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# AFME Standard Form

# Book-Entry Delivery and Form -

Option III

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#### **BOOK-ENTRY, DELIVERY AND FORM [- ALTERNATIVE 3]**<sup>1</sup>

#### General

Each series of Notes sold outside the United States to non-U.S. persons pursuant to Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act will initially be represented by one or more global notes in registered form without interest coupons attached (the "**Regulation S Global Notes**"). The Regulation S Global Notes representing the Dollar Notes (the "**Dollar Regulation S Global Notes**") will be deposited upon issuance with The Bank of New York Mellon as custodian for DTC and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. The Regulation S Global Notes representing the Euro Notes (the "**Euro Regulation S Global Notes**") will be deposited, on the Issue Date, with a common depository and registered in the name of the nominee of the common depository for the accounts of Euroclear and Clearstream.

Each series of Notes sold within the United States to qualified institutional buyers as defined in Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act, in a private transaction in reliance upon the exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act provided by Section 4(a)(2) thereof will initially be represented by one or more global notes in registered form without interest coupons attached (the "**144A Global Notes**" and, together with the Regulation S Global Notes, the "**Global Notes**"). The 144A Global Notes representing the Dollar Notes (the "**Dollar 144A Global Notes**") will be deposited upon issuance with The Bank of New York Mellon as custodian for DTC and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. The 144A Global Notes representing the Euro Notes (the "**Euro 144A Global Notes**") will be deposited, on the Issue Date, with a common depository and registered in the name of the nominee of the common depository for the accounts of Euroclear and Clearstream.

The Dollar 144A Global Notes and the Dollar Regulation S Global Notes are collectively referred to herein as the "D**ollar Global Notes**". The Euro 144A Global Notes and the Euro Regulation S Global Notes are collectively referred to herein as the "**Euro Global Notes**".

Ownership of interests in the 144A Global Notes ("**144A Book-Entry Interests**") and ownership of interests in the Regulation S Global Notes (the "**Regulation S Book-Entry Interest**", and together with the 144A Book-Entry Interests, the "**Book-Entry Interests**") will be limited to persons that have accounts with DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream or persons that may hold interests through such participants. Book-Entry Interests will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be effected only through, records maintained in bookentry form by DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream and their participants. The Book-Entry Interests in the Euro Global Notes will be issued only in denominations of €100,000 and in integral multiples of €1,000 in excess thereof and the Book-Entry Interests in the Dollar Global Notes will be issued only in denominations of \$200,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The Book-Entry Interests will not be held in definitive form. Instead, DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, as applicable, will credit on their respective book-entry registration and transfer systems a participant's account with the interest beneficially owned by such participant. The laws of some jurisdictions, including certain states of the United States, may require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For transactions in which the global Notes are deposited with both (1) DTC or its custodian and (2) a common depositary for Euroclear/Clearstream.

definitive form. The foregoing limitations may impair the ability to own, transfer or pledge Book-Entry Interests. In addition, while the Notes are in global form, "holders" of Book-Entry Interests will not be considered the owners or "holders" of the Notes for any purpose. Only the registered holder of a Note will be treated as the owner of such Note.

So long as the Notes are held in global form, DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, as applicable, (or their respective nominees) will be considered the sole holders of Global Notes for all purposes under the Indenture. As such, participants must rely on the procedures of DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream and indirect participants must rely on the procedures of DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream and the participants through which they own Book-Entry Interests in order to exercise any rights of holders under the Indenture.

Neither the Issuer nor the Trustee under the Indenture or any of the Issuer's respective agents will have any responsibility or be liable for any aspect of the records relating to the Book-Entry Interests.

## **Redemption of Global Notes**

In the event any Global Note, or any portion thereof, is redeemed, DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, as applicable, will distribute the amount received by it in respect of the Global Note so redeemed to the holders of the Book-Entry Interests in such Global Note from the amount received by it in respect of the redemption of such Global Note, subject to any applicable withholding taxes. The redemption price payable in connection with the redemption of such Book-Entry Interests will be equal to the amount received by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, as applicable, in connection with the redemption of such Global Note (or any portion thereof), subject to any applicable withholding taxes. The Issuer understands that under existing practices of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, if fewer than all of the Notes are to be redeemed at any time, DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream will credit their respective participants' accounts on a proportionate basis (with adjustments to prevent fractions) or by lot or on such other basis as they deem fair and appropriate; provided, however, that no Book-Entry Interest of less than €100,000, in the case of the Euro Global Notes, or \$200,000, in the case of the Dollar Global Notes, in principal amount at maturity, or less, may be redeemed in part.

