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Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change *  Add Remove View	The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)			
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Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies  Add Remove View	The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.			
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Partial Amendment  Add Remove View	If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.			

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# 1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC ("MIAX" or "Exchange"), pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> proposes to amend Rule 510, Interpretations and Policies .01 to extend the pilot program for the quoting and trading of certain options in pennies (the "Penny Pilot Program") and to adopt a procedure for replacing in the Penny Pilot Program option classes that have been delisted.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u>, and the text of the proposed rule change is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 5</u>.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

### 2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

The proposed rule change was approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the MIAX Board of Directors on December 5, 2012. Exchange staff will advise the Board of Directors of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the proposed rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to Claire P. McGrath, Senior Vice President, at (609) 897-1464.

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

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

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# 3. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

### a. Purpose

The Exchange is a participant in an industry-wide pilot program that provides for the quoting and trading of certain option classes in penny increments (the "Penny Pilot Program" or "Program"). Specifically, the Penny Pilot Program allows the quoting and trading of certain option classes in minimum increments of \$0.01 for all series in such option classes with a price of less than \$3.00; and in minimum increments of \$0.05 for all series in such option classes with a price of \$3.00 or higher. Options overlying the PowerShares QQQ Trust ("QQQQ")®, SPDR S&P 500 Exchange Traded Funds ("SPY"), and iShares Russell 2000 Index Funds ("IWM"), however, are quoted and traded in minimum increments of \$0.01 for all series regardless of the price. The Penny Pilot Program was initiated at the then existing option exchanges in January 2007 and currently includes more than 300 of the most active option classes. The Penny Pilot Program is currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 2012. The purpose of the proposed rule change is to extend the Penny Pilot Program in its current format through June 30, 2013.

In addition, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 510, Interpretations and Policies .01 to describe the process by which Penny Pilot Program option classes that have been delisted can be replaced. The process, which is currently in place at other option exchanges participating in the Penny Pilot Program, provides a date on which an option class in the Penny Pilot Program that has been delisted will be replaced by the next most actively traded, multiply-listed option class that is not yet in the Penny Pilot Program. The replacement classes will be added to the Penny Pilot Program on the second trading day following January 1, 2013. Determination of the next most actively traded option class will be based on trading activity in the previous six months excluding the month immediately prior to the replacement date. Thus, replacement issues will be

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selected based on trading activity for the six month period beginning June 1, 2012, and ending November 30, 2012. All classes currently participating in the Penny Pilot Program will remain the same and all minimum increments will remain unchanged. The Exchange believes its participation in the Penny Pilot Program will benefit public customers and other market participants in that they will be able to express their true prices to buy and sell options in those classes that are part of the Program.

### b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

MIAX believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>3</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>4</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 foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, and it is not designed to permit unfair discrimination among customers, brokers, or dealers. In particular, the proposed rule change, which extends the Penny Pilot Program for six months, allows the Exchange to participate in a program that has been viewed as beneficial to traders, investors and public customers and viewed as successful by the other options exchanges participating in it. In addition, the adoption of a process by which Penny Pilot Program option classes that have been delisted can be replaced, allows the Program to continue to provide for the quoting and trading of the most active option classes in pennies. It also provides an organized

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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process, which is uniform across the options exchanges, for the introduction of new option classes into the Program.

# 4. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Further, by extending the Penny Pilot Program for six months, MIAX, as a new entrant to the market, is able to participate in the Penny Pilot Program as it begins to roll-out trading in those active option classes that are part of the Program. MIAX's overall participation in the Penny Pilot Program enhances competition in that it provides another venue for trading active option classes expressed by market participants at their true prices.

# 5. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

# 6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

# 7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)</u>

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>5</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>6</sup> thereunder, the Exchange has designated this proposal as one that effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file 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. Furthermore, a proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act<sup>7</sup> normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>8</sup> permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange requests a waiver of the 30 day operative delay to the extent needed to allow the Penny Pilot Program to continue uninterrupted at the Exchange and industry-wide. A waiver of the operative delay is also needed to allow the Exchange to replace option classes in the Penny Pilot Program at the same time as the other options exchanges participating in the Program.

# 8. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission</u>

The proposed rule change is based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization. International Securities Exchange, LLC ("ISE") Rule 710, Supplementary Material .01 provides the same description of the process for replacing in the Penny Pilot program option classes that have been delisted, as is being proposed by MIAX herein.

