

DSB TAC MEETING MINUTES

Date: 7 April 2021 **Time:** 13.00 – 15.00 UTC **Location:** WebEx/Teleconference

Chairperson: Chris Pulsifer

In

attendance:

TAC Members

Chris Pulsifer, Bloomberg (Chair)
Felix Ertl, BVI
Amit Bairagi, Deutsche Bank AG
Warren Rubin, DTCC
Lisa Taikitsadaporn, FIX
James Cowie, HSBC
David Broadway, Investment Association
Alan Milligan, ISDA
Nadav Krispin, JP Morgan
Abhinav Koul, Morgan Stanley
Kimberly Cohen, State Street Bank
Rajkamal Roka, State Street FX Connect
Elodie Cany, Tradeweb

Regulatory Observers

Robert Stowsky, CFTC
Paul Everson, FCA
Eiichiro Fukase, JSDA

DSB

Marc Honegger, DSB Board Sponsor
Emma Kalliomaki, DSB Managing Director
Andy Hughes, Designated DSB Officer - DDO
Will Palmer, DSB CISO
Will Braithwaite, TAC Secretariat
Yuval Cohen, TAC Secretariat
Bryle Cadavos, DSB Project Manager
Ben Lloyd, DSB Project Manager
Tom Smith, DSB Project Manager

MSP

James Haskell, MSP Business Operations Officer
David Lane, MSP Technical Operations Officer

Apologies

Henrik Martensson, SEB
Artur Grajek, Refinitiv
Zintis Rullis, Refinitiv MTF

Rocky Martinez, SmartStream
Jefferson Braswell, Tahoe Blue Ltd

Absences:

Martijn Groot, Asset Control
Yan Hui, CFETS
Huang Lu, CFMMC
Souvik Deb, Citigroup
Billy Chen, CSIS
Vincent Dessard, EFAMA
James McGovern, Independent Expert

Jim Northey, Independent Expert
Aanya Madhani, LSEG
James Brown, Rabobank
Kamel Singh, SIX Group Services AG
Anthony Brennan, Standard Chartered Bank
Jimmy Chen, BGC Partners
Olga Petrenko, ESMA

No Topics (recording time)

1 Welcome (00:00)

CP (Chair) introduced the meeting and described Competition Law expectations and responsibilities of TAC members.

2 Roll Call (01:10)

AH (DDO) undertook the roll call.

3 Governance Matters (03:08)

Slide 6

CP welcomed the new members and thanked the outgoing members for their contribution.

Slide 7 (04:59)

AH proposed the two additional TAC meeting dates for 2021.

The members were asked if the proposed dates were acceptable.

No objections were raised, the TAC Secretariat noted an action to send out the invites for these meetings.

Slide 8 (08:23)

AH provided an update on previous actions, noting the majority have been closed and three which will be discussed during the call.

4 Existing Topics (10:25)

Slide 9

AH provided an update on the Strike Price release which was delivered in February. The members were reminded of the outstanding task of updating the Price Multiplier field as part of a future release.

AB (DB) asked if there was a timeline for the future release.

AH advised that the DSB was tentatively targeting Q3.

The members were invited to ask questions, none were received.

Slide 10 & 11 (14:06)

BC (DSB PM) provided on progress made on the Operating System migration and software component updates.

The members were invited to ask questions, none were received.

Slide 12 (16:39)

BC provided an update on progress made on the Disaster Recovery (DR) testing and presented the timeline for the UAT DR test in Q3 2021. The DSB will contact UAT users to advise them of the plans. Members were advised of the risk associated with access to the UAT next release environment if users were unable to access the secondary region.

The members were asked if they approve the approach.

NK (JPM) asked when invoking the UAT DR test, if the failover will be transparent?

AH confirmed that providing users are using the names the DSB has published, they will be repointed and no action is required by clients to failover.

AH advised that AG had previously advised that he was supportive of the approach.

JC (HSBC) raised concerns about possible bandwidth challenges between September and November due to SEC SBS reporting which could have a similar impact like Brexit had.

AH advised that the DR test will only impact the next release UAT environment. The as-production UAT environment will remain available for users who need to test their own changes against the DSB.

CP added that there will always be industry events but we do need to make progress on this.

AB advised that he was ok with the approach but will take this away and revert back if required.

No further questions were raised.

The approach was approved and the DSB will initiate the outreach from the 14th April 2021.

Slide 13 (27:37)

BC provided an update on plans to implement regional DR capability for the ToTV service.

Slide 14 & 15 (29:05)

AH presented the proposed approach to deliver weekly snapshots as an extension to the DSB's File Download Service.

AH advised that AG had provided his support for the approach.

The members were asked if they had any questions on this topic.

JC asked how many participants use the file download facility today?

AH advised that it is a heavily used feature.

There members were asked if they agreed with the proposal?

JC said that we can only really email the existing users for the service to advise them.

AH advised that there should be no impact on existing users as the changes are backwardly compatible.

CP advised that this change needs to be well publicised.

