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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

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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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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

#### **Partial Amendment**

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 its Fee Schedule.

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

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

### 2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management 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 Brian O'Neill, Vice President and Senior Counsel, at 609-897-1434.

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

### a. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to establish a \$0.08 transaction fee for executions in standard option contracts and \$0.008 transaction fee for Mini Option contracts for Market Makers<sup>3</sup> registered on the Exchange.

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

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

Market Makers may be registered as a Lead Market Maker or as a Registered Market Maker. See Exchange Rule 600(b). Market Makers registered on the Exchange for

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The current transaction fees for Market Makers are: (i) RMMs \$0.05 per contract for standard options or \$0.005 for Mini Options; (ii) LMMs \$0.05 per contract for standard options or \$0.005 for Mini Options; (iii) DLMMs and PLMMs \$0.05 per contract for standard options or \$0.005 for Mini Options; and (iv) DPLMMs \$0.05 per contract for standard options or \$0.005 for Mini Options. The proposal will increase the transaction fees for all Market Makers in both standard options and Mini Options. The Exchange proposes to implement the new transaction fees beginning November 1, 2013.

The previous transaction fees were designed both to enhance the Exchange's competitiveness with other option exchanges and to strengthen its market quality. Now that both intermarket and intramarket competition has been increased the Exchange believes that it would be beneficial to marginally increase the transaction fees for all Market Makers to bring rates closer in line with transaction fees charged to other market participants that execute orders on the Exchange. The Exchange notes that Market Maker transactions fees will still remain lower than other market participants in order to continue to incent market participants and market makers on other exchanges to register as Market Makers on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that maintaining lower transaction fees for Market Makers registered on the Exchange promotes tighter bid-ask spreads by Market Makers, and increases the volume of transactions in order to allow the Exchange to compete more effectively with other options exchanges for such transactions.

purposes of the transaction fee and Section 1(a)(i) of the Fee Schedule include: (i) Registered Market Maker ("RMM"); (ii) Lead Market Maker ("LMM"); (iii) Directed Order Lead Market Maker ("DLMM"); (iv) Primary Lead Market Maker ("PLMM"); and Directed Order Primary Lead Market Maker ("DPLMM"). See MIAX Options Fee Schedule, Section 1(a)(i) – Market Maker Transaction Fees.

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### b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its fee schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>5</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>6</sup> in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among Exchange members.

The Exchange believes that the proposal is fair, equitable and not unreasonably discriminatory. The proposal is reasonable because it results in a marginal increase in transactions fees for all Market Makers on the Exchange to bring rates closer in line with transaction fees charged to other market participants that execute orders on the Exchange. The proposed fees are fair and equitable and not unreasonably discriminatory because they will apply equally to all Market Makers regardless of type. All Market Makers will be subject to the same transaction fee, and access to the Exchange is offered on terms that are not unfairly discriminatory. The registration as an Exchange Market Maker is equally available to all market participants and Electronic Exchange Members ("EEMs") that satisfy the requirements of Rule 600. Any market participant may choose to satisfy the additional requirements and obligations of being a Market Maker in order to qualify for the transaction fee.

The Exchange believes that maintaining lower transaction fees for Market Makers is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because Market Markers on the Exchange have enhanced quoting obligations measured in both quantity (% time) and quality (minimum bid-ask differentials) that other market participants do not have. Additionally, maintaining lower transaction fees for Market Makers registered on the Exchange promotes tighter bid-ask spreads by Market Makers, and increases the volume of transactions in order to allow the Exchange to

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

<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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compete more effectively with other options exchanges for such transactions. To the extent that this purpose is achieved, all the Exchange's market participants should benefit from the improved market liquidity. Enhanced market quality and increased transaction volume that results from the increase in Market Maker activity on the Exchange will benefit all market participants and improve competition on the Exchange.

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

MIAX 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. The Exchange believes that the proposal increases both intermarket and intramarket competition by marginally increasing transactions fees for all Market Makers on the Exchange to bring rates closer in line with transaction fees charged to other market participants that execute orders on the Exchange. The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive with other exchanges and to attract order flow. The Exchange believes that the proposal reflects this competitive environment because it increases the Exchange's fees in a manner that continues to encourage market participants to register as Market Makers, to provide liquidity, and to attract order flow to the Exchange. To the extent that this purpose is achieved. all the Exchange's market participants should benefit from the improved market liquidity. Enhanced market quality and increased transaction volume that results from the increase in Market Maker activity on the Exchange will benefit all market participants and improve competition on the Exchange.

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

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)(ii) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder<sup>8</sup> the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the self-regulatory organization, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing.

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

The proposed rule change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization or of the Commission.

# 9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act Not applicable.

# 10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

### 11. Exhibits

- 1. Notice of proposed rule for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>.
- 5. Applicable Section of the MIAX Fee Schedule

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>8 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4.

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**EXHIBIT 1** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-; File No. SR-MIAX-2013-50)

October, 2013

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by Miami International Securities Exchange LLC to Amend the MIAX Fee Schedule

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 October 24, 2013, 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 Rule Change</u>

The Exchange is filing a proposal to amend its Fee Schedule.

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.

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

<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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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 Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

### 1. Purpose

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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manner that continues to encourage market participants to register as Market Makers, to provide liquidity, and to attract order flow to the Exchange. To the extent that this purpose is achieved, all the Exchange's market participants should benefit from the improved market liquidity. Enhanced market quality and increased transaction volume that results from the increase in Market Maker activity on the Exchange will benefit all market participants and improve competition on the Exchange.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the

Act. 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:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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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-
MIAX-2013-50 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-2013-50. 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-2013-50 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.<sup>8</sup>

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

<sup>8 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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Exhibit 5

# **MIAX Options Fee Schedule**

### 1) Transaction Fees

### a) Exchange Fees

i) Market Maker Transaction Fees

Type of MIAX Market Maker	Standard Options Transaction Fee (per executed contract)	Mini Options Transaction Fee (per executed contract)	These fees will apply to all option classes traded on MIAX
Registered Market Maker	\$ 0.[05 <u>]08</u>	\$ 0.[005] <u>008</u>	See MIAX Rule 100 for the definition of Registered Market Maker ("RMM"). This fee is assessed to an RMM when the RMM is a party to a transaction.
Lead Market Maker	\$ 0.[05 <u>]08</u>	See MIAX Rule 100 for the definition of Lead Mark ("LMM"). This fee is assessed to an LMM when the party to a transaction.	
Directed Order—Lead Market Maker	\$ 0.[05 <u>]08</u>	\$ 0.[005] <u>008</u>	This fee is assessed to an LMM when the LMM is a party to a transaction in one of its assigned option classes and the transaction being allocated to the LMM is the result of an order that has been directed to the LMM.
Primary Lead Market Maker	\$ 0.[05 <u>]08</u>	\$ 0.[005]008	See MIAX Rule 100 for the definition of Primary Lead Market Maker ("PLMM"). This fee is assessed to a PLMM when the PLMM is a party to a transaction.
Directed Order— Primary Lead Market Maker	\$ 0.[05 <u>]08</u>	\$ 0.[005 <u>]008</u>	This fee is assessed to a PLMM when the PLMM is a party to a transaction in one of its assigned option classes and the transaction being allocated to the PLMM is the result of an order that has been directed to the PLMM.

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