SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-81193; File No. SR-MIAX-2017-35)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend MIAX Options Rules 404, 506, 806, and 1701

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on July 19, 2017, Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC ("MIAX Options" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange is filing a proposal to make minor corrective changes to Exchange Rule 404, Series of Option Contracts Open for Trading; Rule 506, Collection and Dissemination of Quotations; Rule 806, Risk Analysis of Market Maker Accounts; and Rule 1701, Consolidated Audit Trail Compliance Rule – Definitions.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at http://www.miaxoptions.com/rule-filings/ at MIAX Options' principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rules 404, Series of Option Contracts Open for Trading; Rule 506, Collection and Dissemination of Quotations; Rule 806, Risk Analysis of Market Maker Accounts; and Rule 1701, Consolidated Audit Trail Compliance Rule – Definitions to make minor non-substantive corrective changes.

First, the Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 404, Series of Option Contracts
Open for Trading, Interpretation and Policy .08, Mini Option Contracts, paragraph (a), to correct
typographical errors in the last sentence. Currently, the sentence reads, "[m]ini-option contracts
may currently be listed on SPDR S&P 500 (SPY), Apple, Inc. (AAPL), SPDR Gold Trust
(GLD), Alphabet, Inc. (GOOGL) and Amazon.com Inc. (AMZN)." The commas should be
removed from "Apple, Inc." and "Alphabet, Inc.," and a comma should be inserted in
"Amazon.com Inc." Therefore, the Exchange proposes to amend this Rule to correctly reflect
the names of Apple Inc., Alphabet Inc., and Amazon.com, Inc.

Second, the Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 404, Series of Option Contracts Open for Trading, Interpretation and Policy .08, Mini Option Contracts, paragraph (b), to correct typographical errors in the last sentence. Currently, the sentence reads, "[f]or example, a call series strike price to deliver 10 shares of stock at \$125 per share has a total deliverable value of \$1250, and the strike price will be set at 125." A comma should be inserted in the number "\$1250" and a dollar sign should be inserted before the number "125." Therefore, the Exchange proposes to amend this Rule to replace the number "\$1250" with "\$1,250" and replace the number "125."

Third, the Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 506(c) to convert the Roman numeral list item identifiers to numerical identifiers to properly conform to the hierarchical heading scheme used throughout the Exchange's rulebook. Paragraphs (i) and (ii) are incorrectly numbered and should be numbered (1) and (2). Therefore, the Exchange proposes to amend this Rule to correctly number the paragraphs as (1) and (2).

Fourth, the Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 806(b)(3) to correct a minor typographical error in the last word of this subparagraph. Currently, the section reads, "[o]ptions prices shall be estimated through use of recognized options pricing models such as, but not limited to, Black-Scholes and Cox-Reubenstein." The word "Cox-Reubenstein" is misspelled and the Exchange proposes to amend this Rule to correct the spelling to "Cox-Rubinstein."

Finally, the Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 1701(d) to correct a typographical error. Currently, the section reads, "...required to be reported under the Compliance Audit Trail..." The word "Compliance" is incorrect and should be replaced with "Consolidated."

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act³ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁴ in particular, in that they are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes the proposed changes promote just and equitable principles of trade and remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system because the proposed rule change corrects minor typographical errors and corrects errors in the hierarchical heading scheme to provide uniformity in the Exchange's rulebook. The Exchange notes that the proposed changes to Exchange Rule 404, Series of Option Contracts Open for Trading; Rule 506, Collection and Dissemination of Quotations; Rule 806, Risk Analysis of Market Maker Accounts; and Rule 1701, Consolidated Audit Trail Compliance Rule – Definitions do not alter the application of each rule. As such, the proposed amendments would foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities and would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national exchange system. In particular, the Exchange believes that the proposed changes will provide greater clarity to Members⁵ and the public regarding the

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

The term "Member" means an individual or organization approved to exercise the trading rights associated with a Trading Permit. Members are deemed "members" under the

Exchange's Rules. It is in the public interest for rules to be accurate and concise so as to eliminate the potential for confusion.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

MIAX Options does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change will have no impact on competition as they are not designed to address any competitive issues but rather are designed to add additional clarity to existing rules and to remedy minor non-substantive issues in the text of various rules identified in this proposal.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket competition as the Rules apply equally to all Exchange Members.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> <u>Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁶ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁷ thereunder, the Exchange has designated this proposal as one that effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

Exchange Act. See Exchange Rule 100.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-MIAX-2017-35 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission,
 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAX-2017-35. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet website (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications

relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAX-2017-35, and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

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¹⁷ CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).