

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to an Amendment to the International Securities Exchange, LLC Constitution and Amended and Restated LLC Agreement

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on May 8, 2007, the International Securities Exchange, LLC ("Exchange" or "ISE, LLC") 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 Exchange. 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

ISE, LLC is proposing to amend its Constitution and Amended and Restated LLC Agreement. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at (<http://www.iseoptions.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 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

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

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

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

1. Purpose

The purpose of this proposed rule change is to amend the Exchange's Constitution and Amended and Restated LLC Agreement to: (i) remove the requirement that the President of the Exchange also be the Chief Executive Officer of the Exchange; and (ii) change the number of directors from 15 to no less than 15 and no more than 16, so as to allow for the election, at the discretion the Sole LLC Member,<sup>3</sup> of a director who was employed by the Exchange at any time during the prior three years, but otherwise meets the definition of a "Non-Industry Director" as provided under the Exchange's Constitution. Currently, the Exchange's Constitution requires that the President of the Exchange also be the Chief Executive Officer of the Exchange<sup>4</sup> and that the number of directors on the Board of Directors be fixed at 15.<sup>5</sup> The Exchange believes that the proposed modifications would provide the flexibility to structure the Board of Directors in a way that is most effective for attracting and keeping the industry's most talented people, and in turn provide the flexibility to attract and retain the best possible management team for the Exchange and its members.

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<sup>3</sup> See Article I, Section 1.1 of the ISE, LLC Constitution, which defines the term "Sole LLC Member".

<sup>4</sup> Constitution, Section 4.1.

<sup>5</sup> Constitution, Section 3.2.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is the requirement under Section 6(b)(1)<sup>6</sup> that an exchange be so organized so as to have the capacity to be able to carry out the purposes of the Act and to comply, and (subject to any rule or order of the Commission pursuant to Section 17(d)<sup>7</sup> or 19(g)(2)<sup>8</sup> of the Act) to enforce compliance by its members and persons associated with its members, with the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the rules of the exchange. The Exchange also believes this proposed rule change furthers the objective of Section 6(b)(5)<sup>9</sup> that an exchange have rules that, among other things, are designed to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism for a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

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

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

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

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<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(g)(1).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q(d).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(g)(2).

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which ISE, LLC consents, the Commission will:

- A. by order approve such proposed rule change; or
- B. institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File No. SR-ISE-2007-34 on the subject line.

##### Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2007-34. 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 Commissions Internet Web site (<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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the ISE. 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-2007-34 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).