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

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#### 1. Text of Proposed Rule Change

(a) MIAX PEARL, LLC ("MIAX PEARL" 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 the Exchange's Certificate of Formation (the "Certificate of Formation"), Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (the "LLC Agreement"), and the By-Laws (the "By-Laws").

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u>, a copy of the proposed amendments to the Exchange Certificate of Formation is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 5A</u>, a copy of the proposed amendments to the Exchange LLC Agreement is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 5B</u>, and a copy of the proposed amendments to the Exchange By-Laws is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 5B</u>,

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

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

The proposed rule change was approved by the MIAX PEARL Board of Directors on September 24, 2020. As provided in the Exchange LLC Agreement, before any amendment to the LLC Agreement may be effective, the amendment must be adopted by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Exchange, a written agreement executed and delivered by the LLC Member<sup>3</sup>, and if the amendment must, pursuant to Section 19 of the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, be filed with, or filed with and approved by the

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

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

Pursuant to the LLC Agreement, the term "LLC Member" means Miami International Holdings, Inc., the sole member of the Exchange. <u>See</u> Schedule A, Definitions, of the LLC Agreement.

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Commission, then the amendment(s) will not be effective until filed with, or filed with and approved by the Commission, as the case may be.<sup>4</sup> The By-Laws of the Exchange may be amended by written consent of the LLC Member<sup>5</sup> or at any regular or special meeting of the Board by a resolution adopted by the Board.<sup>6</sup> The Exchange Board has approved the proposed amendments to the Certificate of Formation, LLC Agreement and By-Laws. 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 Michael Slade, Counsel, at (609) 897-8499.

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

#### a. <u>Purpose</u>

#### Changes to the Certificate of Formation

The Exchange proposes to amend the Certificate of Formation to make several non-substantive, administrative and clarifying changes. The Exchange first proposes to amend the title of the document in order to accurately reflect the amended document title as the "Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation of MIAX PEARL, LLC," in accordance with the proposed amendments described below.

On February 11, 2016, the Exchange executed the original Certificate of Formation. The Exchange proposes delete the entire sentence in the first paragraph and insert a sentence to clarify that the Certificate of Formation has been executed in accordance with Section 18-208 of the

See Sections 28(a)-(b) of the LLC Agreement.

The term "LLC Member" means any person who maintains a direct ownership interest in the Company. The sole LLC Member of the Company is Miami International Holdings, Inc. See ARTICLE I, Definitions, of the By-Laws.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See ARTICLE VIII, Section 8.1 of the By-Laws.

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Limited Liability Company Act, and that this document is being amended to restate the original Certificate of Formation. With the proposed changes, the first paragraph of the Certificate of Formation will be as follows:

This filing has been executed and filed in accordance with Section 18-208 of the Limited Liability Company Act. This document is being executed for the purpose of amending and restating the original Certificate of Formation, filed on February 11, 2016, under file number: 5880323.

The Exchange also proposes to amend the signature line for the Certificate of Formation by deleting the current signature line and inserting, as the signatory, "Barbara J. Comly, EVP, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary."

The purpose of the proposed changes to the Certificate of Formation are to ensure that the Exchange's Certificate of Formation accurately reflects correct, current information, including the name of the amended document, in order to reduce potential investor or market participant confusion.

#### Changes to the LLC Agreement

The Exchange proposes to amend the LLC Agreement to make several non-substantive, administrative and clarifying changes. On March 7, 2016, the Exchange executed the original Limited Liability Company Agreement (the "original LLC Agreement"). On December 5, 2016, the Exchange executed the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (the "Amended LLC Agreement"), which restated the original LLC Agreement. The first paragraph of the LLC Agreement also refers to the document as the "Operating Agreement." The Exchange now proposes to amend the first paragraph of the LLC Agreement to reflect the current amended document, which will be the "Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> <u>See LLC Agreement.</u>

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Company Agreement" (the "Second LLC Agreement"). Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to update the text in the first paragraph of the LLC Agreement to reflect this change, thereby deleting reference to the name and date of the original LLC Agreement, and inserting the name and date of the Amended LLC Agreement as being amended and restated by the Second LLC Agreement. The Exchange also proposes to delete the reference to the "Operating Agreement," for purposes of clarity and uniformity.<sup>8</sup> With the proposed changes, the first paragraph of the LLC Agreement will be as follows:

Miami International Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, the sole member (the "<u>LLC Member</u>") of **MIAX PEARL, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Company</u>"), pursuant to and in accordance with the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, 6 Del.C. § 18-101, et seq. (the "<u>LLC Act</u>"), hereby declares the following to be the Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (the "<u>LLC Agreement</u>") of the Company which amends and restates in its entirety the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement dated December 5, 2016 of the Company. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth on <u>Schedule A</u> to this LLC Agreement.

