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Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Amending Sections 902.03, 902.04, 902.05 and 902.06 of the Listed Company Manual to Increase Certain of the Fees Set Forth Therein

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 25, 2015, New York Stock Exchange LLC (“NYSE” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III 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. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend[sic] Sections 902.03, 902.04, 902.05 and 902.06 of the Listed Company Manual (the “Manual”) to increase certain of the fees set forth therein. The Exchange proposes to immediately reflect the proposed changes in the Manual, but not to implement the proposed fee changes until January 1, 2016. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements

¹ 15 U.S.C.78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 those 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 parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Sections 902.03, 902.04, 902.05 and 902.06 of the Manual to increase certain of the fees set forth therein. The Exchange proposes to immediately reflect the proposed changes in the Manual, but not to implement the proposed fee changes until January 1, 2016.⁴

Section 902.03 of the Manual currently provides, in part, for annual fees for listed equity securities. Currently, the annual fee for an issuer's primary class of common shares or, if no class of common shares is listed on the Exchange, the preferred stock of such issuer is the greater of \$45,000 or \$0.001 per share. The Exchange proposes to increase these thresholds to \$52,500 and \$0.001025, respectively. Currently, the annual fee for each additional class of common shares, each additional class of preferred stock and each class of warrants is calculated as the greater of a specified minimum fee or \$0.001 per share. The Exchange proposes to leave the minimum fee for those three categories unchanged, but to increase the fee per share for each category to \$0.001025 per share.

⁴ The Exchange has proposed changes to the Manual, as reflected in Exhibit 5 attached hereto, in a manner that would permit readers of the Manual to identify the changes that would be implemented on January 1, 2016. The Commission notes that Exhibit 5 is attached to the filing, not to this Notice.

Sections 902.04, 902.05 and 902.06 of the Manual set forth, in part, the annual fees for closed-end funds, structured products and short-term securities, respectively. In each case, the current annual fee for these securities is calculated as the greater of a specified minimum fee or \$0.001 per share. The Exchange proposes to leave the minimum fee for those three categories of securities unchanged, but to increase the fee per share for each category to \$0.001025 per share.⁵

As described below, the Exchange proposes to make the aforementioned fee increases to better reflect the Exchange's costs related to listing equity securities and the corresponding value of such listing to issuers.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4)⁷ of the Act, in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and issuers and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange also believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5)⁸ of the Act in that it is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes that it is reasonable to amend Section 902.03 of the Manual to increase the minimum annual fee for an issuer's primary class of common shares and primary class of preferred stock, to the greater of \$52,500 or \$0.001025 per share and to increase the fee per share for each additional class of common shares, each additional class of preferred stock, each class of warrants, each class of listed securities of closed-end funds, structured products and

⁵ With respect to closed-end funds, the increase to the fee per share will be applicable to both the primary listed security and each additional class of listed equity securities.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

short-term securities to \$0.001025 per share because the resulting fees would better reflect the Exchange's costs related to such listing and the resulting value that that such listings provide to the issuers. In that regard, the Exchange notes that it has incurred increased expenses as it continues to improve and increase the services it provides to listed companies. These improvements include renovating and upgrading the Exchange building to provide meeting spaces for listed companies and a significant upgrade to the NYSE Connect online community accessible to all listed companies. The Exchange believes that the proposed fee increases are equitably allocated because the per share fee increase will be the same for all issuers on the Exchange. Therefore, the proposed fee increases will not be unfairly discriminatory towards any individual issuer. Further, the Exchange believes it is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act to increase the minimum fee for the primary class of common shares and primary class of preferred stock but not the minimum fee for each additional class of such securities. The Exchange notes that the minimum fee for an additional class of common shares or preferred stock is already less than the fee for a primary class and that such fee differential has been approved under the Act. The Exchange has determined to leave the minimum fee for an additional class of common shares or preferred stock unchanged at this time as there are only a few listed companies with more than one class of common shares or preferred stock listed on the Exchange.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is designed to ensure that the fees charged by the Exchange accurately reflect the services provided and benefits realized by listed companies. The market for listing

services is extremely competitive. Each listing exchange has a different fee schedule that applies to issuers seeking to list securities on its exchange. Issuers have the option to list their securities on these alternative venues based on the fees charged and the value provided by each listing. Because issuers have a choice to list their securities on a different national securities exchange, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed fee changes impose a burden on competition.

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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

The foregoing rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)⁹ of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4¹⁰ thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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)¹¹ 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

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

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-NYSE-2015-44 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2015-44. 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, D.C. 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such 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-NYSE-2015-44 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.¹²

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¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).