DRAFT CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS1

ASX 90 Day Bank Accepted Bills Futures

Contract Unit:	A\$1,000,000 face value 90-Day Bank Accepted Bills of Exchange or EBAs issued by the Prime Banks as defined in the BBSW Conventions. ¹
Contract Months:	March/June/September/December up to twenty quarter months or five years ahead.
Commodity Code:	IR
Minimum Price Movement:	Prices are quoted in yield per cent per annum in multiples of 0.01 per cent. One hundred minus annual percentage yield quoted to two decimal places. (The minimum fluctuation of 0.01% equals approximately \$24 per contract, varying with the level of interest rates).
Last Trading Day:	7.00am / 7.30am ² on the business day immediately prior to settlement day. ³
Settlement Day:	The second Friday of the delivery month.
Trading Hours:	$5.08 \text{pm} - 7.00 \text{am}$ and $8.28 \text{am} - 4.30 \text{pm}^2$ (For period from second Sunday in March to first Sunday in November)
	$5.08 pm - 7.30 am$ and $8.28 am - 4.30 pm^2$ (For period from first Sunday in November to second Sunday in March)
Settlement Method:	Cash settled. The expiry settlement price shall be calculated as 100 minus the 3 month BBSW rate published on the Last Trading Day. The BBSW rate will be rounded to 3 decimal places to the nearest 0.001%, 0.0005% rounded up. The cash settlement price shall be published at 10.30am on the Last Trading Day.

EBAs and ECDs are electronically recorded debt obligations as defined within the definition of "Dematerialised Security" in the Operating Rules of Austraclear Limited.

Buyers and Sellers should note the following in relation to the two types of bills:

- An EBA is not the legal equivalent of a bill of exchange under the Bills of Exchange Act and accordingly delivery of an EBA may not be the same as delivery of a bank accepted bill of exchange under the Bills of Exchange Act.
- (ii) The Bills of Exchange Act is a Commonwealth Act which grants and guarantees rights of title, enforcement and negotiability to instruments which qualify as bills of exchange under the Act.
- (iii) An EBA is not a bill of exchange unless and until it is withdrawn from the Austraclear Limited system in accordance with the Operating Rules of Austraclear Limited AND the withdrawn EBA satisfies the requirements of a bill of exchange under the Bills of Exchange Act.
- For the period from second Sunday in March to first Sunday in November the contract will cease trading at 7am. For period from first Sunday in November to second Sunday in March the contract will cease trading at 7.30am.
- 3 Trading hours: Australian Eastern Standard Time / Australian Eastern Daylight Time.

 $^{^{\}scriptsize 1}$ Subject to regulatory clearance