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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>29</sup>

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAX Emerald, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Its Fee Schedule

March 2, 2023.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 24, 2023, MIAX Emerald, LLC (“MIAX Emerald” or “Exchange”), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) a 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

The Exchange is filing a proposal to amend the MIAX Emerald Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”) to adopt fees for a new data product known as the Liquidity Taker Event Report—Resting Simple Orders.<sup>3</sup>

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <http://www.miaxoptions.com/rule-filings/emerald>, at MIAX’s principal office, 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 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 Exchange recently adopted a new data product known as the Liquidity Taker Event Report—Resting Simple Orders (the “Report”), which will be available for purchase to Exchange Members<sup>4</sup> on a voluntary basis. The Exchange now proposes to adopt fees for the Report. The proposal to adopt the Report was recently published by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) and is described under Exchange Rule 531(c).<sup>5</sup> The Report is an optional product available to Members.

By way of background, the Report is a daily report that provides a Member (“Recipient Member”) with its liquidity response time details for executions of an order resting on the Simple Order Book.<sup>6</sup> The Report focuses on executions and contra-side responses that occurred after 200 microseconds of the time the resting order was received by the Exchange and within 200

microseconds of receipt of the first attempt to execute against the resting order after the initial 200 microsecond time period has expired.

The following information is included in the Report regarding the resting order: (A) the time the resting order was received by the Exchange; (B) symbol; (C) order reference number, which is a unique reference number assigned to a new order at the time of receipt; (D) whether the Recipient Member is an Affiliate<sup>7</sup> of the Member that entered the resting order; (E) origin type (e.g., Priority Customer,<sup>9</sup> Market Maker<sup>10</sup>); (F) side (buy or sell); and (G) displayed price and size of the resting order.

The following information is included in the Report regarding the execution of the resting order: (A) the EBBO<sup>11</sup> at the time of execution; (B) the ABBO<sup>13</sup> at the time of execution; (C) the time first response that executes against the resting order was received by the Exchange and the size of the execution and type of the response; (D) whether the response was entered by the Recipient Member.

The following information is included in the Report regarding response(s) sent by the Recipient Member: (A) Recipient

<sup>7</sup> The term “affiliate” or of person “affiliated with” another person means a person who, directly, or indirectly, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such other person. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>8</sup> The Report will simply indicate whether the Recipient Member is Affiliate of the Member that entered the resting order and not include any other information that may indicate the identity of the Member that entered the resting order.

<sup>9</sup> The term “Priority Customer” means a person or entity that (i) is not a broker or dealer in securities, and (ii) does not place more than 390 orders in listed options per day on average during a calendar month for its own beneficial account(s). The number of orders shall be counted in accordance with Interpretation and Policy .01. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>10</sup> The term “Market Maker” refers to “Lead Market Makers”, “Primary Lead Market Makers” and “Registered Market Makers” collectively. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>11</sup> The term “EBBO” means the best bid or offer on the Exchange. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>12</sup> Exchange Rule 531(c)(1)(ii)(A) provides that if the resting order executes against multiple contra-side responses, only the EBBO at the time of the execution against the first response will be included.

<sup>13</sup> The term “ABBO” or “Away Best Bid or Offer” means the best bid(s) or offer(s) disseminated by other Eligible Exchanges (defined in Exchange Rule 1400(g)) and calculated by the Exchange based on market information received by the Exchange from OPRA. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>14</sup> Exchange Rule 531(c)(1)(ii)(B) further provides that if the resting order executes against multiple contra-side responses, only the ABBO at the time of the execution against the first response will be included.

<sup>15</sup> The time the Exchange received the response order would be in nanoseconds and would be the time the response was received by the Exchange’s network, which is before the time the response would be received by the System.

<sup>29</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

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

<sup>3</sup> See, generally, Exchange Rule 531(c).

<sup>4</sup> The term “Member” means an individual or organization approved to exercise the trading rights associated with a Trading Permit. Members are deemed “members” under the Exchange Act. See the Definitions Section of the Fee Schedule and Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 96762 (January 27, 2023), 88 FR 7114 (February 2, 2023) (SR-EMERALD-2023-02) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by MIAX Emerald, LLC to Amend Exchange Rule 531, Reports, Market Data Products and Services, to provide for the New for the New “Liquidity Taker Event Report—Resting Simple Orders”).

<sup>6</sup> The term “Simple Order Book” means “the Exchange’s regular electronic book of orders and quotes.” See Exchange Rule 518(a)(15).

