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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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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

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### **Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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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 Exchange Rule 404 to allow the Exchange to list five Short Term Option Series at one time and to specify that new series of Short Term Option Series may be listed up to, and including on, the expiration date.

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. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

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 12, 2013. 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 James C. Morgan, Associate Counsel and Assistant Vice President, at (609) 897-1484.

<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 proposing to amend Exchange Rule 404. Currently the Exchange's Rules allow for the Exchange to list options in the Short Term Option Series Program ("STOS Program" or "STOS option") "on each of the next five consecutive Fridays that are business days." Related filings of other option exchanges, including MIAX, which provided the Exchange with precedent for its rule to list five STOS option expirations specifically states that "the total number of consecutive expirations will be five (5), including any existing monthly or quarterly expirations" for the STOS Program. The Exchange is now proposing to make explicit that the next five STOS options may be listed at one time, not including the monthly or Quarterly options. The Exchange is also proposing to codify an existing practice by adding language stating that strikes may be listed up until and on the day of expiration.

As proposed, the Exchange will have the ability to list a total of five STOS and that count of five would not include monthly or Quarterly option expirations. The Exchange notes that this proposal would restrict the five listed STOS to those closest to the Short Term Option Opening Date. For example, if a class of options has five STOS listed with expiration dates in July, the other two listed expiration dates may not be in December. The Exchange believes that allowing otherwise would undermine the purpose of the STOS Program.

As examples of how this would work in practice, consider a situation in which a

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See Exchange Rule 404.02.

See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 69658 (May 29, 2013), 78 FR 33454 (June 4, 2013) (SR-MIAX-2013-23); 68242 (November 15, 2012), 77 FR 69908 (November 21, 2012) (SR-CBOE-2012-110).

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would allow the following expirations: week 1 Quarterly option, week 2 STOS option, week 3 monthly option, week 4 STOS option, week 5 STOS option, week 6 STOS option, and week 7 STOS option. As another example, if a Quarterly option expires week 3 and a monthly option expires week 5, the following expirations would be allowed: week 1 STOS option, week 2 STOS option, week 3 Quarterly option, week 4 STOS option, week 5 monthly option, week 6 STOS option, week 7 STOS option.

Next, the Exchange is proposing to add language to Rule 404 to state that additional series of STOS options may be added up to, and including on, the expiration date of the series. Currently, Exchange rules state that the Exchange "may open up to 20 initial series for each option class that participates in the Short Term Option Series Program" and "up to 10 additional series for each option class that participates in the Short Term Option Series Program" however the Exchange's rules are silent on when series may be added. In practice, however, the Exchange notes that other exchanges list additional series until the expiration day. The Exchange believes that codifying this provision will clearly provide the ability which is currently not explicitly stated to add series up until the day of expiration which is in the current Rules. In addition, given the short lifespan of STOS, the Exchange believes that the ability to list new series of options intraday is appropriate.

The proposal would not allow, for example, for nothing to be listed week 7 but week 8 a STOS option.

<sup>6 &</sup>lt;u>Id.</u>

The Exchange is also proposing to add language stating that the proposed provisions in Rule 404.02 will not contradict current provisions in Exchange Rules. The Exchange believes this addition will eliminate any confusion about when additional series may be added in the STOS Program in comparison to other Exchange listing programs.

See Exchange Rule 404.02.

The Exchange notes that the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") has the ability to accommodate series in the STOS Program added intraday.

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The Exchange notes that the STOS Program has been very well-received by market participants, in particular by retail investors. The Exchange believes that the current proposed revision to the STOS Program will permit the Exchange to meet increased customer demand and provide market participants with the ability to hedge in a greater number of option classes and series. In addition, the proposed changes will codify an existing practice in the options exchange industry.

### b. Statutory Basis

MIAX believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>10</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>11</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.

In particular, the Exchange believes that expanding the STOS Program will result in a continuing benefit to investors by giving them more flexibility to closely tailor their investment decisions and hedging decisions in a greater number of securities. The Exchange also believes that expanding the STOS Program will provide the investing public and other market participants with additional opportunities to hedge their investment thus allowing these investors to better manage their risk exposure.

With regard to the impact of this proposal on system capacity, the Exchange has analyzed its capacity and represents that the Exchange and the Options Price Reporting Authority

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

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

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("OPRA") has the necessary systems capacity to handle any potential additional traffic associated with this current amendment to the STOS Program. The Exchange believes that its members will not have a capacity issue as a result of this proposal. The Exchange also does not believe this expansion will cause fragmentation to liquidity.

### 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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange believes this proposed rule change will benefit investors by providing additional methods to trade options on the liquid securities, and providing greater ability to mitigate risk in managing large portfolios. Specifically, the Exchange believes that investors would benefit from the introduction and availability of additional series available as an investing tool. The Exchange also believes the proposed changes will provide investors with an additional tool for hedging risk in highly liquid securities. For all the reasons stated, 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, and believes the proposed change will enhance competition.

## 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.

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### 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 and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder, MIAX 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 date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes this proposed rule change is non-controversial because identical rules are currently effective on another options exchange, as cited below, and would permit the Exchange to list additional strikes, which is important to 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.