## Payments on Global Notes

Payments of amounts owing in respect of the Global Notes (including principal, premium, interest, additional interest and additional amounts) will be made by the Issuer to the Paying Agent. The Paying Agent will, in turn, make such payments to the common depository for Euroclear and/or Clearstream (in the case of the Euro Global Notes) and to DTC or its nominee (in the case of the Dollar Global Notes), which will distribute such payments to participants in accordance with their respective procedures.

Under the terms of the Indenture, the Issuer and the Trustee will treat the registered holder of the Global Notes (i.e., DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream (or their respective nominees)) as the owner thereof for the purpose of receiving payments and for all other purposes. Consequently, neither the Issuer nor the Trustee or any of their respective agents has or will have any responsibility or liability for:

• any aspects of the records of DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream or any participant or indirect participant relating to or payments made on account of a Book-Entry Interest, for any such payments made by DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream or any participant or indirect participant, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records of DTC,

Euroclear, Clearstream or any participant or indirect participant relating to or payments made on account of a Book-Entry Interest; or

• DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream or any participant or indirect participant.

Payments by participants to owners of Book-Entry Interests held through participants are the responsibility of such participants, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of subscribers registered in "street name".

## **Currency and Payment for the Global Notes**

The principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, and all other amounts payable in respect of, the Euro Global Notes will be paid to holders of interest in such Notes (the "**Euroclear/Clearstream Holders**") through Euroclear and/or Clearstream in euro. The principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, and all other amounts payable in respect of, the Dollar Global Notes will be paid to holders of interest in such Notes (the "**DTC Holders**") through DTC in dollars.

## Action by Owners of Book-Entry Interests

DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream have advised the Issuer that they will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of Notes only at the direction of one or more participants to whose account the Book-Entry Interests in the Global Notes are credited and only in respect of such portion of the aggregate principal amount of Notes as to which such participant or participants has or have given such direction. DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream will not exercise any discretion in the granting of consents, waivers or the taking of any other action in respect of the Global Notes. However, if there is an Event of Default under the Notes, each of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream reserves the right to exchange the Global Notes for Definitive Registered Notes in certificated form, and to distribute such Definitive Registered Notes to their respective participants.

## Transfers

Transfers between participants in DTC will be done in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in immediately available funds. If a holder requires physical delivery of Definitive Registered Notes for any reason, including to sell the Notes to persons in states which require physical delivery of such securities or to pledge such securities, such holder must transfer its interest in the Global Notes in accordance with the normal procedures of DTC and in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Indenture and will not be entitled to Definitive Registered Notes except for as provided in *"Book-Entry, Delivery and Form of Notes—Issuance of Definitive Registered Notes"*.

The Global Notes will bear a legend to the effect set forth in *"Transfer Restrictions"*. Book-Entry Interests in the Global Notes will be subject to the restrictions on transfer discussed in *"Transfer Restrictions"*.

144A Book-Entry Interests may be transferred to a person who takes delivery in the form of Regulation S Book-Entry Interests only upon delivery by the transferor of a written certification (in the form provided in the relevant Indenture) to the effect that such transfer is being made in accordance with Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act. Prior to 40 days after the date of initial issuance of the Notes, ownership of Regulation S Book-Entry Interests will be limited to persons that have accounts with DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream or persons who hold interests through DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, and any sale or transfer of such interest to U.S. persons shall not be permitted during such periods unless such resale or transfer is made pursuant to Rule 144A. Regulation S Book-Entry Interests may be transferred to a person who takes delivery in the form of 144A Book-Entry Interests only upon delivery by the transferor of a written certification (in the form provided in the relevantIndenture) to the effect that such transfer is being made to a person who the transferor reasonably believes is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A or otherwise in accordance with the transfer restrictions described under "*Transfer Restrictions*" and in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any other jurisdiction.