# 9. Exhibits

- 1. Notice of proposed rule for publication in the Federal Register.
- 5. Text of proposed rule change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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**EXHIBIT 1** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-MIAX-2012-04

December\_\_, 2012

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by Miami International Securities Exchange LLC to Extend the Penny Pilot Program

Pursuant to the provisions of 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 December 21, 2012, Miami International Securities Exchange LLC ("MIAX" 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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed</u> Rule Change

The Exchange is filing a proposal to amend Rule 510, Interpretations and Policies .01 to extend the pilot program for the quoting and trading of certain options in pennies (the "Penny Pilot Program") and to adopt a procedure for replacing in the Penny Pilot Program option classes that have been delisted.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at <a href="http://www.miaxoptions.com/filter/wotitle/rule\_filing">http://www.miaxoptions.com/filter/wotitle/rule\_filing</a>, at MIAX's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

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

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# 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 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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory</u> <u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

### 1. Purpose

The Exchange is a participant in an industry-wide pilot program that provides for the quoting and trading of certain option classes in penny increments (the "Penny Pilot Program" or "Program"). Specifically, the Penny Pilot Program allows the quoting and trading of certain option classes in minimum increments of \$0.01 for all series in such option classes with a price of less than \$3.00; and in minimum increments of \$0.05 for all series in such option classes with a price of \$3.00 or higher. Options overlying the PowerShares QQQ Trust ("QQQQ")®, SPDR S&P 500 Exchange Traded Funds ("SPY"), and iShares Russell 2000 Index Funds ("IWM"), however, are quoted and traded in minimum increments of \$0.01 for all series regardless of the price. The Penny Pilot Program was initiated at the then existing option exchanges in January 2007 and currently includes more than 300 of the most active option classes. The Penny Pilot Program is currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 2012. The purpose of the proposed rule change is to extend the Penny Pilot Program in its current format through June 30, 2013.

In addition, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 510, Interpretations and Policies .01 to describe the process by which Penny Pilot Program option classes that have been delisted can be replaced. The process, which is currently in place at other option exchanges participating in the

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Penny Pilot Program, provides a date on which an option class in the Penny Pilot Program that has been delisted will be replaced by the next most actively traded, multiply-listed option class that is not yet in the Penny Pilot Program. The replacement classes will be added to the Penny Pilot Program on the second trading day following January 1, 2013. Determination of the next most actively traded option class will be based on trading activity in the previous six months excluding the month immediately prior to the replacement date. Thus, replacement issues will be selected based on trading activity for the six month period beginning June 1, 2012, and ending November 30, 2012. All classes currently participating in the Penny Pilot Program will remain the same and all minimum increments will remain unchanged. The Exchange believes its participation in the Penny Pilot Program will benefit public customers and other market participants in that they will be able to express their true prices to buy and sell options in those classes that are part of the Program.

### 2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

MIAX believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>3</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>4</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 foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, and it is not designed to permit unfair discrimination among customers, brokers, or dealers. In particular, the proposed rule change, which extends the Penny Pilot Program for six

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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months, allows the Exchange to participate in a program that has been viewed as beneficial to traders, investors and public customers and viewed as successful by the other options exchanges participating in it. In addition, the adoption of a process by which Penny Pilot Program option classes that have been delisted can be replaced, allows the Program to continue to provide for the quoting and trading of the most active option classes in pennies. It also provides an organized process, which is uniform across the options exchanges, for the introduction of new option classes into the Program.

### 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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Further, by extending the Penny Pilot Program for six months, MIAX, as a new entrant to the market, is able to participate in the Penny Pilot Program as it begins to roll-out trading in those active option classes that are part of the Program. MIAX's overall participation in the Penny Pilot Program enhances competition in that it provides another venue for trading active option classes expressed by market participants at their true prices.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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### 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 after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>5</sup> and Rule  $19b-4(f)(6)^6$  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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file 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.

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□ Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-MIAX-2012-04 on the subject line.

#### Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAX-2012-04. 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 Web site (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>).

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; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

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All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAX-2012-04 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.<sup>7</sup>

> Kevin M. O'Neill **Deputy Secretary**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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**EXHIBIT 5** 

### MIAMI INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE, LLC

### **Proposed Rule Change**

It is proposed that the following provisions of the Miami International Securities Exchange Rules be amended as set forth below. [Bracketed] text indicates material to be deleted and <u>underlined</u> text indicates material to be added.

### Rule 510. Minimum Price Variations and Minimum Trading Increments

(a) through (b) No change.

### **Interpretations and Policies:**

.01 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Rule 510, the Exchange will operate a pilot program, scheduled to expire on [December 31, 2012] June 30, 2013, to permit options classes to be quoted and traded in increments as low as \$.01. The Exchange will specify which options trade in such pilot, and in what increments, in Regulatory Circulars filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Exchange Act and distributed to Members. The Exchange may replace any pilot classes that have been delisted with the next most actively traded multiply listed options classes that are not yet included in the pilot program, based on trading activity in the previous six months. The replacement classes may be added to the penny pilot on the second trading day following January 1, 2013.