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Date: November 02, 2023

Subject: iShares MSCI Germany Small-Cap ETF – Liquidation/Cash Settlement
Option Symbol: EWGS
Date: 11/02/2023

On August 18, 2023, BlackRock ETF Trust announced it will liquidate the iShares MSCI Germany Small-Cap ETF (EWGS). Trading was suspended on the BATS Ibov Markets before the open on October 31, 2023.

A first liquidating distribution of \$52.367555 per EWGS Share was paid on November 2, 2023. OCC has been informed that there may be additional distributions. OCC will delay settlement of EWGS options until the final liquidating distribution is made and the total amount of all liquidating distributions is determined.

Contract Adjustment

The option symbol EWGS will not change.

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**New Deliverable
Per Contract:** 100 x the cash proceeds paid per EWGS share, less any applicable transaction costs, pursuant to the liquidation.

Note: The determination to include any distributions, if any, in the contract adjustment will be made by OCC on a case-by-case basis.

Settlement: EWGS exercise and assignment activity, which has been subject to delayed settlement since October 31, 2023, will remain delayed until the final per share liquidation amount is determined.

Once the final cash amount to be included in the EWGS deliverable is determined, settlement in EWGS options will take place through OCC's cash settlement system. Settlement will be accomplished by payment of the difference between the extended strike amount and the cash deliverable.

Acceleration of Expirations

Pursuant to OCC Rule 807, equity stock option contracts whose deliverables are adjusted to call for cash-only delivery will be subject to **an acceleration of the expiration dates for outstanding option series** (See OCC Information Memo 23988).

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