Subject to the foregoing, and as set forth in "*Transfer Restrictions*", Book-Entry Interests may be transferred and exchanged as described under "*Description of the Notes*—*Transfer and Exchange*". Any Book-Entry Interest in a Global Note that is transferred to a person who takes delivery in the form of a Book-Entry Interest in the other Global Note of the same denomination and series will, upon transfer, cease to be a Book-Entry Interest in the first-mentioned Global Note and become a Book-Entry Interest in the other Global Note, and accordingly, will thereafter be subject to all transfer restrictions, if any, and other procedures applicable to Book-Entry Interests in such other Global Note for as long as that person retains such a Book-Entry Interest.

Definitive Registered Notes may be transferred and exchanged for Book-Entry Interests in a Global Note only as described under "*Description of the Notes—Transfer and Exchange*" and, if required, only if the transferor first delivers to the Trustee a written certificate (in the form provided in the Indenture) to the effect that such transfer will comply with the appropriate transfer restrictions applicable to the Notes. See "*Transfer Restrictions*".

This paragraph refers to transfers and exchanges with respect to Dollar Global Notes only. Transfers involving an exchange of a Regulation S Book-Entry Interest for 144A Book-Entry Interest in a Dollar Global Note will be done by DTC by means of an instruction through the DTC Deposit/Withdrawal Custodian system. Accordingly, in connection with any such transfer, appropriate adjustments will be made to reflect a decrease in the principal amount of the relevant Regulation S Global Note and a corresponding increase in the principal amount of the corresponding 144A Global Note. The policies and practices of DTC may prohibit transfers of unrestricted Book-Entry Interests in the Regulation S Global Note prior to the expiration of the 40 days after the date of initial issuance of the Notes. Any Book-Entry Interest in one of the Global Notes that is transferred to a person who takes delivery in the form of a Book-Entry Interest in any other Global Note will, upon transfer, cease to be a Book-Entry Interest in the first-mentioned Global Note and become a Book-Entry interest in such other Global Note, and accordingly will thereafter be subject to all transfer restrictions, if any, and other procedures applicable to Book-Entry Interests in such other Global Note for as long as it remains such a Book-Entry Interest.

## **Issuance of Definitive Registered Notes**

Under the terms of the relevant Indenture, owners of Book-Entry Interests will receive definitive Notes in registered form (the "**Definitive Registered Notes**"):

(1) if DTC (with respect to the Dollar Global Notes), or Euroclear and/or Clearstream (with respect to the Euro Global Notes) notify the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as depository and a successor depository is not appointed by the Issuer within 120 days;

(2) if the Issuer, at its option, notifies the Trustee in writing that it elects to exchange in whole, but not in part, the Global Note for Definitive Registered Notes;

(3) in whole, but not in part, if the Issuer or DTC (with respect to the Dollar Global Notes), or Euroclear and/or Clearstream (with respect to the Euro Global Notes) so request following an Event of Default under the Indenture; or

(4) if the owner of a Book-Entry Interest requests such exchange in writing delivered through DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream or to the Issuer following an Event of Default under the Indenture.

Euroclear has advised the Issuer that upon request by an owner of a Book-Entry Interest described in the immediately preceding clause (3), its current procedure is to request that the Issuer issues or causes to be issued the relevant Notes in definitive registered form to all owners of Book-Entry Interests.

In such an event, the Issuer will issue Definitive Registered Notes, registered in the name or names and issued in any approved denominations, requested by or on behalf of DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, or the Issuer, as applicable (in accordance with their respective customary procedures and based upon directions received from participants reflecting the beneficial ownership of Book-Entry Interests), and such Definitive Registered Notes will bear the restrictive legend referred to in *"Transfer Restrictions"*, unless that legend is not required by the Indenture or applicable law.

The Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agents and the Registrars shall treat the registered holder of any Global Note as the absolute owner thereof and no person will be liable for treating the registered holder as such. Ownership of the Global Notes will be evidenced through registration from time to time at the registered office of the Issuer or the Registrar on its behalf, and such registration is a means of evidencing title to the Notes.

