investors may, subject to certain restrictions, choose to redeem their ETNs on any redemption date during the term of the ETNs. If investors redeem their ETNs on a particular redemption date, investors will receive a cash payment per ETN equal to the closing indicative value on the applicable valuation date. Investors must redeem at least 50,000 ETNs of the same series at one time in order to exercise their right to redeem their ETNs on any redemption date. The daily redemption feature is intended to induce arbitrageurs to counteract any trading of the ETNs of any series at a discount to their indicative value, though there can be no assurance that arbitrageurs will employ the redemption feature in this manner.

### **Fee Factor**

The accrued investor fee on the initial valuation date will equal zero. The accrued investor fee on any subsequent calendar day will equal (1) the accrued investor fee as of the immediately preceding calendar day *plus* (2) the daily fee value on such calendar day *minus* (3) the coupon adjustment fee amount on such calendar day. If the ETNs undergo a split or reverse split, the accrued investor fee will be adjusted accordingly. The daily fee value on any calendar day is equal to the product of (1) the closing VWAP level on such calendar day *divided* by the VWAP factor and (2) 0.80% *divided* by 365. Because the daily fee value is calculated and subtracted from the closing indicative value on a daily basis, the net effect of the fee accumulates over time and is subtracted at the rate of 0.80% per year.

## Repurchase of the ETNs at the Investor's Option

Subject to the notification requirements set forth under "Specific Terms of the ETNs— Early Redemption Procedures" in this pricing supplement, you may redeem your ETNs on any redemption date during the term of the ETNs. If you redeem your ETNs, you will receive a cash payment per ETN equal to the closing indicative value on the applicable valuation date minus the redemption charge. You must redeem at least 50,000 ETNs at one time in order to exercise your right to redeem your ETNs on any redemption date.

In the case of holder redemption, a redemption date is the third business day following any valuation date (other than the final valuation date). The final redemption date will be the third business day following the valuation date that is immediately prior to the final valuation date. In the case of issuer redemption, the redemption date for the ETNs is the fifth business day after the last day of the issuer redemption measurement period, which will in no event be prior to the  $20^{th}$  calendar day following the date on which we deliver such notice.

#### **Principal Risks**

Interested persons are referred to the ETNs' Pricing Supplement for a description of risks associated with an investment in the ETNs. Investors are subject to credit risk of Barclays Bank PLC. Investing in the ETNs involves a number of risks. Some selected risk considerations

include: Uncertain Principal Repayment Risk; Market and Volatility Risk; Limited or Lack of Portfolio Diversification Risk; No Guaranteed Coupon Payments Risk; A Trading Market for the ETNs May Not Exist Risk; and Issuer Redemption Risk.

For a more complete description of the securities and the payment at maturity, early repurchase provisions, early repurchase mechanics, valuation, fees and risk factors, consult the ETNs' <u>Pricing Supplement</u>.

### **Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the ETNs**

The ETNs are considered equity securities, thus rendering trading in the ETNs subject to the existing rules governing the trading of equity securities on the EDGA Exchange, Inc. and EDGX Exchange, Inc. (individually the "Exchange" or together the "Exchanges").

#### **Trading Hours**

Trading in the ETNs on the Exchanges is on a UTP basis and is subject to the Exchanges' equity trading rules. The ETNs will trade from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Members trading the ETNs during the Extended Market Sessions (Preopening and Post-closing sessions) are exposed to the risk of the lack of the calculation or dissemination of underlying index value or intraday indicative value ("IIV"). For certain derivative securities products, an updated underlying index value or IIV may not be calculated or publicly disseminated in the Extended Market hours. Since the underlying index value and IIV are not calculated or widely disseminated during Extended Market hours, an investor who is unable to calculate implied values for certain derivative securities products during Extended Market hours may be at a disadvantage to market professionals.

## **Trading Halts**

The Exchanges will halt trading in the ETNs in accordance with Exchange Rules 14.1(c)(4). The grounds for a halt under this Rule include a halt by the primary market because it stops trading the ETNs and/or a halt because dissemination of the IIV or applicable currency spot price has ceased, or a halt for other regulatory reasons. In addition, the Exchanges will stop trading the ETNs if the primary market de-lists the ETNs.

### **Suitability**

Trading in the ETNs on the Exchanges will be subject to the provisions of Exchange Rules 3.7. Members recommending transactions in the ETNs to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer. In addition, Members must possess sufficient information to satisfy the "know your customer" obligation that is embedded in Exchange Rules 3.7.

Members also should review FINRA Notice to Members 03-71 for guidance on trading these products. The Notice reminds Members of their obligations to: (1) conduct adequate due diligence to understand the features of the product; (2) perform a reasonable-basis suitability

analysis; (3) perform customer-specific suitability analysis in connection with any recommended transactions; (4) provide a balanced disclosure of both the risks and rewards associated with the particular product, especially when selling to retail investors; (5) implement appropriate internal controls; and (6) train registered persons regarding the features, risk and suitability of these products.

### **Delivery of a Prospectus**

Pursuant to federal securities laws, investors purchasing ETNs must receive a prospectus prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction. Prospectuses may be obtained through the Distributor or on the ETNs' website. The Prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement (including the exhibits to the registration statement), parts of which have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information about the ETNs, please refer to the registration statement.

