SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-74759; File No. SR-MIAX-2015-28)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Miami International Securities Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Establish the MIAX Order Feed

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on April 7, 2015, Miami International Securities Exchange LLC ("MIAX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II 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> <u>Rule Change</u>

The Exchange is filing a proposal to establish the MIAX Order Feed ("MOR").

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at

http://www.miaxoptions.com/filter/wotitle/rule_filing, 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</u> <u>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.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to establish the MIAX Order Feed ("MOR") data product. MOR is a real-time full order book data feed that provides information for orders on the MIAX order book. The proposed data feed is based on the substantially similar market data feed of another options exchange.³

MOR will provide real-time information to enable users to keep track of the simple order book for all symbols listed on MIAX. MOR will provide real-time data including the limit price, origin, and size of each order for the entire order book to its users. It is a compilation of data for orders residing on the Exchange's order book for options traded on the Exchange that the Exchange provides through a real-time data feed. The Exchange updates the information upon receipt of each order or change in status to any order resting on the book (<u>e.g.</u>, routing, trading, or cancelling of the order).

The Exchange believes that some users do not wish or need to subscribe to the full MIAX Top of Market Options ("ToM") data product⁴; the MOR data product is being offered to those users that want the order book information but don't have the need for the entire ToM data product. Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to make available the MOR data product for any user that needs or wants only order book information.

The Exchange represents that it will make MOR equally available to any market participant that wishes to subscribe to it. The Exchange will establish monthly fees for the MOR

³ <u>See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 66993 (May 15, 2012), 77 FR 30043 (May 21, 2012) (SR-PHLX-2012-63).</u>

 <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 73395 (October 21, 2014), 79 FR 63979 (October 27, 2014) (SR-MIAX-2014-53); 69007 (February 28, 2013), 78 FR 14617 (March 6, 2013) (SR-MIAX-2013-05).

data product by way of a separate proposed rule change, which the Exchange will submit after the MOR product is established.

MOR will provide subscribers with specific order book data that should enhance their ability to analyze market conditions, and to create and test trading models and analytical strategies. The Exchange believes that MOR is a valuable tool that subscribers can use to gain comprehensive insight into the limit order book in a particular option.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

MIAX believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁵ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁶ 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.

The MOR market data product is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade by providing all subscribers with limit order book data that should enable them to make informed decisions on trading in MIAX options by using the MOR data to assess current market conditions that directly affect such decisions. The proposed market data product facilitates transactions in securities, removes impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system by enhancing the subscribers' ability to make decisions on trading strategy, and by providing data that should help bring about such decisions in a timely manner to the protection of investors and the public interest. The market data

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

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⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

provided by MOR removes impediments to, and is designed to further perfect, the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system by making the MIAX market more transparent and accessible to market participants making routing decisions concerning their options orders. The MOR market data product is also designed to protect investors and the public interest by providing data to subscribers that is already currently available on other exchanges and will enable MIAX to compete with such other exchanges, thereby offering market participants with additional data in order to seek the market center with the best price and the most liquidity on which to execute their transactions, all to the benefit of investors and the public interest, and to the marketplace as a whole.

B. <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. On the contrary, the Exchange believes that the new market data product will enhance competition in the U.S. options markets by providing subscribers on MIAX a market data product that is similar to that which is currently provided on other options exchange.⁷

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. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁸ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁹ Because the proposed rule change does not: (i)

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⁷ <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 66993 (May 15, 2012), 77 FR 30043 (May 21, 2012) (SR-PHLX-2012-63).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative prior to 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁰ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder. ¹¹

A proposed rule change filed under Rule $19b-4(f)(6)^{12}$ normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),¹³ the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposed rule change may become operative immediately upon filing. The Commission believes that waiver of the operative delay is consistent with investor protection and the public interest because the proposal will provide market participants with additional data in order to seek the market center with the best price and most liquidity on which to execute their transactions, and is substantially similar to that of another exchange.¹⁴ Further, waiver of the operative delay would provide access to this

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

14 <u>See supra note 3.</u>

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¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of the Exchange's intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of 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.

additional data without delay. Accordingly, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposal operative upon filing.¹⁵

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 (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-MIAX-2015-28 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-MIAX-2015-28. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your

¹⁵ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. <u>See</u> 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

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 such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices 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-2015-28, 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.¹⁶

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¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12), (59).