Operational Notice

25 June 2018 ON _34/2018

DVP ISSUANCE – Test plan

For the attention of: Intermediaries, Issuers and their Account

Operators

Priority: HIGH

Re: DVP Issuance – Test plan

Dear Client.

We are pleased to announce that, in line with the 2018 Road Map, Monte Titoli has produced the test plan for the new DVP Issuance service to enable Intermediaries, Collecting Banks, Issuers and their Account Operators to verify that financial instruments issued using the new procedure are managed correctly.

For the contents and a description of the new service, see MN No. 90 of 24 November 2017 and the "DVP Issuance" Operating Model, which is available in the following folder of the MT-X documentation section: Documentation > Operating Procedures.

1.0 Test plan and annexes

The Test Plan has been posted in the following folder of the MT-X documentation section: Documentation > Post Trade Participants Committee - PTPC > DVP Issuance.

The operating manual CLIMP, attached to the test plan, gives a detailed description of the new functions available in the service and the method of selecting the options to populate the required database fields. The operating manual CLIMP has been posted in the following folder of the MT-X documentation section: Documentation > Technical Documentation > User Manuals > CLIMP Manuals.

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2.0 Test and release dates

The external tests will take place between 27 August and 21 September 2018 in the Monte

Titoli test environment named "T2" (Pre-prod) connected to the T2S test environment named

"UTEST".

The Domestic Custody office will be available to receive any reports and provide support

during the test period. Once the tests have concluded, participants are invited to send

confirmation of the tests and their outcomes to the email address indicated below by 21

September 2018.

Monte Titoli will consider the absence of a response as tacit agreement that the procedure is

functioning correctly and, subject to the successful outcome of the tests as a whole, will be

launched into production on 1 October 2018.

Please use the following email address for any requests for clarification or test queries

during the test phase:

Direct Custody

email: mt-test-custody@lseg.com

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