The Issuer shall not impose any fees or other charges in respect of the Notes; however, owners of the Book-Entry Interests may incur fees normally payable in respect of the maintenance and operation of accounts in DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, as applicable.

## Global Clearance and Settlement under the Book-Entry System

Application will be made to the [Name of relevant Stock Exchange] for the Notes represented by the Global Notes to be listed on the Official List of the [Name of relevant Stock Exchange] and to be admitted for trading on the [Name of relevant trading market] thereof. The Global Notes are expected to trade in DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System, and any permitted secondary market trading activity in the Notes will, therefore, be required by DTC to be settled in immediately available funds. We expect that secondary trading in any certificated Notes will also be settled in immediately available funds. Subject to compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Global Notes, cross-market transfers between participants in DTC, on the one hand, and Euroclear or Clearstream participants, on the other hand, will be done through DTC in accordance with DTC's rules on behalf of each of Euroclear or Clearstream by the common depository; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream by the counterparty in such system in accordance with the rules and regulations and within the established deadlines of such system (Brussels time). Euroclear or Clearstream will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to the common depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving interests in the Global Notes from DTC, and making and receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Euroclear participants and Clearstream participants may not deliver instructions directly to the common depository.

Because of time zone differences, the securities account of a Euroclear or Clearstream participant purchasing an interest in a Global Note from a participant in DTC will be credited, and any such crediting will be reported to the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream participant, during the securities settlement processing day (which must be a business day for Euroclear and Clearstream) immediately following the settlement date of DTC. Cash received by Euroclear and Clearstream as a result of a sale of an interest in a Global Note by or through a Euroclear or Clearstream participant to a participant in DTC will be received with value on the settlement date of DTC but will be available in the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream cash account only as of the business day for Euroclear or Clearstream following DTC's settlement date.

Although DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream currently follow the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of interests in the Global Notes among participants in DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued or modified at any time. Neither the Issuer, the Registrar, the Trustee or any Paying Agent will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream or their respective participants or indirect participants, of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

## **Initial Settlement**

Initial settlement for the Notes will be made in euro and U.S. dollars. Book-Entry Interests owned through DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream accounts will follow the settlement procedures applicable to conventional bonds in registered form. Book-Entry Interests will be credited to the securities custody accounts of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream holders on the business day following the settlement date against payment for value on the settlement date.

# Secondary Market Trading

The Book-Entry Interests will trade through participants of DTC and Euroclear or Clearstream and will settle in same-day funds. Since the purchase determines the place of delivery, it is important to establish at the time of trading of any Book-Entry Interests where both the purchaser's and the seller's accounts are located to ensure that settlement can be made on the desired value date.

## Information concerning DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream

All Book-Entry Interests will be subject to the operations and procedures of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, as applicable. The Issuer provides the following summaries of those operations and procedures solely for the convenience of investors. The operations and procedures of each settlement system are controlled by that settlement system and may be changed at any time. Neither the Issuer nor the Initial Purchasers are responsible for those operations or procedures.

DTC advised the Issuer that it is a limited purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (that DTC's direct participants deposit with DTC). DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among direct participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between direct participants' accounts. DTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("**DTCC**"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly.

Euroclear and Clearstream hold securities for participating organizations. They also facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between their respective participants through electronic book-entry changes in the accounts of such participants. Euroclear and Clearstream provide various services to their participants, including the safekeeping, administration, clearance, settlement, lending and borrowing of internationally traded securities. Euroclear and Clearstream interface with domestic securities markets. Euroclear and Clearstream participants are financial institutions such as underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and certain other organizations. Indirect access to Euroclear and Clearstream is also available to others such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear and Clearstream participant, either directly or indirectly.

Because DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream can only act on behalf of participants, who in turn act on behalf of indirect participants and certain banks, the ability of an owner of a beneficial interest to pledge such interest to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream systems, or otherwise take actions in respect of such interest, may be limited by the lack of a definitive certificate for that interest. The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain persons take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. Consequently, the ability to transfer beneficial interests to such person may be limited. In addition, owners of beneficial interests through the DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream systems will receive distributions attributable to the 144A Global Notes only through DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream participants.