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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.

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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 301, Just and Equitable Principles of Trade, to add Interpretations and Policies .03 to Rule 301 to state in the Exchange's rules that the practice of unbundling an order is considered conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade.

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. 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 10, 2015.

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 Richard S. Rudolph, Vice President and Senior Counsel at (609) 897-1484.

<sup>15</sup> 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. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 301, Just and Equitable Principles of Trade, to add Interpretations and Policies .03 to Rule 301 that states that the practice of unbundling an order is considered conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade. The proposal codifies existing Exchange procedures when dealing with the unlawful bundling of orders.

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend Exchange Rule 301 by adding a new Interpretations and Policies .03 to Rule 301 which will expressly prohibit the splitting-up of an order into smaller orders; a practice also known as unbundling, or trade shredding. More specifically, the Exchange is proposing to add language to its existing rules to prohibit Members<sup>3</sup> from splitting orders into multiple smaller orders for any purpose other than best execution.

Unbundling, or trade shredding, is the practice of breaking up an order into multiple smaller orders for some purpose other than best execution of the order. The practice of unbundling has in the past been used for such purposes as improperly maximizing commissions and fees charged to customers, distorting trade data, or circumventing rules pertaining to maximum order size. In addition, the unbundling of a large order into several smaller orders could be done so as to affect the allocation of a trade among market participants pursuant to the allocation methodology used by the Exchange. Finally, the Exchange believes that the

The term "Member" means an individual or organization approved to exercise trading rights associated with a Trading Permit. Members are deemed "members" under the Exchange Act. See Exchange Rule 100.

For example, pursuant to Exchange Rule 514(g)(2), small size orders, or orders of five contracts or less, are allocated to the Primary Lead Market Maker ("PLMM") if the PLMM has a priority quote at the NBBO. If a Member was to break up a large order into

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unbundling of orders generally serves no purpose to the customer that entered the order and may cause unnecessary delays in the execution of said orders.

Pursuant to Exchange Rule 301, Members must observe high standards of commercial honor and just and equitable principles of trade. The Exchange would consider a Member to have engaged in conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade were they to unbundle an order which (1) distorts fees and/or commissions to the detriment of a customer or the Exchange, (2) causes an unnecessary delay in the execution of an order, or (3) circumvents an Exchange rule or federal securities law, including those rules pertaining to order size and trade allocation. Members engaging in conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade are subject to formal disciplinary action by the Exchange.

The Exchange now proposes to adopt Interpretations and Policies .03 to Rule 301, which will expressly state that the Exchange considers it to be conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade for a Member to split an order into multiple smaller orders for any purpose other than seeking the best execution of the entire order.

The Exchange believes that, by adopting this proposed language which serves to codify existing Exchange procedures when dealing with the unlawful unbundling of orders, it will deter and help to prevent this distortive practice, and therefore promote just and equitable principles of trade.

The Exchange notes that it considers unbundling, among other things, to be conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade in the rules governing its price

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improvement mechanism, MIAX PRIME.<sup>5</sup> The Exchange notes further that other US options exchanges have rules prohibiting the unbundling of orders for a variety of reasons, including the early termination of any price improvement mechanism auction conducted by an exchange, and violations of these rules may be considered conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade.<sup>6</sup>

#### b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>7</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>8</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

Specifically, it shall be considered conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade, in accordance with Rule 301, for any Member to enter orders, quotes, Agency Orders, or other responses for the purpose of disrupting or manipulating the Auction. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to, engaging in a pattern or practice of submitting unrelated orders that cause an Auction to conclude before the end of the RFR period and engaging in a pattern of conduct where the Member submitting the Agency Order into the PRIME breaks up the Agency Order into separate orders for two (2) or fewer contracts for the purpose of gaining a higher allocation percentage than the Member would have otherwise received in accordance with the allocation procedures contained in paragraph (a)(2)(iii) or (b)(2)(iii) above. See Exchange Rule 515A, Interpretations and Policies .01.

