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amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

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## 1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) MIAX PEARL, LLC ("MIAX PEARL" or the "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 519, MIAX PEARL Order Monitor ("MOM").

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 PEARL Board of Directors on January 31, 2019. 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 Gregory P. Ziegler, Senior Associate Counsel, at (609) 897-1483.

<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. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 519, MIAX PEARL Order Monitor ("MOM") to remove a term in the Exchange's rule which creates an ambiguity concerning the application of the rule. Specifically, subsection (4) of paragraph (a), Limit Orders to Sell, provides that "[f]or options with a National Best Bid ("NBB") equal to or greater than \$0.25 the System³ will reject an incoming limit order that has a limit price equal to or less than the NBB by the lesser of (i) \$2.50, or (ii) 50% of the NBB price." The second provision of the rule provides that, "[f]or options with an NBB of \$0.25 or less the System will accept any incoming limit order."

The statements an NBB "equal to or greater than \$0.25" and "an NBB of \$0.25 or less" both contemplate the NBB being equal to \$0.25. The operation of the rule requires a bifurcation at \$0.25 and only one action (accepting or rejecting an incoming order) can occur when the NBB is equal to \$0.25. The desired behavior by the Exchange, for limit orders to sell, is to accept an order at any price when the NBB is equal to \$0.25 or less. Therefore the Exchange proposes to remove the phrase "equal to or" from the first sentence in the rule.

The new proposed rule text will provide that, "[f]or options with a National Best Bid ("NBB") greater than \$0.25 the System will reject an incoming limit order that has a limit price equal to or less than the NBB by the lesser of (i) \$2.50, or (ii) 50% of the NBB price. For options with an NBB of \$0.25 or less the System will accept any incoming limit order.

The term "System" means the automated trading system used by the Exchange for the trading of securities. <u>See</u> Exchange Rule 100.

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The Exchange believes its proposed change provides additional detail and clarity to the Exchange's rule and eliminates any inadvertent ambiguity in the rule text concerning order protections for incoming limit orders to sell.

### b. Statutory Basis

MIAX PEARL believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>4</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>5</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 regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and 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 Exchange believes its proposal promotes just and equitable principles of trade, removes impediments to and perfects the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system, and in general, protects investors and the public interest by providing clarity and precision in the Exchange's rule text. Additionally, the proposed change is consistent with the current System behavior as described in the Exchange's User Manual.<sup>6</sup>

The Exchange believes that the proposed change to the rule text provides further clarification to Members, investors, and the public, regarding the Exchange's handling of limit

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

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

MIAX PEARL User's Manual, August 2019, p 14, https://www.miaxoptions.com/exchange-functionality-data/pearl

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

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orders to sell. The Exchange believes it is in the interest of investors and the public to accurately describe the behavior of the Exchange's System in its rules as this information may be used by investors to make decisions concerning the submission of their orders. Transparency and clarity are consistent with the Act because it removes impediments to and helps perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protects investors and the public interest by accurately describing the behavior of the Exchange's System.

The Exchange believes that the proposed change promotes just and equitable principles of trade and removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, protects investors and the public interest by providing additional detail and clarity in the Exchange's rules. Further, the Exchange's proposal provides transparency and clarity in the rule and is consistent with the Act because it removes impediments to and helps perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protects investors and the public interest by accurately describing the behavior of the Exchange's System. In particular, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will provide greater clarity to Members and the public regarding the Exchange's Rules, and it is in the public interest for rules to be accurate and concise so as to eliminate the potential for confusion.

### 4. 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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The SR-PEARL-2019-28 Page 7 of 18

proposed rule change is designed to remove an unintentional ambiguity introduced in a prior rule change.<sup>8</sup>

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on inter-market competition as the Rules apply equally to all Exchange Members. The proposed rule change is not a competitive filing and is intended to improve the clarity and precision of the Exchange's rule text.

# 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.

# **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>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's proposal does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest but rather promotes the protection of investors and the public interest by clarifying

See Securities Exchange Release No. 84887 (December 20, 2018), 83 FR 67452 (December 28, 2018) (SR-PEARL-2018-25).

<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).

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the operation of the rule. The proposed change is consistent with the current System behavior as described in the Exchange's User Manual. 11 The Exchange believes it is in the best interest of the public and investors for Exchange rules to be clear and concise so as to avoid the potential for confusion.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change imposes any significant burden on competition as the proposed rule change regarding the MIAX PEARL Order Monitoring functionality applies equally to all Member's incoming limit orders to sell.

Therefore, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change 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.<sup>13</sup> Accordingly, for the reasons stated above, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is non-controversial and is therefore eligible for immediately effective treatment under the Commission's current procedures for processing rule filings.

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>14</sup> normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date

See supra note 6.

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

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

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

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of its filing. However, Rule  $19b-4(f)(6)^{15}$  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 period pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>16</sup> and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder. The Exchange believes that waiver is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it would remove any ambiguity in the Exchange's rule concerning its handling of limit orders to sell. It is in the best interest of investors and the public for Exchange rules to be clear and concise so as to avoid the potential for confusion.

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</u> or of the Commission

The proposed rule changes are based on MIAX Emerald Rule 519, which was recently amended by MIAX Emerald in a manner consistent with the changes proposed herein. 18

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

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

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 86864 (September 4, 2019) 84 FR 47608 (September 10, 2019) (SR-EMERALD-2019-32).