Next, the Exchange proposes to amend Section 3 of the LLC Agreement to amend the address referenced therein for the Exchange's principal place of business. The Exchange has increased its office space at its current address of 7 Roszel Road, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. The new mailing and principal address for the Princeton, New Jersey office is now 7 Roszel Road, Suite 1A, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to amend Section 3 of the LLC Agreement to reflect the change in mailing address from "5<sup>th</sup> Floor" to "Suite 1A."

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 4 of the LLC Agreement to update the address of the Exchange's registered office in the State of Delaware, as well as the Exchange's registered

<sup>8</sup> See id.

<sup>9</sup> See id., Section 3.

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agent. In particular, the Exchange proposes to delete the address and company name of the registered office and registered agent, respectively, as contained in the current LLC Agreement. The Exchange proposes to insert in Section 4 of the LLC Agreement the updated address of its registered office and the name of the Exchange's registered agent. With the proposed changes, Section 4 of the LLC Agreement will be as follows:

The registered office of the Company required by the LLC Act to be maintained in the State of Delaware shall be 1209 Orange Street in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, ZIP Code 19801 or such other office as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time. The registered agent for the Company shall be The Corporation Trust Company, or such other registered agent as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time.

Next, the Exchange proposes to amend Section 6 of the LLC Agreement to clarify that Miami International Holdings, Inc. ("MIH") is the sole LLC Member <sup>10</sup> of the Exchange and to update the address for MIH, as described above. The Exchange also proposes to delete the reference to "Schedule B" and the following sentence: "The LLC Member was admitted to the Company as an LLC Member of the Company upon its execution of a counterpart signature page to the Operating Agreement at which time it acquired 100% of the limited liability company interests of the Company." The purpose of these changes is for administrative ease and to provide uniformity throughout the LLC Agreement. The Exchange also proposes to delete "Schedule B" from the LLC Agreement, which simply states that the LLC Member is MIH. This is duplicative information as the term "LLC Member" is defined in Schedule A to the LLC Agreement. <sup>11</sup> Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to delete Schedule B and move the information regarding the LLC Member into Section 6.

<sup>&</sup>quot;LLC Member" means Miami International Holdings, Inc., as the sole member of the Company. <u>See</u> LLC Agreement, Schedule A, Definitions.

<sup>11</sup> See id.

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Next, the Exchange proposes to amend Section 9 of the LLC Agreement to delete the last sentence of Section 9(a), which states, "The Directors as of the date of this LLC Agreement are set forth on Schedule C attached hereto." Schedule C of the LLC Agreement provides the names and classifications of the Board of Directors of the Exchange as of December 5, 2016. The Exchange proposes to delete Schedule C, and all references to Schedule C, as further described below, from the LLC Agreement. The names and classifications of the Board of Directors of the Exchange are publicly available information through the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval ("EDGAR") website. The purpose of these changes is for administrative ease and to provide uniformity throughout the LLC Agreement.

The Exchange also proposes to amend the first sentence of Section 9(c) to clarify that the By-Laws 13 of the Exchange have been adopted, thereby deleting the phrase "hereby adopt the," in order to clarify that this has already occurred. Further, the Exchange proposes to delete the reference to "Exhibit A" in Section 9(c). Exhibit A currently provides that the By-Laws of MIAX PEARL are a separate document from the LLC Agreement. The Exchange provides the By-Laws as publicly available information on its website. Accordingly, additional reference to the By-Laws in Exhibit A is duplicative.

Next, the Exchange proposes to amend Section 29 of the LLC Agreement to delete the reference to "Schedule B" and provide a cross-reference to Section 6 for the address of the LLC Member, as described above. These proposed changes will provide clarity and uniformity throughout the LLC Agreement.

See <a href="https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html">https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html</a> and <a href="https://www.sec.gov/oiea/Article/edgarguide.html">https://www.sec.gov/oiea/Article/edgarguide.html</a> for EDGAR filing information.