See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 62667 (August 9, 2010), 75 FR 50013 (August 16, 2010) (SR-NYSEAmex-2010-77) (adopting NYSE Amex Rule 995NY(d)); and 52872 (December 1, 2005), 70 FR 73043 (December 8, 2005), (SR-CBOE-2005-92) (adopting CBOE Rule 4.23). See also International Securities Exchange LLC Rule 723 Supplementary Material .01 (prohibiting the entering of orders, quotes, Agency Orders, Counter-Side Orders or Improvement Orders for the purpose of disrupting or manipulating the Price Improvement Mechanism Auction), CBOE Rule 6.74A Interpretations and Policies .02 (prohibiting the submission of unrelated orders that cause an Automated Improvement Mechanism Auction to conclude before the end of the RFR period) and NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC Rule 1080(b)(iii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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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 proposed rule change is designed to protect investors and the public interest and to promote just and equitable principles of trade by preventing the distortive practice of unbundling, or trade shredding, which conduct is considered inconsistent with the just and equitable principles of trade.

### 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. Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed changes will not impose any burden on intra-market competition because it applies to all MIAX participants equally. In addition, the Exchange does not believe the proposal will impose any burden on inter-market competition as the proposal is intended to protect investors by preventing the distortive practice of unbundling, or trade shredding.

# 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<sup>9</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>10</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 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 that the proposal is "non-controversial" and raises no new regulatory issues. The proposed language serves to establish specifically in the Exchange's rules that the Exchange currently considers the unbundling of orders to be conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade. Additionally, the proposed rule change is based on rules that are currently in effect on the Exchange and on other exchanges. Therefore, the Exchange believes that the proposal is well-suited for, and meets the standards applicable to, the Commission's treatment of non-controversial proposals under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>12</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder. The exchange of the

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

See supra notes 5 and 6.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act<sup>14</sup> normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>15</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 respectfully requests a waiver of the 30 day operative delay. Waiver of operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it would enable market participants to benefit from the proposed language codifying existing Exchange procedures when dealing with the unlawful unbundling of orders and will help to prevent this distortive practice.

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

The proposed amendment is based on NYSE Amex Rule 995NY(d)) and CBOE Rule 4.23. 16

The proposed rule change is identical to NYSE Amex Rule 955NY(d). The proposed rule change differs slightly from CBOE Rule 4.23, which prohibits dividing an order into multiple smaller orders for the primary purpose of maximizing rebates of fees resulting from the execution of such orders, or any other similar payment of value to the member. The Exchange notes as stated above, that it considers unbundling, among other things, to be conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade in the rules governing its price

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

See supra note 6.

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improvement mechanism, MIAX PRIME.<sup>17</sup> The Exchange believes that this is consistent with its proposal to prevent splitting an order into multiple smaller orders for any purpose other than seeking the best execution of the entire order, which purpose could include, among other things, maximizing fees or rebates.

# 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 changes to rule text.

See supra note 5.

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**EXHIBIT 1** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-MIAX-2016-02)

January\_\_\_, 2016

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by Miami International Securities Exchange LLC to Amend Exchange Rule 301

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 January 20, 2016, 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 Exchange Rule 301, Just and Equitable Principles of Trade, to add Interpretations and Policies .03 to Rule 301 to state in the Exchange's rules that the practice of unbundling an order is considered conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade.

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 proposes to amend Exchange Rule 301, Just and Equitable Principles of Trade, to add Interpretations and Policies .03 to Rule 301 that states that the practice of unbundling an order is considered conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade. The proposal codifies existing Exchange procedures when dealing with the unlawful bundling of orders.

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend Exchange Rule 301 by adding a new Interpretations and Policies .03 to Rule 301 which will expressly prohibit the splitting-up of an order into smaller orders; a practice also known as unbundling, or trade shredding. More specifically, the Exchange is proposing to add language to its existing rules to prohibit Members<sup>3</sup> from splitting orders into multiple smaller orders for any purpose other than best execution.

Unbundling, or trade shredding, is the practice of breaking up an order into multiple smaller orders for some purpose other than best execution of the order. The practice of unbundling has in the past been used for such purposes as improperly maximizing commissions

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and fees charged to customers, distorting trade data, or circumventing rules pertaining to maximum order size. In addition, the unbundling of a large order into several smaller orders could be done so as to affect the allocation of a trade among market participants pursuant to the allocation methodology used by the Exchange. Finally, the Exchange believes that the unbundling of orders generally serves no purpose to the customer that entered the order and may cause unnecessary delays in the execution of said orders.