Member identifier; (B) the time difference between the time the first response that executes against the resting order was received by the Exchange and the time of each response sent by the Recipient Member, regardless of whether it executed or not;<sup>16</sup> (C) size and type of each response submitted by Recipient Member; and (D) response reference number, which is a unique reference number attached to the response by the Recipient Member.

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 7), Reports, of the Fee Schedule, to add a new row for the Report, which will provide that Members may purchase the Report on a monthly or annual (12-month) basis. The Exchange proposes to assess a monthly fee of \$2,000 per month and a fee of \$12,000 per year for a 12-month subscription for the Report. Members may cancel their subscription at any time. The Exchange also proposes to specify that for mid-month subscriptions, new subscribers will be charged for the full calendar month for which they subscribe and will be provided Report data for each trading day of the calendar month prior to the day on which they subscribed.

The Exchange intends to begin to offer the Report and charge the proposed fees on March 1, 2023.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>17</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>18</sup> 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 to protect investors and the public interest, and that it is not designed to permit unfair discrimination among customers, brokers, or dealers. The Exchange also believes that its proposal to adopt fees for the Report is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>19</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>20</sup> in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of dues, fees and

other charges among its Members and other recipients of Exchange data.

In adopting Regulation NMS, the Commission granted self-regulatory organizations (“SROs”) and broker-dealers increased authority and flexibility to offer new and unique market data to the public. It was believed that this authority would expand the amount of data available to consumers, and also spur innovation and competition for the provision of market data. The Exchange believes that the Report further broadens the availability of U.S. option market data to investors consistent with the principles of Regulation NMS. The Report also promotes increased transparency through the dissemination of the Report. Particularly, the Report will benefit investors by facilitating their prompt access to the value added information that is included in the Report. The Report will allow Members to access information regarding their trading activity that they may utilize to evaluate their own trading behavior and order interactions.

The Exchange operates in a highly competitive environment. Indeed, there are currently 16 registered options exchanges that trade options. Based on publicly available information, no single options exchange has more than 13% of the equity options market share and currently the Exchange represents only approximately 3.36% of the equity options market share.<sup>21</sup> The Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. Particularly, in Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system “has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies.”<sup>22</sup> Making similar data products available to market participants fosters competition in the marketplace, and constrains the ability of exchanges to charge supra-competitive fees. In the event that a market participant views one exchange’s data product as more attractive than the competition, that market participant can, and often does, switch between similar products. The proposed fees are a result of the

competitive environment of the U.S. options industry as the Exchange seeks to adopt fees to attract purchasers of the recently introduced Report.

The Exchange believes the proposed fees are reasonable as the proposed fees are both modest and lower than fees charged by the Exchange for similar data products.<sup>23</sup> The proposed fees for this Report are less expensive than the Exchange’s existing reports because the Exchange believes that the information provided in the Report may not be as valuable to market participants as the other information contained in the Exchange’s similar reports, which measures the data in the first 200 microseconds of the time the resting order was received by the Exchange. While the Exchange believes that this Report is useful, it may not be as helpful as the other reports offered by the Exchange. Indeed, if the Exchange proposed fees that market participants viewed as excessively high, then the proposed fees would simply serve to reduce demand for the Exchange’s data product, which as noted, is entirely optional. Other options exchanges are also free to introduce their own comparable data products with lower prices to better compete with the Exchange’s offering.<sup>24</sup> As such, the Exchange believes that the proposed fees are reasonable and set at a level to compete with other options exchanges that may choose to offer similar reports. Moreover, if a market participant views another exchange’s potential report as more attractive, then such market participant can merely choose not to purchase the Exchange’s Report and instead purchase another exchange’s similar data product, which may offer similar data points, albeit based on that other market’s trading activity.

The Exchange also believes providing an annual subscription for an overall

<sup>23</sup> The Exchange offers two Liquidity Taker Event Reports, one for Simple Orders and a second for Complex orders that both focus on executions and contra-side responses received within 200 microseconds of the time the resting order was received by the Exchange. See Exchange Rule 531(a) and (b). The Exchange charges a monthly fee of \$4,000 and a discounted annual (12 month) fee of \$24,000 for each of these reports. See Fee Schedule, Section 7, providing fees for the Liquidity Taker Event Report—Simple Orders and the Liquidity Taker Event Report—Complex Orders available at <https://www.miaxoptions.com/fees/emerald>.