## **Exemptive, Interpretive and No-Action Relief Under Federal Securities Regulations**

The Commission has issued letters dated April 9, 2007, November 21, 2005 and August 21, 2001 ("each a No-Action Letter" and together with the "No-Action Letters") granting exemptive, interpretive and no-action relief from certain provisions of and rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for exchange-traded funds listed and traded on a registered national securities exchange that meet certain criteria. Members are referred to the No-Action Letters, available at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>, for additional information.

### **Regulation M Exemptions**

Generally, Rules 101 and 102 of Regulation M prohibit any "distribution participant" and its "affiliated purchasers" from bidding for, purchasing, or attempting to induce any person to bid for or purchase any security which is the subject of a distribution until after the applicable restricted period, except as specifically permitted in Regulation M. The provisions of the Rules apply to underwriters, prospective underwriters, brokers, dealers, and other persons who have agreed to participate or are participating in a distribution of securities.

The Commission issued a No-Action Letter by which persons participating in a distribution of shares of a fund may engage in secondary market transactions in such shares during their participation in such a distribution, despite the requirements of from Rule 101 under Regulation M. In addition, the SEC has permitted persons who may be deemed to be participating in the distribution of shares of a fund (i) to purchase securities for the purpose of purchasing creation unit aggregations of fund shares and (ii) to tender securities for redemption in Creation Unit Aggregations. Further, the Commission has clarified that the tender of fund shares to the Fund for redemption does not constitute a bid for or purchase of any of the Fund's securities during the restricted period of Rule 101. The Commission has issued a No-Action Letter to paragraph (e) of Rule 102 under Regulation M which allow the redemption of fund shares in creation unit aggregations during the continuous offering of shares.

### **Customer Confirmations for Creation or Redemption of ETNs (SEC Rule 10b-10)**

Broker–dealers who handle purchases or redemptions of ETNs for customers will be permitted to provide such customers with a statement of the number of ETNs created or redeemed without providing a statement of the identity, number and price of shares of the individual securities tendered for purposes of purchasing creation unit aggregations ("Deposit Securities") or the identity, number and price of shares to be delivered to the redeeming holder ("Redemption Securities"). The composition of the securities required to be tendered for creation purposes and of the securities to be delivered on redemption will be disseminated each business day and will be applicable to requests for creations or redemption, as the case may be, on that day. This exemptive relief under Rule 10b-10 with respect to creations and redemptions is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Confirmations to customers engaging in creations or redemptions must state that all information required by Rule 10b-10 will be provided upon request;
- 2. Any such request by a customer for information required by Rule 10b-10 will be filed in a timely manner, in accordance with Rule 10b-10(c);
- 3. Except for the identity, number and price of shares of the component securities of the Deposit Securities and Redemption Securities, as described above, confirmations to customers must disclose all other information required by Rule 10b-10(a).

### SEC Rule 14e-5

The Commission has permitted any person acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a component security of fund (1) to redeem fund shares in creation unit aggregations from the issuer that may include a security subject to such tender offer and (2) to purchase fund shares during such tender offer. In addition, a No-Action has been issued under Rule 14e-5 states that if a broker-dealer acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a security purchases or arranges to purchase such securities in the secondary market for the purpose of tendering such securities to purchase one or more creation unit aggregations of shares, it must be made in conformance with the following:

- 1. Such bids or purchases are effected in the ordinary course of business, in connection with a basket of 20 or more securities in which any security that is the subject of a distribution, or any reference security, does not comprise more than 5% of the value of the basket purchased; or
- 2. Purchases are effected as adjustments to such basket in the ordinary course of business as a result of a change in the composition of the underlying index; and
- 3. Such bids or purchases are not effected for the purpose of facilitating such tender offer.

# **Section 11(d)(1); SEC Rules 11d1-1 and 11d1-2**

Section 11(d)(1) of the Act generally prohibits a person who is both a broker and a dealer from effecting any transaction in which the broker-dealer extends credit to a customer on any security which was part of a new issue in the distribution of which he participated as a member

of a selling syndicate or group within thirty days prior to such transaction. The SEC has clarified that Section 11(d)(1) does not apply to broker-dealers that are not Authorized Participants that engage in both proprietary and customer transactions in ETNs in the secondary market, and for broker-dealer Authorized Participants. This relief is subject to specific conditions, including the condition that such broker-dealer (whether or not an Authorized Participant) does not, directly or indirectly, receive from the fund complex any payment, compensation or other economic incentive to promote or sell the ETNs to persons outside the fund complex, other than non-cash compensation permitted under NASD Rule 2830(1)(5)(A), (B) or (C). (See letter from Catherine McGuire, Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Securities Industry Association, Derivative Products Committee, dated November 21, 2005.) The SEC also has taken a no-action position under Section 11(d)(1) of the Act that broker-dealers may treat ETNs, for purposes of Rule 11d1-2, as "securities issued by a registered open-end investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act" and thereby extend credit or maintain or arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit on ETNs that have been owned by the persons to whom credit is provided for more than 30 days, in reliance on the exemption contained in the rule.

### **SEC Rule 15c1-5 and 15c1-6**

The SEC has taken a no-action position with respect to Rule 15c1-5 and Rule 15c1-6 as to the required disclosure of control by a broker or dealer with respect to creations and redemptions of ETNs and secondary market transactions therein. (See <u>letter</u> from Catherine McGuire, Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Securities Industry Association, Derivative Products Committee, dated November 21, 2005.)

This Regulatory Information Circular is not a statutory prospectus. Members should consult the ETNs' <u>Pricing Supplement</u>, SAI, <u>Prospectus</u> and the ETNs' <u>website</u> for relevant information.