

# Exchange Information

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### Introduction of block bids in the Elbas trading system

On the 15 May 2006, Nord Pool Spot will launch a new facility in the Elbas trading system enabling the participants to quote block bids directly. Currently quoting and matching of block bids in the Elbas market is possible only by negotiations over telephone. This new facility will enhance the transparency in the Elbas market as all block bids will be visible to all Elbas participants. This provided that the bids are within the limits of free cross-border transmission capacity.

The block bids are of type "all or nothing" meaning that the following criteria must be filled for two opposite block bids to match:

- the length of the block,
- the price and
- the volume.

The participant is free to define the block's start and stop hours provided that the block bid consists of a set of consecutive hours. A block bid can consist of all hours open for trading; hence a block bid can at the maximum be up to 32 hours. The shortest length of a block bid with the 'all or nothing' condition is one hour.

The following functions are added in the Elbas trading system:

1. A window for entering of block bids.
2. Graphical views where all block bids are shown.
3. A window for calculating the volume weighted average price of hourly bids for a chosen set of consecutive hours.

Block bids may be placed starting from the first hour of 16 May 2006 and onwards.

#### **Changes to the Elbas regulations**

The ELBAS regulations have been amended due to the implementation of the block bid functionality in the Elbas trading system from Monday 15 May 2006.

The amendment to the Elbas regulations are done to chapter

- 3.1.6 Electronic system

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- 1.9 Types of bids in the Trading Regulations for Elbas
- 2.2 The electronic system
- 2.3 Negotiation procedure
- 2.4 Exercise of combination bids
- 2.5.1 Trading restrictions outside working hours

The rules are available on <http://www.nordpool.com/nordpool/spot/index.html> -> Trading at Nord Pool Spot -> Rulebook Elbas.

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