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**EMTA SURVEY:  
EMERGING MARKETS CDS TRADES  
AT US\$142 BILLION IN FOURTH QUARTER**

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***EM CDS Volumes at \$809 Billion in 2012, down 23% vs. 2011***

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**NEW YORK, February 8, 2013**--Trading in Emerging Markets Credit Default Swaps (CDS) stood at US\$142 billion in the fourth quarter of 2012, according to a report released today by EMTA, the trade association for the Emerging Markets debt trading and investment industry.

This compares to US\$234 billion in Emerging Markets CDS contract volume in the fourth quarter of 2011 (representing a 39% decrease), and US\$214 billion in third quarter 2012 volumes (a 33% decrease).

"The sharp drop of CDS activity in 4Q12 likely reflected the impact of greater market volatility during the period," noted H. David Spiegel, Global Head of Emerging Markets Strategy for ING Wholesale Banking. Spiegel added "the pullout from the market by some large broker/dealers and reduction of risk limits by others over the period could perhaps also explain some of the reduced liquidity."

On an annual basis, dealers reported trading US\$809 billion in EM CDS trades in 2012. This compares to US\$1.054 trillion in volume reported in 2011, a 23% decrease.

The largest CDS volumes in the Survey during the quarter were those on Brazil, at US\$24 billion. EMTA Survey participants also reported US\$16 billion in Turkish CDS and US\$14 billion in Russian CDS. Spiegel noted that, on a quarter-on-quarter basis, declines were notable for every country, "with the exception of Argentina and Venezuela, where the increase of political risks seems to have worked in favor of derivatives volumes for these countries."

The highest reported volumes of nine corporate CDS contracts included in the Survey were those on Gazprom (US\$1.5 billion). Participants also reported US\$1 billion in Petrobras CDS trades during the quarter.

For a copy of EMTA's Fourth Quarter 2012 CDS Trading Volume Survey, please contact Jonathan Murno at [jmurno@emta.org](mailto:jmurno@emta.org) or +1 (646) 289-5413.

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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 180 member firms worldwide, has published its Annual Volume Surveys of Debt Trading since 1992. EMTA began publishing CDS volumes in 2009.*

*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 9 EM corporate issuers. The survey is based on notional value of CDS trades and includes rollovers, but not netting trades or internal transfers.*