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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-PEARL-2019-28)

October\_\_\_, 2019

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by MIAX PEARL, LLC to Amend Exchange Rule 519, MIAX PEARL Order Monitor ("MOM")

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 1, 2019, MIAX PEARL, LLC ("MIAX PEARL" or the "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> <u>Rule Change</u>

The Exchange is filing a proposal to amend Exchange Rule 519, MIAX PEARL Order Monitor ("MOM").

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at <a href="http://www.miaxoptions.com/rule-filings/pearl">http://www.miaxoptions.com/rule-filings/pearl</a> at MIAX PEARL'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. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 519, MIAX PEARL Order Monitor ("MOM") to remove a term in the Exchange's rule which creates an ambiguity concerning the application of the rule. Specifically, subsection (4) of paragraph (a), Limit Orders to Sell, provides that "[f]or options with a National Best Bid ("NBB") equal to or greater than \$0.25 the System³ will reject an incoming limit order that has a limit price equal to or less than the NBB by the lesser of (i) \$2.50, or (ii) 50% of the NBB price." The second provision of the rule provides that, "[f]or options with an NBB of \$0.25 or less the System will accept any incoming limit order."

The statements an NBB "equal to or greater than \$0.25" and "an NBB of \$0.25 or less" both contemplate the NBB being equal to \$0.25. The operation of the rule requires a bifurcation at \$0.25 and only one action (accepting or rejecting an incoming order) can occur when the NBB is equal to \$0.25. The desired behavior by the Exchange, for limit orders to sell, is to accept an order at any price when the NBB is equal to \$0.25 or less. Therefore the Exchange proposes to remove the phrase "equal to or" from the first sentence in the rule.

The new proposed rule text will provide that, "[f]or options with a National Best Bid ("NBB") greater than \$0.25 the System will reject an incoming limit order that has a limit price

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equal to or less than the NBB by the lesser of (i) \$2.50, or (ii) 50% of the NBB price. For options with an NBB of \$0.25 or less the System will accept any incoming limit order.

The Exchange believes its proposed change provides additional detail and clarity to the Exchange's rule and eliminates any inadvertent ambiguity in the rule text concerning order protections for incoming limit orders to sell.

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

MIAX PEARL believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>4</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>5</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 regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and 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 Exchange believes its proposal promotes just and equitable principles of trade, removes impediments to and perfects the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system, and in general, protects investors and the public interest by providing clarity and precision in the Exchange's rule text. Additionally, the proposed change is consistent with the current System behavior as described in the Exchange's User Manual.<sup>6</sup>

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

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

MIAX PEARL User's Manual, August 2019, p 14, https://www.miaxoptions.com/exchange-functionality-data/pearl

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The Exchange believes that the proposed change to the rule text provides further clarification to Members, <sup>7</sup> investors, and the public, regarding the Exchange's handling of limit orders to sell. The Exchange believes it is in the interest of investors and the public to accurately describe the behavior of the Exchange's System in its rules as this information may be used by investors to make decisions concerning the submission of their orders. Transparency and clarity are consistent with the Act because it removes impediments to and helps perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protects investors and the public interest by accurately describing the behavior of the Exchange's System.

The Exchange believes that the proposed change promotes just and equitable principles of trade and removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, protects investors and the public interest by providing additional detail and clarity in the Exchange's rules. Further, the Exchange's proposal provides transparency and clarity in the rule and is consistent with the Act because it removes impediments to and helps perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protects investors and the public interest by accurately describing the behavior of the Exchange's System. In particular, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will provide greater clarity to Members and the public regarding the Exchange's Rules, and it is in the public interest for rules to be accurate and concise so as to eliminate the potential for confusion.

#### 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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The

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proposed rule change is designed to remove an unintentional ambiguity introduced in a prior rule change.<sup>8</sup>

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on inter-market competition as the Rules apply equally to all Exchange Members. The proposed rule change is not a competitive filing and is intended to improve the clarity and precision of the Exchange's rule text.

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

Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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  $19b-4(f)(6)^{10}$  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

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See Securities Exchange Release No. 84887 (December 20, 2018), 83 FR 67452 (December 28, 2018) (SR-PEARL-2018-25).

<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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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-PEARL-2019-28 on the subject line.

### Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-PEARL-2019-28. 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.

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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-PEARL-2019-28 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. <sup>11</sup>

Vanessa Countryman Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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**EXHIBIT 5** 

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## **MIAX PEARL, LLC Rules**

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### Rule 519. MIAX PEARL Order Monitor ("MOM")

- (a) **Order Price Protections**. In order to avoid the occurrence of potential obvious or catastrophic errors on the Exchange, the System will take the following steps in accordance with the MIAX PEARL Order Monitor, which will prevent certain orders from executing or being placed on the Book at prices outside pre-set standard limits. Beginning after the Opening Process is complete, the MIAX PEARL Order Monitor will be operational each trading day until the close of trading. The MIAX PEARL Order Monitor will not be operational during a trading halt.
  - (1) (3) No Change.
- (4) **Limit Orders to Sell.** For options with a National Best Bid ("NBB")[ equal to or] greater than \$0.25 the System will reject an incoming limit order from a Market Maker or an EEM that has a limit price equal to or less than the NBB by the lesser of (i) \$2.50, or (ii) 50% of the NBB price. For options with an NBB of \$0.25 or less the System will accept any incoming limit order from a Market Maker or an EEM.

For example: (A) if the NBB is \$12.00 an incoming limit order to sell options for \$9.50 or less will be rejected, and (B) if the NBB is \$0.30 an incoming limit order to sell options for \$0.15 will be rejected; whereas if the NBB is \$0.30 an incoming limit order to sell options for \$0.20 will be not be rejected as the limit price of the order is not less than 50% of the NBB price.

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