UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

In The Matter of:

The Application of SECURITIES INDUSTRY AND FINANCIAL MARKETS ASSOCIATION,

For Review of Action Taken by CAT LLC and Certain Self-Regulatory Organizations in Violation of Exchange Act Sections 19(d) and 19(f) Admin. Proc. File No. 3-19766

APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF SRO ACTION THAT VIOLATES <u>EXCHANGE ACT SECTIONS 19(d) AND 19(f)</u>

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON LLP

Lorin L. Reisner David S. Huntington Jeffrey J. Recher 1285 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10019 Tel.: (212) 373-3000 Ireisner@paulweiss.com dhuntington@paulweiss.com jrecher@paulweiss.com

Dated: New York, New York April 22, 2020 Attorneys for Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association 1. Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association ("SIFMA") submits this application pursuant to Sections 19(d) and 19(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requesting that the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") set aside action taken by the self-regulatory organizations in Exhibit A (the "SROs") that prohibits and limits access of SIFMA members ("Industry Members") to the Consolidated Audit Trail ("CAT") System, which is operated and managed by the SROs through Consolidated Audit Trail, LLC ("CAT LLC").¹

2. The SROs have prohibited and limited access by Industry Members to the CAT System by requiring that Industry Members execute a proposed CAT Reporter Agreement (the "CRA") as a condition of submitting order and trade data to the CAT. The CRA contains terms that are unfair, inappropriate and bad policy. For example, the proposed CRA improperly purports to impose a limitation of liability for CAT LLC, its participant SROs, and their officers, employees and agents in the event of a CAT data breach, misuse of CAT data or other activities relating to the CAT System. The CRA also purports to require a CAT Reporter to indemnify CAT LLC, its participant SROs, and their officers, employees and agents against various third-party claims relating to the misuse of CAT data. These purported limitations on SRO liability and indemnification requirements relating to a potential CAT data breach are inappropriate where, as here, the SROs maintain and control the CAT System. As a matter of fairness and good policy, the SROs should not be permitted to impose these additional risks and responsibilities relating to a potential CAT data breach or fairness and good policy.

¹ The "CAT System" is defined as: "all data processing equipment, communications facilities, and other facilities, including equipment, utilized . . . in connection with operation of the CAT and any related information or relevant systems pursuant to this Agreement." Amended CAT NMS Plan, § 1.1.

3. In any event, the CRA is not the appropriate method for addressing these important policy issues, and the unilateral action of the SROs to deny access to the CAT System absent execution of the CRA should be set aside by the Commission. Section 19(d) of the Exchange Act expressly provides that if any SRO "prohibits or limits any person in respect to access to services offered by such" SRO, the Commission shall review such action "upon application by any person aggrieved" by such action. 15 U.S.C. § 78s(d)(1), (2). The Industry Members on whose behalf SIFMA files this application are aggrieved by the challenged SRO conduct because it limits their access to the CAT System, imposes unfair and unreasonable conditions, and improperly seeks to establish practices, policies and standards pursuant to the CRA that can only be developed through a rule-making process. The CRA and its terms were never filed or approved pursuant to Section 19(b) of the Exchange Act and, accordingly, Exchange Act Section 19(f) requires that the SRO action be set aside. In fact, the Commission has not hesitated to set aside SRO action that limited access to SRO services without engaging in the required rule-making process. See In re Bloomberg L.P., 2004 WL 67566 (Jan. 14, 2004). Accordingly, for these reasons and those set forth in the accompanying Declaration of Lorin L. Reisner, the Commission should set aside the actions of the SROs in accordance with Sections 19(d) and 19(f) of the Exchange Act.

Dated: New York, New York April 22, 2020 PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON LLP

Join X. Reisin By:

Lorin L. Reisner (lreisner@paulweiss.com) David S. Huntington (dhuntington@paulweiss.com) Jeffrey J. Recher (jrecher@paulweiss.com)

1285 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10019 Tel: (212) 373-3000

Attorneys for Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association

Exhibit A

- 1. BOX Exchange, LLC
- 2. Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.
- 3. Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.
- 4. Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc.
- 5. Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc.
- 6. Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.
- 7. Cboe Exchange, Inc.
- 8. Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.
- 9. Investors' Exchange, LLC
- 10. Long-Term Stock Exchange, LLC
- 11. Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC
- 12. MIAX Emerald, LLC
- 13. MIAX PEARL, LLC
- 14. NASDAQ BX, Inc.
- 15. NASDAQ GEMX, LLC
- 16. NASDAQ ISE, LLC
- 17. NASDAQ MRX, LLC
- 18. NASDAQ PHLX, LLC
- 19. New York Stock Exchange, LLC
- 20. NYSE American, LLC
- 21. NYSE Arca, Inc.
- 22. NYSE Chicago, Inc.
- 23. NYSE National, Inc.
- 24. The NASDAQ Stock Market, LLC

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

In The Matter of:

The Application of SECURITIES INDUSTRY AND FINANCIAL MARKETS ASSOCIATION,

Admin. Proc. File No.

