SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-62125; File No. SR-ISE-2010-48)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by International Securities Exchange LLC to Amend ISE Rule 2102 to Provide for a Trading Pause for Individual Securities When the Price Moves Ten Percent or More

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on May 18, 2010, the International Securities Exchange, LLC (the "Exchange" or "ISE" or "self-regulatory organization") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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</u> <u>Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 2102 (Hours of Business) to provide for a trading pause for individual securities when the price moves 10 percent or more.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Internet website at <a href="http://www.ise.com">http://www.ise.com</a>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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 self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization 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 Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

## 1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to add a new paragraph to ISE Rule 2102 to allow the Exchange to pause trading in an individual stock when the primary listing market for such stock issues a trading pause. The primary listing markets for U.S. stocks are in the process of amending their rules so that they may, from time to time, issue a trading pause for an individual security if the price of such security moves 10% or more from a sale in a preceding five-minute period. The Exchange is proposing this rule change in consultation with U.S. listing markets and the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") staff to provide for uniform market-wide trading pause standards for individual securities included in the S&P 500® Index. The Exchange is not currently the primary listing market for any securities, and thus, will not be issuing any trading pauses pursuant to its rules. As proposed, the Exchange will pause trading in that stock until trading has resumed on the primary listing market. The Exchange is proposing that this rule be implemented as a pilot, beginning on June 7, 2010 and concluding on December 10, 2010. This pilot program will provide the exchanges with an opportunity to assess the effect of this rule proposal on the markets.

## 2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The statutory basis for the proposed rule change is Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>3</sup> which requires the rules of an exchange to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The proposed rule change also is designed to support the principles of Section 11A(a)(1)<sup>4</sup> of the Act in that it seeks to assure fair competition among brokers and dealers and among exchange markets. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule meets these requirements in that it promotes transparency and uniformity across markets concerning decisions to pause trading in a security when there are significant price movements.

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

The proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from members or other interested parties.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action
 Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within
 such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1).

such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

- (A) by order approve the proposed rule change, or
- (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.<sup>5</sup>

## 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 Exchange Act.

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

## **Electronic Comments**:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-ISE-2010-48 on the subject line.

## Paper Comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2010-48. 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 Web site (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the

The Commission notes that the Exchange has requested accelerated approval of the filing.

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 Web site 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 am and 3:00 pm. 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-ISE-2010-48 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 10 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].<sup>6</sup>

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{7}$ 

Florence E. Harmon Deputy Secretary

The Commission believes that a 10-day comment period is reasonable, given the urgency of the matter. It will provide adequate time for comment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).