SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-89796; File No. SR-IEX-2020-13)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Investors Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Correct Two Typographical Errors in IEX Rules 2.220(a)(7) and 11.410(a)

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on September 3, 2020, the Investors Exchange LLC ("IEX" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "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> Rule Change

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Act,⁴ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,⁵ IEX is filing is filing with the Commission a proposed rule change to correct two typographical errors in IEX Rules 2.220(a)(7) and 11.410(a). The Exchange has designated this rule change as "non-controversial" under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁶ and provided the Commission with the notice required by Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁷

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's website at

^{1 15} U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

^{6 15} U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

www.iextrading.com, 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 it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statement [sic] 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 recently filed a proposed rule change to amend, in part, IEX Rules 2.220(a)(7) and 11.410(a) to include MIAX PEARL LLC ("MIAX PEARL") in the list of away trading centers to which the Exchange routes and the market data sources the Exchange will use to determine Top of Book⁸ quotations, in anticipation of MIAX PEARL's planned launch of equities trading on September 25, 2020⁹ (the "Original Filing"). The Original Filing introduced identical typographical errors in IEX Rules 2.220(a)(7) and Rule 11.410(a), which the Exchange proposes to correct as described below.

The Original Filing inadvertently listed the Market Identifier Code ("MIC") for MIAX PEARL's equities exchange as "MPRL," which is the MIC for MIAX PEARL's options

⁸ See IEX Rule 11.410(a)(1).

See https://www.miaxoptions.com/alerts/2020/07/20/miax-pearl-equities-updated-dom-and-esesm-interface-specifications

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 89705 (August 28, 2020) (SR-IEX-2020-12).

exchange. The Exchange proposes to correct these typographical errors by replacing the references to "MPRL" in IEX Rules 2.220(a)(7) and Rule 11.410(a) with references to "EPRL," which is the MIC for MIAX PEARL's equities exchange.¹¹

2. Statutory Basis

IEX believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section $6(b)^{12}$ of the Act in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, 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.

Specifically, IEX believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁴ because by correcting inadvertent typographical errors introduced by the Original Filing, it will eliminate any confusion regarding the away trading centers to which the Exchange routes and the market data sources the Exchange will use to determine Top of Book quotations, without substantively changing such provisions.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

IEX does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is not designed to address any competitive issues but rather to correct inadvertent typographical errors, thereby eliminating any potential confusion regarding such rule

See supra note 9.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

^{14 15} U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

provisions without changing their substance.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule 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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁵ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁶

A proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act¹⁷ normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)¹⁸ permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay. The Exchange believes that waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it will allow the Exchange, without undue delay, to correct a typographical error in an acronym used in a recent proposed rule change filing to avoid any potential confusion before the MIAX PEARL equities

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

^{16 17} CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

¹⁷ CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

^{18 17} CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

platform commences operations. The Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because the proposed rule change does not raise any new or novel issues. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the operative delay and designates the proposal as operative upon filing.¹⁹

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 under Section 19(b)(2)(B)²⁰ of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change 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 rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-IEX-2020-13 on the subject line.

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For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission also has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

²⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

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-IEX-2020-13. 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 will also be available for inspection and copying at the IEX's principal office and on its Internet website at www.iextrading.com. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File

Number SR-IEX-2020-13 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 21

J. Matthew DeLesDernier Assistant Secretary

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²¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).