AK (Morgan Stanley) wanted to confirm if the previous snapshot files will be deleted.

AH confirmed.

AK asked for clarification of the difference between the two YYYYMMDD dates in the path.

AH advised that the first date (cyan) is the snapshot production date. The second date is being used to break up the snapshot into multiple directories, there will be a separate directory for each date where ISIN's were created/updated.

The proposal was approved by the TAC with the caveat that industry should be given as much notice as possible before the implementation of this change.

5 UPI Update (42:00)

Slide 16

AH provided an update on the UPI project. The TAC were advised of the progress made since the relaunch of the TAC Strategy Subcommittee (SSC) in January 2021.

Slide 17 (45:06)

AH provided an update on progress made on the UPI project since the last TAC meeting in October 2020. The members were presented with an updated timeline which included updates on the initial round of industry consultation.

There members were invited to raise any questions, none were received.

Slides 18 – 20 (51:22)

BL (DSB PM) provided an update on the user scalability topic since the item was shared with the TAC SSC and full TAC members in March 2021.

This covered the update guidance on the projected number of fee-paying entities which has been revised down to 3,000 and an increase in the forecasted incremental operating expenses of between €1.25 and €2.5m due to the support for manual processes and exception handling on the automated platform.

BL invited any questions from the members.

CP asked if any thought or analysis into the load during the first year of business with the largest number of organisations onboarding and the ongoing operating expenditure which could be lower after the initial wave?

BL advised that this would be included as part of the bottom-up exercise, but we expect a downward trend, but no prediction yet of that scale of that.

CP asked if these questions would be included in the industry consultation. BL agreed.

BL asked the members if they were supportive of the proposed approach?

RS (CFTC) advised that he was officially abstaining during any discussion regarding budgeting.

AH advised this was noted.

AH advised of offline approval had been received from one member who was unable to attend.

No other objections or concerns were raised, so the item was considered approved.

6 New Topics (01:02::40)

Slide 21

AH introduced a new topic regarding the DSB's UAT downtime window. The DSB were exploring the possibility of moving the UAT downtime to a different period than production. The members were presented with an alternative suggestion of running the UAT downtime window 24 hours earlier and were reminded of the times in different geographical regions.

The members were asked if there were any questions.

CP advised that communication about these changes will be critical.

No further questions were received, so the TAC Secretariat recorded an action to proceed, starting with an initial notification to industry about the proposed change.

7 2020 Industry Consultation (01:10:18)

Slide 22

WP (CISO) provided an update on the two analysis items from the industry consultation process. The members were provided with a reminder of the timeline and documentation that had been produced and shared with the TAC. The DSB were seeking the TAC's guidance on next steps in relation to these items.

The members were asked if they were supportive of publishing the full results and taking the items to the DSB Board for approval of costs so the items can be progressed in 2022.

There were no objections to this approach. The CISO team will ensure that the TAC are appraised of the remediation plans and timeline and will ensure that progress updates are provided to the TAC members.

The TAC members were invited to ask any further questions.

None were raised.

8 2021 Industry Consultation (01:15:40)

Slide 23

AH reminded the TAC of the five questions previously discussed with the TAC which were subsequently approved by the DSB Board and incorporated into the final industry consultation paper.

Slide 24 (18:48)

TS (DSB PM) provided an update on "Q2 – Search Only User" item and presented the timeline showing the new role would be available from January 2022. TS also responded to the TAC's earlier question by showing the possible timeline for recovering the build cost associated with this role.

The members were invited to ask questions.

None were received.

AH highlighted the governance process that must be followed leading to the availability of the new role in 2022.

Slides 25-27 (01:21:42)

WB (TAC Secretariat) provided an update on Questions 5 & 6 which are both associated with the DSB's cloud infrastructure. WB provided progress updates on the additional subcommittee that the TAC had previously asked to be established to oversee the analysis relating to these two questions.

The members were invited to ask questions.

CP reminded the members that delegate members are permitted for this subcommittee, so where members did not feel they have the necessary expertise they may delegate to another representative from their organisation.

No further questions were received.

10 **AOB (01:32:51)**

CP asked the members if there was any other business?

CP reminded the members that the TAC meeting are limited so to keep the meeting numbers as they are it is essential for members to review the items on the bulletin boards and to provide feedback in this way.

AH updated the members that an important topic regarding the CFI 2019 change would be sent out to the members towards the end of April.

There were no further items raised.

CP closed the meeting ending at 14:40.

8 **Actions**

The following actions were discussed in the meeting and were closed:

1910-001, 1910-005, 2010-001, 2010-002, 2010-004, 2010-005, 2010-006, 2010-008, 2010-009

The following new actions were recorded:

2104-001: Slide 7 – TAC Secretariat to send out invites for the two additional meetings in 2021.

2104-002: Slide 21 – TAC Secretariat to notify industry about the proposed movement of the UAT downtime window.

2104-003: Slide 22 - CISO team to provide remediation plans/timeline and regular progress updates to the TAC members.

Respectfully submitted,

DSB Designated Officer.