<sup>24</sup> This is supported by the BOX Exchange LLC (“BOX”) recently copying two similar reports recently adopted by the Exchange, namely, the Liquidity Taker Event Report—Simple Orders, described under Exchange Rule 531(a), and the Liquidity Taker Event Report—Complex Orders, described under Exchange Rule 531(b). See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 94563 (March 31, 2022), 87 FR 19985 (April 6, 2022) (SR–BOX–2022–10); and 94920 (May 16, 2022), 87 FR 31013 (May 20, 2022) (SR–BOX–2022–18).

<sup>16</sup> For purposes of calculating this duration of time, the Exchange will use the time the resting order and the Recipient Member’s response(s) is received by the Exchange’s network, both of which would be before the order and response(s) would be received by the System. This time difference would be provided in nanoseconds.

<sup>17</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>18</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>19</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>20</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>21</sup> See Market at a Glance, available at <https://www.miaxoptions.com/> (last visited February 8, 2023).

<sup>22</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005) (“Regulation NMS Adopting Release”).

lower fee than a monthly subscription is equitable and reasonable because it would enable the Exchange to gauge long-term interest in the Report. A lower annual subscription fee would also incentivize Members to subscribe to the Report on a long-term basis, thereby improving the efficiency by which the Exchange may deliver the Report by doing so on a regular basis over a prolonged and set period of time. The Exchange notes it provides annual subscriptions for similar reports.<sup>25</sup>

The Exchange also believes the proposed fees are reasonable as they would support the introduction of a new market data product to Members that are interested in gaining insight into latency in connection with orders that failed to execute against an order resting on the Exchange's Simple Order Book. The Report accomplishes this by providing those Members data to analyze by how much time their order may have missed an execution against a contra-side order resting on the Simple Order Book. Members may use this data to optimize their models and trading patterns in an effort to yield better execution results by calculating by how much time their order may have missed an execution.

Selling market data, such as the Report, is also a means by which exchanges compete to attract business. To the extent that the Exchange is successful in attracting subscribers for the Report, it may earn trading revenues and further enhance the value of its data products. If the market deems the proposed fees to be unfair or inequitable, firms can diminish or discontinue their use of the data and/or avail themselves of similar products that may be offered by other exchanges.<sup>26</sup> The Exchange, therefore, believes that the proposed fees for the Report reflect the competitive environment and would be properly assessed on Member users. The Exchange also believes the proposed fees are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory as the fees would apply equally to all users who choose to purchase such data. It is a business decision of each Member that chooses to purchase the Report. The Exchange's proposed fees would not differentiate between subscribers that purchase the Report and are set at a modest level that would allow any interested Member to purchase such data based on their business needs.

The Exchange reiterates that the decision as to whether or not to purchase the Report is entirely optional for all potential subscribers. Indeed, no market participant is required to purchase the Report, and the Exchange is not required to make the Report available to all investors. It is entirely a business decision of each Member to subscribe to the Report. The Exchange offers the Report as a convenience to Members to provide them with additional information regarding trading activity on the Exchange on a delayed basis after the close of regular trading hours. A Member that chooses to subscribe to the Report may discontinue receiving the Report at any time if that Member determines that the information contained in the Report is no longer useful.

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

The Exchange 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 Exchange made the Report available in order to keep pace with changes in the industry and evolving customer needs and demands, and believes the data product will contribute to robust competition among national securities exchanges. As a result, the Exchange believes this proposed rule change permits fair competition among national securities exchanges.

The Exchange also does not believe the proposed fees would cause any unnecessary or inappropriate burden on intermarket competition as other exchanges are free to introduce their own comparable data product with lower prices to better compete with the Exchange's offering. The Exchange operates in a highly competitive environment, and its ability to price the Report is constrained by competition among exchanges who choose to adopt a similar product. The Exchange must consider this in its pricing discipline in order to compete for the market data. For example, proposing fees that are excessively higher than fees for potentially similar data products would simply serve to reduce demand for the Exchange's data product, which as discussed, market participants are under no obligation to utilize. In this competitive environment, potential purchasers are free to choose which, if any, similar product to purchase to satisfy their need for market information. As a result, the Exchange believes this proposed rule change permits fair competition among national securities exchanges.

The Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change would cause any unnecessary or inappropriate burden on intramarket competition. Particularly, the proposed product and fees apply uniformly to any purchaser in that the Exchange does not differentiate between subscribers that purchase the Report. The proposed fees are set at a modest level that would allow any interested Member to purchase such data based on their business needs.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,<sup>27</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>28</sup> thereunder. 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 to determine whether the proposed rule 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 email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-EMERALD-2023-06 on the subject line.