For Review of Action Taken by CAT LLC and Certain Self-Regulatory Organizations in Violation of Exchange Act Sections 19(d) and 19(f)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jeffrey J. Recher, hereby certify that on April 22, 2020, I caused true and correct copies of the following documents to be delivered to the recipients listed below in the manner indicated: (1) Application for Review of SRO Action That Violates Exchange Act Sections 19(d) and 19(f); (2) Declaration of Lorin L. Reisner In Support of SIFMA's Application Pursuant To Exchange Act Sections 19(d) and 19(f); (3) Appendix of Exhibits to Declaration of Lorin L. Reisner In Support of SIFMA's Application Pursuant To Exchange Act Sections 19(d) and 19(f); (4) SIFMA's Motion to Stay SRO Action Pending Commission Review of SIFMA's Application Pursuant to Exchange Act Sections 19(d) and 19(f) and 19(f) and 19(f) and Incorporated Memorandum of Law; (5) Certificate of Compliance with Word Limit; and (6) Notice of Appearance on Behalf of SIFMA.

By Hand Delivery and Electronic Mail

Ms. Vanessa Countryman Secretary Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20549 Secretarys-Office@sec.gov

By FedEx and Electronic Mail

Consolidated Audit Trail, LLC c/o Mr. Michael Simon Chair, Operating Committee 1100 New York Ave, NW, Suite 310 Washington, DC 20005-6145 michsimon@deloitte.com

By FedEx

BOX Exchange, LLC c/o Mr. Bruce Goodhue Chief Regulatory Officer 101 Arch St., Suite 610 Boston, MA 02110

Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc. c/o Mr. Jeff Connell Vice President, Deputy Chief Regulatory Officer 400 South LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60605

Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. c/o Mr. Jeff Connell Vice President, Deputy Chief Regulatory Officer 400 South LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60605

Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc. c/o Mr. Jeff Connell Vice President, Deputy Chief Regulatory Officer 400 South LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60605 MIAX PEARL, LLC c/o Mr. Edward Deitzal Executive Vice President, Chief Regulatory Officer 7 Roszel Road, 5th floor Princeton, NJ 08540

NASDAQ BX, Inc. c/o Ms. Cindy Retterer Vice President One Liberty Plaza 165 Broadway New York, NY 10006

NASDAQ GEMX, LLC c/o Ms. Cindy Retterer Vice President One Liberty Plaza 165 Broadway New York, NY 10006

NASDAQ ISE, LLC c/o Ms. Cindy Retterer Vice President One Liberty Plaza 165 Broadway New York, NY 10006 Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc. c/o Mr. Jeff Connell Vice President, Deputy Chief Regulatory Officer 400 South LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60605

Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. c/o Mr. Jeff Connell Vice President, Deputy Chief Regulatory Officer 400 South LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60605

Cboe Exchange, Inc. c/o Mr. Jeff Connell Vice President, Deputy Chief Regulatory Officer 400 South LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60605

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.
c/o Mr. Jon Kroeper
Executive Vice President, Market
Regulation Department
1735 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Investors' Exchange, LLC c/o Mr. John Ramsay Chief Market Policy Officer 3 World Trade Center, 58th Floor New York, NY 10007

Long-Term Stock Exchange, LLC c/o Mr. Gary Goldsholle Chief Regulatory Officer 340 South Lemon Avenue, Suite 2197 Walnut, CA 91789

NASDAQ MRX, LLC

c/o Ms. Cindy Retterer Vice President 60 Broad Street New York, NY 10004

NASDAQ PHLX, LLC

c/o Ms. Cindy Retterer Vice President One Liberty Plaza 165 Broadway New York, NY 10006

New York Stock Exchange, LLC c/o Ms. Elizabeth King General Counsel 11 Wall St. New York, NY 10005