Pursuant to Exchange Rule 301, Members must observe high standards of commercial honor and just and equitable principles of trade. The Exchange would consider a Member to have engaged in conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade were they to unbundle an order which (1) distorts fees and/or commissions to the detriment of a customer or the Exchange, (2) causes an unnecessary delay in the execution of an order, or (3) circumvents an Exchange rule or federal securities law, including those rules pertaining to order size and trade allocation. Members engaging in conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade are subject to formal disciplinary action by the Exchange.

The Exchange now proposes to adopt Interpretations and Policies .03 to Rule 301, which will expressly state that the Exchange considers it to be conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade for a Member to split an order into multiple smaller orders for any purpose other than seeking the best execution of the entire order.

The Exchange believes that, by adopting this proposed language which serves to codify existing Exchange procedures when dealing with the unlawful unbundling of orders, it will deter

For example, pursuant to Exchange Rule 514(g)(2), small size orders, or orders of five contracts or less, are allocated to the Primary Lead Market Maker ("PLMM") if the PLMM has a priority quote at the NBBO. If a Member was to break up a large order into several smaller orders of five contracts or less, the PLMM could unfairly garner a greater trade allocation than it was otherwise entitled to.

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and help to prevent this distortive practice, and therefore promote just and equitable principles of trade.

The Exchange notes that it considers unbundling, among other things, to be conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade in the rules governing its price improvement mechanism, MIAX PRIME.<sup>5</sup> The Exchange notes further that other US options exchanges have rules prohibiting the unbundling of orders for a variety of reasons, including the early termination of any price improvement mechanism auction conducted by an exchange, and violations of these rules may be considered conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade.<sup>6</sup>

Specifically, it shall be considered conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade, in accordance with Rule 301, for any Member to enter orders, quotes, Agency Orders, or other responses for the purpose of disrupting or manipulating the Auction. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to, engaging in a pattern or practice of submitting unrelated orders that cause an Auction to conclude before the end of the RFR period and engaging in a pattern of conduct where the Member submitting the Agency Order into the PRIME breaks up the Agency Order into separate orders for two (2) or fewer contracts for the purpose of gaining a higher allocation percentage than the Member would have otherwise received in accordance with the allocation procedures contained in paragraph (a)(2)(iii) or (b)(2)(iii) above. See Exchange Rule 515A, Interpretations and Policies .01.

See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 62667 (August 9, 2010), 75 FR 50013 (August 16, 2010) (SR-NYSEAmex-2010-77) (adopting NYSE Amex Rule 995NY(d)); and 52872 (December 1, 2005), 70 FR 73043 (December 8, 2005), (SR-CBOE-2005-92) (adopting CBOE Rule 4.23). See also International Securities Exchange LLC Rule 723 Supplementary Material .01 (prohibiting the entering of orders, quotes, Agency Orders, Counter-Side Orders or Improvement Orders for the purpose of disrupting or manipulating the Price Improvement Mechanism Auction), CBOE Rule 6.74A Interpretations and Policies .02 (prohibiting the submission of unrelated orders that cause an Automated Improvement Mechanism Auction to conclude before the end of the RFR period) and NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC Rule 1080(b)(iii).

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#### 2. Statutory Basis

MIAX believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>7</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>8</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.

The proposed rule change is designed to protect investors and the public interest and to promote just and equitable principles of trade by preventing the distortive practice of unbundling, or trade shredding, which conduct is considered inconsistent with the just and equitable principles of trade.

### 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.

Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed changes will not impose any burden on intramarket competition because it applies to all MIAX participants equally. In addition, the Exchange does not believe the proposal will impose any burden on inter-market competition as the proposal is intended to protect investors by preventing the distortive practice of unbundling, or trade shredding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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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. 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>9</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>10</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:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 15 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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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-2016-02 on the subject line.

#### Paper comments:

□ Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAX-2016-02. 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.

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All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAX-2016-02 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>11</sup>

Brent J. Fields Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</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 301. Just and Equitable Principles of Trade

No change.

**Interpretations and Policies:** 

.01 - .02 No change.

.03 It shall be considered conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade and a violation of Rule 301 for a Member to split an order into multiple smaller orders for any purpose other than seeking the best execution of the entire order.

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