

Summary of Meeting Conclusions

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Summary of conclusions from the Nibor Oversight Committee (NOC) conference call meetings 1 April and 14 April 2020

Participants

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None

Assessment of the market situation – corona pandemic

The Nibor Oversight Committee (NOC) convened 1 April and 14 April 2020 in conference call meetings to assess how market conditions have been affected by the Corona pandemic and potentially may have influenced on the setting of Nibor and the spread in the submissions used as Nibor input data.

In its meeting 1 April the Committee took note of the secretariat's assessment of the situation and concluded to continue discussions right after the Easter holyday, Tuesday 14 April. The Committee asked the secretariat to keep the committee member daily updated on Nibor submissions and fixings and to prepare background material, including Nibor Advisory Committee assessments on reasons for the increased spread between panel banks' Nibor submissions and statistics based on the reporting of daily submission background data from the Nibor Panel Banks.

In its meeting 14 April, the Committee discussed the market situation based on background material provided by the secretariat on Nibor Advisory Committee assessments and information from the panel banks reporting of daily data.

The Committee commented that the market conditions seems to have somewhat stabilized in April, although the panel banks Nibor submissions continues to be affected by the challenging market conditions. The wider spread between Nibor submissions must be seen in light of market developments and in particular less transparency which make it more challenging to assess market prices. The Committee concluded that there were no signs of abnormal panel bank behavior that must be subject to further investigation. However, experience gained from this period of market stress should be assessed later as part of a review of the new Nibor Methodology.