NYSE American, LLC c/o Ms. Elizabeth King General Counsel 11 Wall St. New York, NY 10005

NYSE Arca, Inc. c/o Ms. Elizabeth King General Counsel 11 Wall St. New York, NY 10005

NYSE Chicago, Inc. c/o Ms. Elizabeth King General Counsel 440 South LaSalle St., Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60605 Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC
c/o Mr. Edward Deitzal
Executive Vice President, Chief
Regulatory Officer
7 Roszel Road, 5th floor
Princeton, NJ 08540

MIAX Emerald, LLC c/o Mr. Edward Deitzal Executive Vice President, Chief Regulatory Officer 7 Roszel Road, 5th floor Princeton, NJ 08540 NYSE National, Inc. c/o Ms. Elizabeth King General Counsel 11 Wall St. New York, NY 10005

The NASDAQ Stock Market, LLC c/o Ms. Cindy Retterer Vice President One Liberty Plaza 165 Broadway New York, NY 10006

Based on limitations relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and the number and

locations of the parties, service was effected by FedEx or electronic mail.

Dated: New York, New York April 22, 2020

Jeffrey J. Kecher

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON LLP

1285 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10019-6064 TELEPHONE (212) 373-3000

LLOYD K. GARRISON (1946-1991) RANDOLPH E. PAUL (1946-1956) SIMON H. RIFKIND (1950-1995) LOUIS S. WEISS (1927-1950) JOHN F. WHARTON (1927-1977)

WRITER'S DIRECT DIAL NUMBER

(212) 373-3250

WRITER'S DIRECT FACSIMILE

(212) 492-0250

writer's direct e-mail address lreisner@paulweiss.com

April 22, 2020

UNIT 5201, FORTUNE FINANCIAL CENTER 5 DONGSANHUAN ZHONGLU CHAOYANG DISTRICT, BEIJING 100020, CHINA TELEPHONE (86-10) 5828-6300

HONG KONG CLUB BUILDING, 12TH FLOOR 3A CHATER ROAD, CENTRAL HONG KONG TELEPHONE (852) 2846-0300

> ALDER CASTLE 10 NOBLE STREET LONDON EC2V 7JU, UNITED KINGDOM TELEPHONE (44 20) 7367 1600

> FUKOKU SEIMEI BUILDING 2-2 UCHISAIWAICHO 2-CHOME CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO 100-0011, JAPAN TELEPHONE (81-3) 3597-8101

TORONTO-DOMINION CENTRE 77 KING STREET WEST, SUITE 3100 P. BOX 226 TORONTO, ONTARIO M5K 1J3 TELEPHONE (416) 504-0520

> 2001 K STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20006-1047 TELEPHONE (202) 223-7300

500 DELAWARE AVENUE, SUITE 200 POST OFFICE BOX 32 WILMINGTON, DE 19899-0032 TELEPHONE (302) 655-4410 MATTHEW W. ABBOTT EDWARD T. ACKERMAN JUSTIN ANDERSON ALLAN J. ARFFA JONATHAN H. ASHTOR ROBERT A. ATKINS DAVID J. BALL SCOTT A. BARSHAY FAUL M. BASTA JUNIE BASTA JUNIE B. BASTA JUNIE B. BASTA LYNNE B. BASTA JUNIE B. BASTA BRUCE BIRENBOR BRUCE BIRENBOR BRUCE BENENBOR BRUCE BENENBOR BRUCE BENENBOR BUNIES CLAYTON YAHONNES CLEARY RACHAEL G. COFFEY JAY COHEN KELLEY A. CORNISH CHRISTOP DE J. COMMININGS CHRISTOP DE J. COMMININGS CHRISTOP JECKELBAUM ALICE BELISLE EATON ANDREW J. ENTLICH GREGORY A. EZRING ROSS A. FIELDSTON ANDREW J. FUNCLESTEN BRADJ.FINIKLESTEN BRADKAN BRIAN S. FIELDAN BRIAN S. BRINN MICHELEN B

