EMTA SURVEY:
EMERGING MARKETS CDS TRADING
AT US$658 BILLION IN SECOND QUARTER

NEW YORK, August 10, 2010—Trading in Emerging Markets Credit Default Swaps (CDS) stood at US$658 billion in the second quarter of 2010, according to a report released today by EMTA, the trade association for the Emerging Markets debt trading and investment industry.

This represented an 85% increase on the US$355 billion in Emerging Markets CDS contracts reported to EMTA in the second quarter of 2009, and a 35% increase compared to first quarter 2010 volumes of US$487 billion.

Hongtao Jiang, a Director of Emerging Markets Strategy at Deutsche Bank, noted that the data confirms increased liquidity in the CDS markets. “We believe the standardization efforts made by the financial community in 2009 have contributed to better liquidity in the CDS markets. In addition, compared to the cash markets, the rate of increase in EMTA’s reported CDS volumes, which include rollovers and netting executions, also appears much faster as leveraged cash trading remains below pre-crisis levels. Finally, we believe the hedging need caused by Eurozone sovereign risk in April and May, and the subsequent squeeze, have also contributed to the increase in CDS trading volumes in the second quarter of 2010,” he commented.

For its survey, EMTA collected data from 12 major international banks and broker-dealers on Emerging Market CDS contracts. Participants were asked to report their CDS volumes on 19 Emerging Markets countries and 10 EM corporate issuers.
The most frequently traded sovereign CDS contract in the Survey was on Turkish sovereign CDS, at US$118 billion. Survey participants also reported trading US$92 billion in Russian sovereign CDS contracts and US$69 billion in Brazilian sovereign CDS.

The most frequently traded corporate CDS contracts included in the Survey were those on Gazprom (US$54 billion). Participants also reported volumes of US$10 billion in Pemex CDS and US$1 billion in Petrobras CDS trades.

For a copy of EMTA’s CDS Second Quarter 2010 Trading Volume Survey, please contact Jonathan Murno at jmurno@emta.org or +44 (20) 7996-3165

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NOTE TO EDITORS:
Founded in 1990, EMTA (formerly the Emerging Markets Traders Association) is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to promoting the orderly development of fair, efficient and transparent trading markets for Emerging Markets instruments, and the integration of the Emerging Markets into the global financial marketplace. EMTA, with over 150 member firms worldwide, has published its Annual Volume Surveys of Debt Trading since 1992. EMTA begin publishing CDS volumes in 2009.