On July 27, 2013 the Regulatory Oversight Committee (ROC) released a set of principles designed to guide decision-making for the creation of an interim system for the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) until the Global LEI Foundation (GLEIF) operating the Central Operating Unit (COU) takes over operational governance of the system. This system will provide that those LEIs (LEIs compliant with various ROC principles) issued by pre-Local Operating Units (LOU) that have been endorsed by the ROC will be acceptable by ROC authorities requiring the use of a common identifier.

The principles that have to be observed by the pre-LOUs that wish to integrate into the Interim Global Legal Identifier System (GLEIS) were updated on 24 August 2014 to include the application of the Common Data Format published in February and June 2014, the agreement to contribute to the funding requirements of the GLEIF in line with the G20 endorsed FSB recommendations, the further guidance on portability published by the ROC on 24 August 2014 and the other conditions described in earlier endorsement notes.

During this interim period, the ROC recognizes that improvement will be necessary as the system moves from this early start-up period to full operational deployment. As a result, additional guidance can be expected from the ROC, and later from the GLEIF operating the COU, that all endorsed pre-LOUs and prospective pre-LOUs will be required to follow to ensure that the system meets its intended objective of supplying high quality and precise entity identification.

Pursuant to the process described in Annex 1 of the principles, in order to become an endorsed pre-LOU, a candidate must be sponsored by a ROC member. That ROC member sponsor must then seek endorsement from the ROC by demonstrating that the candidate pre-LOU meets the principles.

The ROC announced the first endorsements on 3 October 2013. The list of all endorsed pre-LOU can be found at:


In December 2014, two additional ROC sponsors sought endorsement for pre-LOU candidates:
- The Reserve Bank of India presented endorsement materials for the Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL). The sponsor previously sought a four-character prefix for use by their candidate, which was issued on 8 January 2014 (3358). The sponsor represented that their candidate was willing to and capable of complying with general LEI ROC principles. Several other sponsors have obtained prefixes for use by pre-LOUs but have not yet sought endorsement.

- The Croatian Financial Services Supervisory Agency presented endorsement materials for the Zagreb Stock Exchange (ZSE). The sponsor represented that their candidate was willing to and capable of complying with general LEI ROC principles.

Following the process for due diligence outlined in Annex 1 of the principles, and having satisfied itself that the candidate pre-LOU does meet the necessary principles, the ROC has decided to endorse these two pre-LOUs – Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL) and Zagreb Stock Exchange (ZSE) – so that the codes they issue or have issued may be used for reporting and other regulatory purposes in the various jurisdictions represented in the ROC.

Starting from 12 October 2014, the allocation of a new prefix is subject to the prior endorsement of the pre-LOU by the ROC. The prefix 7478 was assigned to ZSE, following the process described in the annex to this note.

As of the date of this endorsement, all certified codes issued by this pre-LOU will be globally recognized by the ROC for reporting purposes, including those issued through self-registration and assisted registration with the explicit permission of the registrant.

The ROC appreciates the significant work that the sponsors, the endorsed pre-LOUs, and other pre-LOUs and members of the public continue to contribute to in creating the Global LEI System.

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2. Note that the requirement of the use of these or any entity identification codes is driven by local reporting and other regulatory requirements. Thus, the ROC does not mandate the use of these codes, nor does it determine whether the use of these codes by a local authority should be mandated. ROC members, having assented to the ROC Charter, which promotes the use and scope of the Global LEI System to expand the collective benefit from widespread adoption, through this process seek to be able to rely on codes issued by endorsed pre-LOUs for their own reporting purposes.
Selection of the thirty first 4 digit prefix for the LEI System

Process

- It was agreed at the FSB IG meeting in Basel on the 17 October 2012 that the FSB Secretariat would take responsibility for allocating a 4 digit random number prefix to any pre-LOUs sponsored by the public authorities to provide local pre-LEI issuance that would transition to the LEI system (see Annex 2 of the third Progress Report on the Global LEI Initiative.)

- It was subsequently agreed at the LEI ROC Plenary meeting on 24/25 January 2013 and in the subsequent note on Principles and Processes for pre-LOUs to join the interim global LEI system that the process for allocating prefixes would continue, under the proviso that the sponsoring authority was a member of the ROC and confirmed that the solution would adhere to the agreed standards.

- To select the thirty first 4 digit code the following process was adopted, in line with the process adopted for the previous prefixes (supplemented by an additional check to avoid reallocating a number previously assigned to a pre-LOU):
  - The Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Chair observer, independently and blindly selected a random digit between 0 and 9 and supplied it to the ROC Secretariat.
  - Each number was placed in unmarked envelopes.
  - The 4 unmarked envelopes were then selected and opened in a random order by a third person in a witnessed process within the FSB Secretariat.
  - The resulting 4 digit number was checked against all 4 digit prefixes previously assigned, to ensure uniqueness.
  - As the uniqueness check was passed, the 4 numbers chosen became the prefix of the thirty first pre-LEI provider sponsored by an authority and requesting such a prefix.

The thirty-first Prefix

- In terms of the regions of the Chairs and Chair Observer, the random order of the envelopes was: North America, OMESCAA, Europe and Asia.

- Given the independently selected numbers, the thirty first prefix is consequently 7478.

- This will be communicated to the thirty first provider seeking such a prefix and published on the ROC website.

- The thirty first provider is Zagreb Stock Exchange (ZSE), sponsored by the Croatian Financial Services Supervisory Agency.