*NOT ADMITTED TO THE NEW YORK BAR

BRIAN KIM KYLE J. KIMPLER ALEXIA D. KORBERG ALAN W. KORNBERG DANIEL J. KRAMER CAITH KUSHNER DANIEL J. KRAMER CAITH KUSHNER DONN E. LAKK BRIAN C. LAWIN XIAOYU GREG LIU LORETTA E. LYNCH JEFFREY D. MARELL MARCO Y. MASOTTI DAVID W. MAYO ELIZABETH R. MCCOLM JENN M. MEMDGHLERA MARK F. MENDELSOHN CLAUDINE MEREDITH-GOUJON WILLIAM B. MICHAEL JUDIE NG SHORTELL* CATHERINE NYARADY JANE B. O'BRIEN ALEX YOUNG K. OH BRAD R. OKUM. FERSTER VALERIE E. RADWANER JEFFREY J. RECHER CARL L. REISNER LORIN R. B. CICLARDI WALTER RICLARD JANNIE S. RHEE* VALERIE G. RICCIARDI WALTER R. CICLARDI WALTER R. RICCIARDI WALTER RICHAN SACUSIN SACUSIN SACUSIN JEFFREY D. SAFERSTEIN JEFFREY D. SAFERSTEIN JEFFREY D. SAFERSTEIN JEFFREY D. SAFERSTEIN JEFFREY B. SAMUELS KENNETH M. SCHWANI KYLE T. SEIFRIED KANNOK K. SHANMUGAM* KENNETH M. SCHNEIDER ROBERT B. SCHUMER JOHN M. SCHUT B. SCHUMER JOHN M. SCHUT KANNON K. SHANMUGAM* DAVID R. SICULAR AUDRA J. SOLOWAY SCATH SICULAR TARUN M. STEWART ERIC ALAN STONE AND M. STEWART ERIC ALAN STONE AND M. STEWART ERIC ALAN STONE BRETTE TANNETBAUM RICHARD C. TARLOWE MONICA K. THURMOND DANIEL J. TOAL LAURA C. TURANO CONRAD VAN LOGGERENBERG LIZA M. VELAZOUEZ MICHAEL VOGEL HAWPENCE G WEE THEODORE V. WELLS, JR. LINDSEY L. WIERSMA STEVEN J. WILLIAMS LAWRENCE G. WILDORCHIC AUSTIN WITT MARK B. WLAZLO JULIA TARVER MASON WOOD JULIA TARVER MASON WOOD

By Hand Delivery and Email

Ms. Vanessa Countryman Secretary Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20549

Re: Application of Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association For Review of Action Taken by CAT LLC and Certain Self-Regulatory Organizations in Violation of Exchange Act Sections 19(d) and 19(f)

Dear Ms. Countryman:

Our firm represents Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association ("SIFMA") in the above-captioned proceeding.

Enclosed for filing are the original and three copies of each of the following:

1. SIFMA's Application for Review of SRO Action That Violates Exchange Act Sections 19(d) and 19(f) (the "Application");

- 2. Declaration of Lorin L. Reisner In Support of SIFMA's Application Pursuant To Exchange Act Sections 19(d) and 19(f);
- 3. Appendix of Exhibits to Declaration of Lorin L. Reisner;
- 4. SIFMA's Motion to Stay SRO Action Pending Commission Review of SIFMA's Application Pursuant to Exchange Act Sections 19(d) and 19(f) and Incorporated Memorandum of Law;
- 5. Certificate of Compliance with Word Limit;
- 6. Notice of Appearance on Behalf of SIFMA; and
- 7. Certificate of Service.

As set forth in the Application, SIFMA respectfully requests that the Commission set aside action taken by the SROs that prohibits and limits access of SIFMA members to the Consolidated Audit Trail ("CAT") System, which is operated and managed by the SROs through Consolidated Audit Trail, LLC ("CAT LLC"). The challenged SRO action prohibits and limits access to services offered by the SROs in violation of Exchange Act Sections 19(d) and 19(f).

SIFMA further requests, pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice 401, that the challenged SRO action limiting access to the CAT System be stayed until the Commission has an opportunity to consider and rule on SIFMA's Application. A stay will enable Industry Members to submit CAT data and advance the purposes of the CAT without the improper limitations on access to the CAT System imposed by the SROs. In the alternative, SIFMA requests a stay of CAT deadlines that require access to the CAT System.

As described in the Application, the SROs have prohibited and limited access to the CAT System by requiring that Industry Members execute a proposed CAT Reporter Agreement (the "CRA") as a condition of submitting data to the CAT. The CRA purports to limit SRO liability in the event of a CAT data breach and impose unfair risks and responsibilities on Industry Members. The CRA was never filed by the SROs for notice-and-comment and has not been approved by the SEC. It should therefore be set aside by the Commission under Exchange Act Sections 19(d) and 19(f).

