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**Evolution Markets Launches Energy Futures Brokerage Desk in London**

*-- Company Also Expands Crude Oil Options Capabilities with Additions in London --*

**White Plains, NY (February 06, 2014):** Evolution Markets announces the launch of its London-based energy futures brokerage desk, continuing the firm's expansion into global energy commodity markets. In addition, Evolution Markets has added two experienced crude options professionals in London, complementing its New York-based crude options team.

The futures desk, which focuses on trade execution on behalf of clients in crude, crude product, gasoil, and European natural gas markets, also brokers bilateral and cleared transactions in the over-the-counter market. The desk is able to facilitate trades between clients or execute trades on behalf of clients on major energy commodity exchanges for give up to client clearing accounts.

The energy futures desk is led by Rudy Rehal, a seasoned crude futures broker. Mr. Rehal was most recently with Tullett Prebon, and he has previously worked with a number of brokerage firms, including PVM Oil Associates, ADM Futures, ABN Amro Futures, and on the International Petroleum Exchange (IPE). He is joined by Victoria Bahous who worked previously as a commodity broker with Tullett Prebon and Tradition.

"With the addition of our energy futures desk in London, Evolution Markets continues to diversify the markets we serve and the transaction services we provide," said Andrew Ertel, President and CEO of Evolution Markets Inc. "We are starting out with an experienced team, adept at serving the needs of crude traders around the world. We expect this to be a growth area for Evolution Markets, and our team will eventually have the capacity to broker all futures products listed on ICE and CME."

Evolution Markets has also expanded its capabilities in global crude options markets with the addition of Daniel O'Brien and Chris Curtis in its London office. Before joining Evolution Markets, Mr. O'Brien spent 15 years trading energy derivatives with VTB, Natixis, and Credit Lyonnais. He was also a commodity derivatives broker on the IPE and LIFFE floors. Mr. Curtis covered crude options markets for various energy brokerage houses, including OTC Europe and BGC Partners. Messrs. O'Brien and Curtis collaborate with Evolution Markets' New York-based crude options team, which launched in April 2013.

"Oil trading markets, including those for options, are global, and we recognize the need to provide our European crude options customers coverage from London and offer our U.S. clients expanded market access during European trading hours," said Mr. Ertel. "We are very pleased to expand our crude options team into London, and we look forward to continuing to expand our client services in this market."

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