MIAX has satisfied this requirement. Furthermore, a proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange respectfully requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay. Waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it will ensure fair competition among the exchanges by allowing the Exchange to open up to five expirations under the STOS Program in a manner consistent with another competing exchange.

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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.

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

The proposed rule change is based on CBOE Rules 5.5(d) and 24.9(a)(2)(A).

# 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 Federal Register.
- 5. Text of proposed rule change.

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**EXHIBIT 1** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-; File No. SR-MIAX-2013-60)

December\_\_, 2013

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by Miami International Securities Exchange LLC to the Short Term Options 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 23, 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</u>
Rule Change

The Exchange is filing a proposal to amend Rule 404 to allow the Exchange to list five Short Term Option Series at one time and to specify that new series of Short Term Option Series may be listed up to, and including on, the expiration date.

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

<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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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 proposing to amend Exchange Rule 404. Currently the Exchange's Rules allow for the Exchange to list options in the Short Term Option Series Program ("STOS Program" or "STOS option") "on each of the next five consecutive Fridays that are business days." Related filings of other option exchanges, including MIAX, which provided the Exchange with precedent for its rule to list five STOS option expirations specifically states that "the total number of consecutive expirations will be five (5), including any existing monthly or quarterly expirations" for the STOS Program. The Exchange is now proposing to make explicit that the next five STOS options may be listed at one time, not including the monthly or Quarterly options. The Exchange is also proposing to codify an existing practice by adding language stating that strikes may be listed up until and on the day of expiration.

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As examples of how this would work in practice, consider a situation in which a Quarterly option expires week 1 and a monthly option expire week 3 from now, the proposal would allow the following expirations: week 1 Quarterly option, week 2 STOS option, week 3 monthly option, week 4 STOS option, week 5 STOS option, week 6 STOS option, and week 7 STOS option. As another example, if a Quarterly option expires week 3 and a monthly option expires week 5, the following expirations would be allowed: week 1 STOS option, week 2 STOS option, week 3 Quarterly option, week 4 STOS option, week 5 monthly option, week 6 STOS option, week 7 STOS option, week 7 STOS option.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

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

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With regard to the impact of this proposal on system capacity, the Exchange has analyzed its capacity and represents that the Exchange and the Options Price Reporting Authority ("OPRA") has the necessary systems capacity to handle any potential additional traffic associated with this current amendment to the STOS Program. The Exchange believes that its members will not have a capacity issue as a result of this proposal. The Exchange also does not believe this expansion will cause fragmentation to liquidity.

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

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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.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

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;

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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  $Act^{12}$  and Rule  $19b-4(f)(6)^{13}$  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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>);
  or
- □ Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-MIAX-2013-60 on the subject line.

### Paper comments:

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

<sup>17</sup> 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 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-2013-60. 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 (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; 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-MIAX-2013-60 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>14</sup>

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**EXHIBIT 5** 

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### MIAMI INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE, LLC Rules

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### Rule 404. Series of Option Contracts Open for Trading

(a) - (g) No change.

### **Interpretations and Policies:**

.01 No change.

.02 Short Term Option Series Program. After an option class has been approved for listing and trading on the Exchange, the Exchange may open for trading on any Thursday or Friday that is a business day ("Short Term Option Opening Date") series of options on that class that expire at the close of business on each of the next five [consecutive] Fridays that are business days and are not Fridays in which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Short Term Option Expiration Dates"). The Exchange may have no more than a total of five Short Term Option Expiration Dates. If the Exchange is not open for business on the respective Thursday or Friday, the Short Term Option Opening Date will be the first business day immediately prior to that respective Thursday or Friday. Similarly, if the Exchange is not open for business on the Friday of the following business week, the Short Term Option Expiration Date will be the first business day immediately prior to that Friday. Regarding Short Term Option Series:

- (a) (c) No change.
- (d) Additional Series. The Exchange may open up to 10 additional series for each option class that participates in the Short Term Option Series Program when the Exchange deems it necessary to maintain an orderly market, to meet customer demand or when the market price of the underlying security moves substantially from the exercise price or prices of the series already opened. Any additional strike prices listed by the Exchange shall be within thirty percent (30%) above or below the current price of the underlying security. The Exchange may also open additional strike prices on Short Term Option Series that are more than 30% above or below the current price of the underlying security provided that demonstrated customer interest exists for such series, as expressed by institutional, corporate or individual customers or their brokers. Market makers trading for their own account shall not be considered when determining customer interest under this provision. In the event that the underlying security has moved such that there are no series that are at least 10% above or below the current price of the underlying security,

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the Exchange will delist any series with no open interest in both the call and the put series having a: (i) strike higher than the highest strike price with open interest in the put and/or call series for a given expiration month; and (ii) strike lower than the lowest strike price with open interest in the put and/or the call series for a given expiration month, so as to list series that are at least 10% but not more than 30% above or below the current price of the underlying security. In the event that the underlying security has moved such that there are no series that are at least 10% above or below the current price of the underlying security and all existing series have open interest, the Exchange may list additional series, in excess of the 30 allowed under Interpretations and Policies .02(a), that are between 10% and 30% above or below the price of the underlying security. The opening of new Short Term Option Series shall not affect the series of options of the same class previously opened. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Rule 404, Short Term Option Series may be added up to and including on the Short Term Option Expiration Date for that options series.

- (e) No change.
- .03 .09 No change.

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