

Indian Commodity Exchange May Start Ops by March-end

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Mumbai: Reliance Capital-anchored Indian Commodity Exchange (ICEX) said it is ready to start operations by March-end, having met regulatory capitalisation norms with the “successful” completion of its rights issue. The company raised ₹85 crore, taking its paid up capital to ₹130 crore, above the ₹100 crore Sebi stipulation for a commodity exchange.

ET had first reported about ICEX’s plan to relaunch with its diamond contract in May 2016.



“We are ready for launch subject to final regulatory approval,” its chief executive officer Sanjit Prasad told ET. Based on the rights issue, the exchange is valued at

₹335 crore. Prasad said the exchange proposes to relaunch with three futures contracts – diamond, WTI and Brent crude.

Shareholders in ICEX include Reliance Capital with 26%, MMTC and Indiabulls with about 10% each and Indian Potash, with 8%. The exchange, launched in 2009, suspended operations in 2014 after stiff competition from MCX and NCDEX and the negative fallout from the NSEL scam which took its toll on turnover. Incidentally, Prasad was instrumental in designing a successful futures contract in potatoes in MCX and for helming currency futures on MCX –SX.