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DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2015

**SUBJECT: SIGMA-ALDRICH CORPORATION – CASH
SETTLEMENT/ACCELERATION OF EXPIRATIONS
OPTION SYMBOL: SIAL
DATE: 11/18/15**

On December 5, 2014, Shareholders of Sigma-Aldrich Corporation (SIAL) voted concerning the proposed merger with Mario II Finance Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Merck KGaA. The merger was approved and subsequently consummated before the open on November 18, 2015. As a result, each existing SIAL Common Share will be converted into the right to receive \$140.00 net cash per share.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT

DATE: November 18, 2015

NEW DELIVERABLE
PER CONTRACT: \$14,000.00 Cash (\$140.00 x 100)

Settlement in SIAL options will take place through OCC's cash settlement system. Settlement will be accomplished by payment of the difference between the extended strike amount and the cash deliverable.

ACCELERATION OF EXPIRATIONS

Pursuant to OCC Rule 807, equity stock option contracts whose deliverables are adjusted to call for cash-only delivery will be subject to an acceleration of the expiration dates for outstanding option series. (See OCC Information Memo 23707) Additionally, the exercise by exception (ex by ex) threshold for expiring series will be \$.01 in all account types.

All series of Sigma-Aldrich Corporation options whose expiration dates are after 12-18-2015 will have their expiration dates advanced to 12-18-2015. Expiration dates occurring before 12-18-2015 (e.g., Flex options) will remain unchanged.

All Sigma-Aldrich Corporation options will utilize a \$.01 exercise threshold.

Option Symbol: SIAL
Existing Expiration: All months
New expiration date: 12-18-2015

Existing American-style Sigma-Aldrich Corporation options remain exercisable at the option of the holder prior to their expiration. Exercised options will continue to settle in three business days.

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ALL CLEARING MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE ALL BRANCH OFFICES AND CORRESPONDENTS ON THE ABOVE.

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