



## IHS McCLOSKEY COAL MARKERS – BENCHMARK STATEMENT

<b>1. General Disclosures</b>	
<b>Benchmark family name</b>	IHS McCloskey Coal Markers
<b>Benchmark administrator</b>	<b>IHS Markit Benchmark Administration Ltd. (IMBA UK)</b>
<b>Date of initial publication of this document</b>	9 July 2018
<b>Date of last update to this document</b>	1 October 2020
<b>ISIN (where available)</b>	There are presently no ISINs available or accessible for the benchmarks covered by this Benchmark Statement.
<b>Determination by contributions of input data</b>	The administrator receives contributions of data from market participants in relation to this family of commodity benchmarks.
<b>Qualification of the benchmark family</b>	IHS McCloskey Coal Markers is a family of commodity benchmarks.
<b>2. Climate-related disclosures</b>	
<b>Type of benchmark family</b>	Commodity benchmarks
<b>Name of the benchmark</b>	IHS McCloskey Coal Markers
<b>Does the benchmark pursue ESG objectives?</b>	No
<b>Where the answer to the above question is negative, is any EU Climate Transition</b>	Yes

<p><b>Benchmark or EU Paris-Aligned Benchmark available in the portfolio of IMBA UK or does IMBA UK have benchmarks that pursue ESG objectives or consider ESG factors?</b></p>	
<p><b>3. Key information relating to the benchmark or family of benchmarks</b></p>	
<p><b>General description of the market or economic reality</b></p>	<p>IHS McCloskey produces physical price assessments termed markers for the major traded global coal hubs.</p>
<p><b>Geographical boundaries of the market or economic reality</b></p>	<p>IHS McCloskey Coal Markers cover Europe, Africa and Asia.</p>
<p><b>Other relevant information relating to the market or economic reality</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>4. The potential limitations of the benchmark and the circumstances in which the measurement of the market or economic reality may become unreliable</b></p>	
<p><b>Circumstances in which we would lack sufficient input data to determine the benchmark according to the methodology</b></p>	<p>IHS McCloskey's publicly available methodology states that we may assess markets in the absence of liquidity by using bid/offer ranges or by using a greater proportion of fair value input from market players. These are rigorously checked by applying historically demonstrable and defensible differentials to comparative markets. The only circumstance in which a benchmark could no longer be provided would be if the commodity being assessed became no longer economically or operationally viable to trade or value due to changed circumstances.</p>
<p><b>Circumstances in which the degree of liquidity of the underlying market becomes insufficient to ensure the integrity and reliability of the benchmark determination according to the methodology</b></p>	<p>See above.</p>

## 5. The controls and rules that govern the exercise of judgment or discretion in the calculation of the benchmark or family of benchmarks

<p><b>Position of each function or body that may exercise discretion in the calculation of a benchmark</b></p>	<p>Discretion and judgment may be exercised by market assessors (see below) and the approach to such judgment and discretion is regularly reviewed by the <b>Board</b> of the administrator and the <b>Benchmark Oversight Committee</b>.</p> <p>In the event that the administrator needs to take action or make a decision that has not been foreseen by the methodology or associated policy, senior members of the administration team will consult internally with the applicable senior product management committee; this is to arrive at a decision that is consistent with the objective of the index in question and that causes minimal disruption to index stakeholders.</p> <p>Any changes to the index methodology or cessations will be decided upon as per IMBA's Benchmark Methodology Changes and Cessation policy (available <a href="#">here</a>). Where a proposed methodology change is material IMBA will launch a wider consultation which is addressed to all relevant stakeholders. It will also notify the Board and the Benchmark Oversight Committee who will oversee the consultation process and can challenge the suggested approach. A methodology change is likely to be material if it has a substantial impact on the index calculation process or formula, the quality of the input data, the index selection rules, the underlying market or reality measured, the panel of contributors to the benchmark, or the benchmark level.</p>
<p><b>Governing the exercise of judgement or discretion</b></p>	<p>IHS McCloskey reserves the right to exercise editorial judgment in cases where input data is anomalous or suspicious and in cases where certain transactional information cannot be verified or validated with other market sources by the deadline for compilation or does not otherwise fit our methodology which is publicly available on our website here: <a href="https://ihsmarkit.com/products/coal-price-data-indexes.html">https://ihsmarkit.com/products/coal-price-data-indexes.html</a>. Market assessors may choose to exclude data on that basis, however, that data exclusion must be logged and approved by a senior editor prior to publication.</p>
<p><b>Ex-post evaluation process</b></p>	<p>When a correction is requested by a subscriber an investigation is launched by the market assessor and a senior editor to determine whether the correction request has merit. If the correction request is deemed to be a valid concern, a correction notice is posted through the email alert Newswire product (if it is a daily benchmark) or the publication is corrected and re-issued if it is a weekly benchmark.</p>

