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Cadwalader Advises ISDA on Variation Margin Protocol

New York, NY, August 17, 2016—Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, a leading counselor to global financial institutions and corporations, served as counsel to the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (ISDA) in the development of a new Protocol aimed at helping market participants comply with the variation margin requirements that come into force in March next year.

The ISDA 2016 Variation Margin Protocol enables market participants to efficiently put contractual documentation in place with multiple counterparties. This will allow them to meet the mandates under four different regulatory regimes (CFTC, US prudential regulators, EU, and Japan). The regulations are expected to have an impact on tens of thousands of derivatives contracts.

Cadwalader also served as counsel to ISDA in publishing a series of margin-rule-compliant documents in the months leading up to the launch of the Protocol, including the 2016 Credit Support Annex for Variation Margin (2016 VM CSA) and the 2016 Phase One Credit Support Annex for Initial Margin (2016 IM CSA).

The margining framework for non-cleared derivatives was developed by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and the International Organization of Securities Commissions, and will become effective for the largest derivatives users beginning September 1, 2016. Variation margin requirements for other covered entities will become effective as of March 1, 2017, while initial margin requirements for other covered entities will be phased in over a four-year period.

The Cadwalader team representing ISDA on this project is co-headed by Jeff Robins and Lary Stromfeld and includes Nihal Patel, Jacob Dachs and other attorneys in Cadwalader's Financial Services Department.

Cadwalader is frequently recognized for its excellence and innovation in financial services law and was named “2016 Law Firm of the Year” by *Risk Magazine*, in part because of its novel work for ISDA in publishing new collateral documentation for non-cleared derivatives. The firm’s broad range of clients includes broker-dealers, swap dealers, banks, investment advisers, funds of all types, pension plans, and securities and futures markets. In addition to its work for ISDA, the Financial Services team also is known for its industry-leading expertise representing clients in connection with the extraterritorial aspects of U.S. regulation, and advising global banks on the Volcker Rule, the Bank Holding Company Act and Title VII compliance. The team also offers an extensive web-based financial regulatory knowledge and intelligence platform, the Cadwalader Cabinet (www.findknowdo.com).

About ISDA

Since 1985, ISDA has worked to make the global derivatives markets safer and more efficient. Today, ISDA has over 850 member institutions from 67 countries. These members comprise a broad range of derivatives market participants, including corporations, investment managers, government and supranational entities, insurance companies, energy and commodities firms, and international and regional banks. In addition to market participants, members also include key components of the derivatives market infrastructure, such as exchanges, intermediaries, clearing houses and repositories, as well as law firms, accounting firms and other service providers. Information about ISDA and its activities is available on the Association’s website: www.isda.org.

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