#### *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-EMERALD-2023-06. This file number should be included on the

<sup>25</sup> See Fee Schedule, Section 7, providing annual subscriptions to the Liquidity Taker Event Report—Simple Orders and the Liquidity Taker Event Report—Complex Orders available at <https://www.miaxoptions.com/fees/emerald>.

<sup>26</sup> See *supra* note 24.

<sup>27</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>28</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

subject line if email 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 also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. 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-EMERALD-2023-06, and should be submitted on or before March 29, 2023.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; ICE Clear Europe Limited; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Capital Replenishment Plan

March 2, 2023.

#### I. Introduction

On December 29, 2022, ICE Clear Europe Limited ("ICEEU") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")<sup>1</sup> and

Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change to adopt a capital replenishment plan. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2023.<sup>3</sup> The Commission did not receive comments regarding the proposed rule change. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is approving the proposed rule change.

#### II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change

##### A. Background

ICE Clear Europe is registered with the Commission as a clearing agency for the purpose of clearing security-based swaps. In its role as a clearing agency for security-based swaps, ICE Clear Europe maintains certain financial resources as capital. A number of different laws and regulations require ICEEU to maintain capital, as doing so promotes ICE Clear Europe's resiliency and helps it withstand periods of market stress. In the proposed rule change, ICEEU would adopt a new Capital Replenishment Plan ("CRP")<sup>4</sup> to explain how ICEEU would replenish its capital following a loss. The proposed adoption of the CRP is designed to address ICEEU's need to replenish capital because of a Clearing Member default, the occurrence of sudden extraordinary one-off losses, net losses resulting from custody or investment risks, or from recurring losses which may arise from general business risks.<sup>5</sup> The CRP would consist of five sections, and would include two appendices and two annexes. Each of these sections is described below. ICEEU would review the CRP annually and would include capital replenishment within its annual default management test schedule.

##### B. Section 1—Introduction and Background

Section 1 of the CRP introduces the plan, describes the purpose of the plan, and explains ICEEU's approach in developing the plan. As mentioned above, the overall purpose of the plan is to replenish capital following a loss. The proposed CRP: (i) describes actions that ICEEU could take to replenish its capital, for both its own resources contribution to the guaranty fund and

for its capital requirement under EMIR; (ii) explains ICEEU's approach to capital management and maintaining capital; and (iii) identifies associated stakeholders and responsibilities.

Section 1 outlines the steps ICEEU would expect to take to replenish capital, including (i) first assessing and using available accumulated financial resources, (ii) then looking to use reasonably calculated forecasts as to future profits, (iii) if those resources are insufficient to restore capital to the legal requirement, by seeking resources from its parent company in the ICE group, and (iv) thereafter, with the approval of its parent and subject to the rights of existing shareholders, by seeking additional capital from third parties. ICEEU may also bypass the first two steps outlined above and immediately request capital from its parent company.

Finally, Section 1 of the CRP assigns the overall accountability for the CRP to the ICEEU President, the ICEEU Finance Director, and the ICEEU Board.

##### C. Section 2—Responsibilities

While Section 1 of the CRP assigns overall accountability to the President, Finance Director, and Board, Section 2 provides further details on that accountability. Specifically, under Section 2, ICEEU's Finance Director is responsible for monitoring ICEEU's compliance with the applicable regulatory capital requirements, reporting capital adequacy internally and to regulators, escalating matters relating to capital adequacy to ICEEU's President where appropriate, and contributing to the development of plans to increase and/or replenish Eligible Capital as required for ICEEU to continue to meet its regulatory capital requirements. ICEEU's Finance Director also prepares forward-looking calculations of capital adequacy and dividend recommendations.

ICEEU's President is responsible for ensuring ICEEU meets its capital adequacy obligations under relevant laws and regulations. ICEEU's President is also responsible for developing and executing any plans to increase and/or replenish capital as required in order for ICEEU to continue to meet its regulatory capital requirements, where necessary.

The Board Risk Committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending to the Board the principles underlying the capital planning process as well as the Plan itself, and the Board itself would be responsible for approving the principles and the Plan. The Board is also responsible for holding the President accountable for demonstrating adherence to ICEEU capital policies and

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

<sup>3</sup> Self-Regulatory Organizations; ICE Clear Europe Limited; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Capital Replenishment Plan; Exchange Act Release No. 96634 (Jan. 11, 2023), 88 FR 2668 (Jan. 17, 2023) (File No. SR-ICEEU-2022-027) ("Notice").

<sup>4</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in the CRP or ICEEU's rulebook, as applicable.

<sup>5</sup> See Notice, 88 FR 2668.

<sup>29</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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