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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE LONDON SILVER FIXING, LTD. ANTITRUST LITIGATION

14-MD-02573-VEC 14-MC-02573-VEC

This Document Relates to:

The Honorable Valerie E. Caproni

ALL ACTIONS

FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE OF DEUTSCHE BANK AG, DEUTSCHE BANK AMERICAS HOLDING CORPORATION, DB U.S. FINANCIAL MARKETS HOLDING CORPORATION, DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES, INC., DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST CORPORATION, DEUTSCHE BANK <u>TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AND DEUTSCHE BANK AG NEW YORK BRANCH</u>

This matter came before the Court for a duly-noticed hearing on April 8, 2021 (the "Fairness Hearing"), upon the Representative Plaintiffs Christopher DePaoli, John Hayes, Laurence Hughes, KPFF Investment, Inc. f/k/a KP Investment, Inc., Kevin Maher, J. Scott Nicholson, and Don Tran's ("Representative Plaintiffs") Motion for Final Approval of Settlement with Deutsche Bank AG; Deutsche Bank Americas Holding Corporation, DB U.S. Financial Markets Holding Corporation, Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc.; Deutsche Bank Trust Corporation, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas; Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, and their subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, "Deutsche Bank"), which was consented to by Deutsche Bank (together with Representative Plaintiffs, the "Parties"). The Court having considered all papers filed and proceedings had herein and otherwise being fully informed in the premises and good cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

1. This Final Judgment hereby incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement with Deutsche Bank dated September 6, 2016 (the "Settlement Agreement"), and all terms used herein, except as otherwise expressly defined herein, shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

2. The Court finds that it has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 to enter this Final Judgment and that it has personal jurisdiction over Representative Plaintiffs, Deutsche Bank (in this Action only and for purposes of this Settlement), and all Settlement Class Members.

3. All Plaintiff Released Claims against the DB Released Parties are hereby dismissed with prejudice on the merits as to Deutsche Bank and without fees or costs.

4. Upon the Settlement Agreement becoming final in accordance with its terms, all of

the following claims shall be released. Specifically:

(A)The Plaintiff Releasing Parties finally and forever release and discharge from, and covenant not to sue or assist any third party in commencing or maintaining any suit or action against, the DB Released Parties for any and all manner of claims, including Unknown Claims, causes of action, cross-claims, counter-claims, charges, liabilities, demands, judgments, suits, obligations, debts, setoffs, rights of recovery, or liabilities for any obligations of any kind whatsoever (however denominated), whether class or individual, in law or equity or arising under constitution, statute, regulation, ordinance, contract, or otherwise in nature, for fees, costs, penalties, fines, debts, expenses, attorneys' fees, and damages, whenever incurred, and liabilities of any nature whatsoever (including joint and several), known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, which any Class Plaintiffs or Class Members ever had, now has, or hereafter can, shall or may have, representatively, derivatively or in any other capacity, against the DB Released Parties arising from or relating in any way to conduct alleged in the Action or that could have been alleged in the Action against the DB Released Parties, regardless of the source of law or other authority relied upon, concerning U.S.-Related Transactions in any Silver Instrument at any time from January 1, 1999 through the date of the Settlement Agreement (the "Plaintiff Released Claims"). The definition of "Plaintiff Released Claims" is intended to have the broadest possible application, but, for the avoidance of doubt, Plaintiff Released Claims does not include claims that arise exclusively under foreign law and that relate to transactions in Silver Instruments for which irrevocable liability was incurred, or title was passed, entirely outside the United States.

(B) The DB Releasing Parties finally and forever release and discharge from and covenant not to sue the Plaintiff Released Parties for any and all manner of claims, including Unknown Claims, causes of action, cross-claims, counter-claims, charges, liabilities, demands, judgments, suits, obligations, debts, setoffs, rights of recovery, or liabilities for any obligations of any kind whatsoever (however denominated), whether

class or individual, in law or equity or arising under constitution, statute, regulation, ordinance, contract, or otherwise in nature, for fees, costs, penalties, fines, debts, expenses, attorneys' fees, and damages, whenever incurred, and liabilities of any nature whatsoever (including joint and several), known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, which any DB Releasing Parties ever had, now has, or hereafter can, shall or may have, representatively, derivatively or in any other capacity, against the Plaintiff Released Parties arising from or relating in any way to the prosecution of the Action (the "DB Released Claims").

(C) "Unknown Claims" is understood to mean any claims against the released party which releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor as of the effective date of this Agreement, which if known might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the settlement. With respect to any and all of such claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that by operation of the Final Judgment, upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties shall have expressly waived, and each Plaintiff Releasing Party and DB Releasing Party shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have expressly waived, the provisions, rights and benefits of Cal. Civ. Code §1542, which provides:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

and any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to Cal. Civ. Code §1542. The Parties may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of the release. Nevertheless, the Plaintiff Releasing Parties shall expressly, fully, finally, and forever settle and release, and each Settlement Class member upon the Effective Date, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released, any and all Plaintiff Released Claims, whether or not concealed or hidden, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. The DB Releasing Parties shall expressly, fully, finally, and forever settle and release, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released, any and all DB Released Claims, whether or not concealed or hidden, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. The Parties acknowledge that the inclusion of "Unknown Claims" in the definition of the Plaintiff and DB Released Claims was separately bargained for and was a key element of this Settlement Agreement.

5. The Court, finding no just reason for delay, directs pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that the judgment of dismissal as to Deutsche Bank shall be final

and entered forthwith.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to terminate Defendants Deutsche Bank AG, Deutsche Bank Americas Holding Corporation, DB U.S. Financial Markets Holding Corporation, Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc., Deutsche Bank Trust Corporation, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, and Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Date: _____ June 14 ___, 2021.

HONORABLE VALERIE E. CAPRONI UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE