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EMTA SURVEY:
EMERGING MARKETS CDS TRADES AT US$297 BILLION IN THIRD QUARTER

EM CDS Volumes Rise for Fourth Consecutive Quarter

NEW YORK, November 22, 2013--Trading in Emerging Markets Credit Default Swaps (CDS) stood at US$297 billion in the third quarter of 2013, according to a Survey polling 13 major dealers released today by EMTA, the trade association for the Emerging Markets debt trading and investment industry.

This compares to US$213 billion in reported Emerging Markets CDS contract volume in the third quarter of 2012 (representing a 39% increase), and US$279 billion in second quarter 2013 volumes (a 7% increase). EMTA noted that reported volumes have risen steadily over the past four quarters.

"There has been some regional differentiation in CDS trading recently," commented Jane Brauer, Director and Senior Quantitative Strategist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. "In EMEA we are seeing a change in focus in trading among non-traditional EM hedge funds toward the three main EMEA CDS that are not subject to CDS positioning restrictions imposed by the EU--Russia, Turkey and S Africa, as some macro hedge funds look at the relative value between CDS and FX. In LatAm, however, trading volume is back to the 2Q levels, before this year's volatility began," she stated.

The largest CDS volumes in the Survey during the quarter were those on Brazil, at US$51 billion. EMTA Survey participants also reported US$34 billion in Turkish CDS and US$31 billion in Russian CDS.

The EMTA Survey also included volumes on nine corporate CDS contracts. Those with the highest reported volume in the Survey were on Gazprom (US$7.5 billion). Participants also reported over US$1.7 billion in Pemex contracts and US$1.3 billion in Petrobras CDS volume.

For a copy of EMTA's Third Quarter 2013 CDS Trading Volume Survey, please contact Jonathan Murno at 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 begin publishing CDS volumes in 2009.

For its survey, EMTA collected data from 13 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.