

**Meeting between Federal Reserve Board and Other Agency Staff
and Representatives of the Japanese Government
February 21, 2012**

Participants: Jeremy Newell and Christopher Paridon (Federal Reserve Board); and other Federal Agency Staff

Mr. Jun Mizuguchi and Mr. Nobuyasu Sugimoto (Japanese Financial Services Authority); Mr. Hiromi Yamaoka (Bank of Japan); and Mr. Kohei Noda (Ministry of Finance)

Summary: Staff of the Federal Reserve Board and other Federal agencies met with representatives of the Japanese Government to discuss the restrictions on proprietary trading and hedge fund and private equity fund activities under section 619 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (also known as the “Volcker Rule”).

Among matters discussed in the meeting were the Japanese Government’s views regarding: the potential cross-border effects of the Volcker Rule, including extra-territorial application of the Volcker Rule; the scope of the proposed rule’s application of the statutory exemptions for foreign activities of foreign banking entities; potential application of the Volcker Rule to proprietary trading in obligations of the Japanese Government; and potential implications of section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Act for uninsured branches or agencies of foreign banks.

Representatives of the Japanese Government reiterated their comments contained in their comment letter of December 2011.