SIFMA's guiding principle is "they who hold the data bear the liability." Under the CRA, the contrary is true: firms and clients will have all the risk despite having no control over the data. Although SIFMA and its members fully support the CAT and have invested substantial resources toward implementation of the CAT, the challenged SRO action has left SIFMA no alternative other than to file this proceeding in order to protect CAT data and ensure that those who maintain the data remain legally responsible for unauthorized exposure of the sensitive information in the CAT System.

Respectfully yours,

T. Reinia

Lorin L. Reisner

Enclosures

cc: Service List (by FedEx or Email)

SERVICE LIST

By FedEx and Email:

 Consolidated Audit Trail, LLC c/o Mr. Michael Simon Chair, Operating Committee 1100 New York Ave, NW, Suite 310 Washington, DC 20005-6145 michsimon@deloitte.com

By FedEx:

- BOX Exchange, LLC c/o Mr. Bruce Goodhue Chief Regulatory Officer 101 Arch St., Suite 610 Boston, MA 02110
- Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc. c/o Mr. Jeff Connell Vice President, Deputy Chief Regulatory Officer 400 South LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60605
- 4. Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. c/o Mr. Jeff Connell
 Vice President, Deputy Chief Regulatory Officer 400 South LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60605
- Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc. c/o Mr. Jeff Connell Vice President, Deputy Chief Regulatory Officer 400 South LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60605
- Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc. c/o Mr. Jeff Connell Vice President, Deputy Chief Regulatory Officer 400 South LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60605
- Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. c/o Mr. Jeff Connell Vice President, Deputy Chief Regulatory Officer 400 South LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60605

- Cboe Exchange, Inc. c/o Mr. Jeff Connell Vice President, Deputy Chief Regulatory Officer 400 South LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60605
- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. c/o Mr. Jon Kroeper Executive Vice President, Market Regulation Department 1735 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20006
- Investors' Exchange, LLC c/o Mr. John Ramsay Chief Market Policy Officer
 World Trade Center, 58th Floor New York, NY 10007
- Long-Term Stock Exchange, LLC c/o Mr. Gary Goldsholle Chief Regulatory Officer 340 South Lemon Avenue, Suite 2197 Walnut, CA 91789
- Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC c/o Mr. Edward Deitzal Executive Vice President, Chief Regulatory Officer 7 Roszel Road, 5th floor Princeton, NJ 08540
- MIAX Emerald, LLC c/o Mr. Edward Deitzal Executive Vice President, Chief Regulatory Officer 7 Roszel Road, 5th floor Princeton, NJ 08540
- 14. MIAX PEARL, LLC
 c/o Mr. Edward Deitzal
 Executive Vice President, Chief Regulatory Officer
 7 Roszel Road, 5th floor
 Princeton, NJ 08540

- 15. NASDAQ BX, Inc. c/o Ms. Cindy Retterer Vice President One Liberty Plaza 165 Broadway New York, NY 10006
- 16. NASDAQ GEMX, LLC c/o Ms. Cindy Retterer Vice President One Liberty Plaza
 165 Broadway New York, NY 10006
- 17. NASDAQ ISE, LLC
 c/o Ms. Cindy Retterer
 Vice President
 One Liberty Plaza
 165 Broadway
 New York, NY 10006
- NASDAQ MRX, LLC c/o Ms. Cindy Retterer Vice President 60 Broad Street New York, NY 10004
- 19. NASDAQ PHLX, LLC c/o Ms. Cindy Retterer Vice President One Liberty Plaza 165 Broadway New York, NY 10006
- 20. New York Stock Exchange, LLCc/o Ms. Elizabeth KingGeneral Counsel11 Wall St.New York, NY 10005
- 21. NYSE American, LLCc/o Ms. Elizabeth KingGeneral Counsel11 Wall St.New York, NY 10005

- 22. NYSE Arca, Inc.c/o Ms. Elizabeth King General Counsel11 Wall St.New York, NY 10005
- 23. NYSE Chicago, Inc.
 c/o Ms. Elizabeth King
 General Counsel
 440 South LaSalle St., Suite 800
 Chicago, IL 60605
- 24. NYSE National, Inc. c/o Ms. Elizabeth King General Counsel 11 Wall St. New York, NY 10005
- 25. The NASDAQ Stock Market, LLC c/o Ms. Cindy Retterer Vice President
 One Liberty Plaza
 165 Broadway
 New York, NY 10006