## 6. Review of the methodology and changes to, or cessation of, the benchmark or family of benchmarks

### The methodology

1. IHS McCloskey methodologies are crafted and adopted with stakeholder input in accordance with our global compliance policy and IOSCO Principles for Oil Price Reporting Agencies and the EU Benchmark Regulation (Annex II). Any material change to a methodology is subject to a sufficient period of public comment usually four weeks in duration. Such review is approved by the Board of the administrator and reported to the Benchmark Oversight Committee.
2. IHS McCloskey will utilize various types of market data in compiling its markers, including:
  - Transactions
  - Bids and offers
  - Other market information
3. Transaction information is the preferred source of data for the markers. However, depending on the liquidity of the markets being assessed, other information can be and is used, such as bids and offers and other market information. This can be in combination with transactions, or can substitute transactions, depending on the market liquidity and specific market circumstances. Consequently, in most markets there will be a relatively higher rank given to transactions over bids and offers and other market information in the compilation process.
4. While IHS McCloskey market assessors are trained to use editorial judgment when necessary to exclude data that cannot be verified or validated by deadline or otherwise does not fit our methodology, any data exclusion must be reviewed and approved by a senior editor prior to publication of the price assessment.
5. Corrections that are determined to be necessary either from internal or external discovery are performed by the market assessor assigned to the day's report but must be approved by a senior editor prior to re-publication. Corrections will trigger a re-publication of the assessment on the day of discovery or the next possible working day. Further details of the administrator's Correction policy are available on the administrator's website [here](#).

<p><b>Possible impacts of changes to, or the cessation of the benchmarks upon the financial contracts, financial instruments that reference the benchmark or the measurement of the performance of investment funds</b></p>	<p>It is possible that factors, including external factors beyond the control of the administrator, may necessitate changes to, or the cessation of an IHS McCloskey Coal Marker.</p> <p>It is possible that changes to, or the cessation of, the IHS McCloskey Coal Markers may have an impact upon the financial instruments that reference the benchmarks.</p> <p>In the event an IHS Markit price assessment ceases to be relevant to the marketplace, the administrator will consult on its intention to discontinue the assessment.</p> <p>Further details of the administrator’s Change and Cessation policy are available on the administrator’s website <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>7. Commodity benchmarks</b></p>	
<p><b>Qualification as a commodity benchmark</b></p>	<p>IHS McCloskey Coal Markers are commodity benchmarks.</p>
<p><b>Title II or Annex II regime</b></p>	<p>IHS McCloskey Coal Markers are commodity benchmarks and Annex II of the BMR applies.</p>
<p><b>Criteria that define the relevant underlying physical commodity</b></p>	<p>IHS McCloskey Coal Markers and the underlying physical commodities represent prices at coal market hubs.</p>
<p><b>Publication of information relating to commodity benchmark</b></p>	<p>IHS McCloskey Coal Markers information and related calculations are explained and published in the daily Newswire alert and Weekly McCloskey Fax. The methodologies relating to the IHS McCloskey Coal Markers are explained on our publicly available website: <a href="https://ihsmarkit.com/products/coal-price-data-indexes.html">https://ihsmarkit.com/products/coal-price-data-indexes.html</a>.</p>
<p><b>8. Key Terms</b></p>	
<p><b>Benchmark Oversight Committee</b></p>	<p>means the independent function overseeing the IMBA UK Board with regard to the administration of the IHS McCloskey Coal Markers</p>
<p><b>Board</b></p>	<p>means the Board of Directors of IMBA UK</p>

<b>ESG</b>	means Environmental, Social, and Governance, recognised as the three central pillars measuring sustainability and societal impact of institutions, sovereigns, or other entities
<b>IHS Markit Benchmark Administration Ltd. (IMBA UK)</b>	means the administrator, which is the UK entity authorised by the FCA responsible for the daily provision of the IHS McCloskey Coal Markers for the clearing of financial derivatives
<b>9. Additional information</b>	
<b>Additional information</b>	IHS McCloskey's most recent IOSCO assurance results and the methodologies relating to the IHS McCloskey Coal Markers are explained on our publicly available website: <a href="https://ihsmarkit.com/products/coal-price-data-indexes.html">https://ihsmarkit.com/products/coal-price-data-indexes.html</a> .
<b>10. Document governance</b>	
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## **IMPORTANT:**

This Benchmark Statement will be updated whenever the information it provides is no longer correct or sufficiently precise and at least where:

(a) there is a change in the type of the benchmark;

(b) there is a material change in the methodology for determining the benchmark or, where the Benchmark Statement refers to a family of benchmarks, in the methodology for determining any benchmark within the family of benchmarks.

This Benchmark Statement will be updated at least every two years.

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