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July 25, 2017

Brent J. Fields Secretary U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, NE Washington, DC 20549-1090

Re: Partial Amendment No. 2 (SR-Phlx-2017-04)

Dear Mr. Fields:

NASDAQ Phlx LLC filed the above-referenced filing on July 25, 2017.

Sincerely,

Carla Behnfeldt

Associate General Counsel

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Partial Amendment No. 2 to SR-Phlx-2017-04

On January 18, 2017, NASDAQ PHLX LLC ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") a proposed rule change ("Proposal") to permit the listing and trading of P.M.-settled NASDAQ-100 Index options on a pilot basis. The SEC published the Proposal in the Federal Register for notice and comment on February 3, 2017.

On March 14, 2017, the Commission extended the 45-day time period for Commission action on the proposed rule change from March 20, 2017 to May 4, 2017.² On May 3, 2017, the Commission issued a Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 1 and Order Instituting Proceedings to Determine Whether to Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, to Permit the Listing and Trading of P.M.-settled NASDAQ-100 Index® Options on a Pilot Basis.³

The Exchange is filing this Partial Amendment No. 2 to modify Section 3 of the Proposal, Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change, as well as Exhibits 1 and 5, as follows:

1) The last sentence to begin on page 3 reads "The purpose of this rule filing is to permit the listing and trading, on a pilot basis, of NASDAQ-100 Index® ("NASDAQ-100") options with third-Friday-of-the-month ("Expiration Friday") expiration dates, whose exercise settlement value will be based on the closing index

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79894 (January 30, 2017), 82 FR 9259 (February 3, 2017).

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80241 (March 14, 2017), 82 FR 14393 (March 20, 2017).

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80581 (May 3, 2017), 82 FR 21587 (May 9, 2017).

value, symbol XQC, of the NASDAQ-100 on the expiration day ("P.M.- settled") for an initial period of twelve months (the "Pilot Program") from the date of approval of this proposed rule change." The Exchange is deleting that sentence and adding in its place the following sentence: "The purpose of this rule filing is to permit the listing and trading, on a pilot basis, of NASDAQ-100 Index® ("NASDAQ-100") options with third-Friday-of-the-month ("Expiration Friday") expiration dates, whose exercise settlement value will be based on the closing index value, symbol XQC, of the NASDAQ-100 on the expiration day ("P.M.- settled"), with the pilot to terminate on the earlier to occur of (i) 12 months following the date of the first listing of the options, or (ii) December 29, 2018 (the "Pilot Program")."

- 2) The last sentence of the second full paragraph on page 7 reads: "NDXPM options would be listed for trading for an initial pilot period ending twelve months from the date of approval of the proposed rule change." The Exchange is deleting that sentence and adding in its place the following sentence: "NDXPM options would be listed for trading for an initial pilot period terminating on the earlier to occur of (i) 12 months following the date of the first listing of the options, or (ii) December 29, 2018."
 - 3) The second full paragraph on page 9 reads as follows:

As proposed, the proposal would become effective on a Pilot Program basis for period of twelve months. If the Exchange were to propose an extension of the program or should the Exchange propose to make the program permanent, then the Exchange would submit a filing proposing such amendments to the program. The Exchange notes that any positions established under the pilot would not be impacted by the expiration of the pilot. For example, a position in a P.M.-settled series that expires beyond the conclusion of the

pilot period could be established during the 12-month pilot. If the Pilot Program were not extended, then the position could continue to exist. However, the Exchange notes that any further trading in the series would be restricted to transactions where at least one side of the trade is a closing transaction.

The Exchange proposes to delete that paragraph and to replace it with the following paragraph:

"As proposed, the proposal would become effective on a Pilot Program basis for a maximum period of twelve months. If the Exchange were to propose an extension of the program or should the Exchange propose to make the program permanent, then the Exchange would submit a filing proposing such amendments to the program. The Exchange notes that any positions established under the pilot would not be impacted by the expiration of the pilot. For example, a position in a P.M.-settled series that expires beyond the conclusion of the pilot period could be established during the pilot. If the Pilot Program were not extended, then the position could continue to exist. However, the Exchange notes that any further trading in the series would be restricted to transactions where at least one side of the trade is a closing transaction."

- 4.) Conforming changes are made to Exhibit 1.
- 5.) In Exhibit 5, the new language proposed in Rule 1101A, Terms of OptionContracts, Commentary .05, is revised to read as follows:

.05 In addition to A.M.-settled Full Value Nasdaq 100 Options approved for trading on the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1101A Commentary .01, the Exchange may also list options on the NASDAQ-100 Index whose exercise settlement value is the closing value of the NASDAQ-100 Index on the expiration day ("NDXPM"). NDXPM options will be listed for trading for a pilot period ending on the earlier to occur of (i) 12 months following the date of the first listing of the options, or (ii) December 29, 2018.