<sup>&</sup>quot;By-Laws" has the meaning set forth in Section 9(c). <u>See</u> LLC Agreement, Schedule A, Definitions.

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The Exchange next proposes to amend "Schedule A, Definitions" to the LLC Agreement to delete the definition for "Operating Agreement." As described above, the Exchange is amending and restating the LLC Agreement for the second time and as such, is removing the reference in the first paragraph of the LLC Agreement to the "Operating Agreement."

#### Changes to the By-Laws

The Exchange proposes to amend the By-Laws to make several non-substantive, administrative and clarifying changes. First, the Exchange proposes to amend the title of the By-Laws to insert the phrase "Amended and Restated." The Exchange proposes to amend the first paragraph of the By-Laws to make several non-substantive, administrative changes. In particular, the Exchange proposes to amend the first paragraph of the By-Laws to insert the phrase "Amended and Restated" in front of the first time the word "By-Laws" appears and to delete the phrases "Amended and Restated" and "dated as of December 5, 2016," both of which refer to the LLC Agreement. <sup>14</sup> The purpose of these changes is for administrative ease and to provide uniformity among the titles of each of the Exchange's corporate documents. With the proposed changes, the first paragraph of the By-Laws will be as follows:

These Amended and Restated By-Laws have been established as the By-Laws of MIAX PEARL, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), pursuant to the Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Company (as amended from time to time, the "LLC Agreement"), and, together with the LLC Agreement, constitute the limited liability company agreement of the Company within the meaning of the LLC Act (as defined in the LLC Agreement). In the event of any inconsistency between the LLC Agreement and these By-Laws, the provision of the LLC Agreement shall control.

Finally, the Exchange proposes to make technical and conforming changes to the time and date of effectiveness on the signature pages of each of the Certificate of Formation, LLC

See By-Laws.

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Agreement and By-Laws. The Exchange also proposes to amend the signature line of the LLC Agreement to insert the full title of the signatory as "Thomas P. Gallagher, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer."

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

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act. Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)<sup>16</sup> requirements that the rules of an exchange be 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 mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)<sup>17</sup> requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes that the proposed changes to the Certificate of Formation, LLC Agreement and By-Laws are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, promote just and equitable principles of trade, foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Id.

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transactions in securities, remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that the proposed changes are non-substantive, administrative changes and will reduce potential investor or market participant confusion regarding the Exchange's corporate documents. Further, the Exchange believes the proposed changes are not material and will have no impact on the governance, ownership, or operations of the Exchange.

The Exchange believes its proposal to amend the Certificate of Formation, LLC Agreement and By-Laws are consistent with the Act as the changes are to maintain accurate information regarding, among other things, the Exchange's address, registered agent and registered office.

#### 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 does not believe the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intra-market and inter-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed changes are not intended to address competitive issues but rather are administrative, non-substantive changes that are concerned solely with updating the Certificate of Formation, LLC Agreement and By-Laws to reflect current, accurate information.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

#### **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>18</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>19</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 proposed changes would not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest as the proposed changes are non-substantive, administrative changes and will reduce potential investor or market participant confusion regarding the Exchange's corporate documents. Further, the Exchange believes the proposed changes would not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest because they are not material and will not have any impact on the governance, ownership, or operations of the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the proposed changes would not impose any significant burden on competition as the changes are not intended to address competitive issues but rather are administrative, non-substantive changes concerned solely with updating the Certificate of Formation, LLC Agreement and By-Laws to reflect current, accurate information. The proposed change also do not present any new or novel regulatory issues. Accordingly, the Exchange has designated this rule filing as non-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>20</sup> and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>21</sup>

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 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 and designate that the proposed changes become operative upon filing. Waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it will allow the Exchange to update its Certificate of Formation, LLC Agreement and By-Laws to reflect current, accurate information. Further, the proposed changes are non-substantive, administrative changes that will not impose any significant burden on competition and do not have any impact on the governance, ownership, or operations of the Exchange.

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

Not applicable.

#### 9. <u>Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act</u>

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

#### 11. Exhibits

- 1. Completed notice of proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>.
- 5A. Text of proposed amendments to the Exchange's Certificate of Formation.
- 5B. Text of proposed amendments to the Exchange's LLC Agreement.
- 5C. Text of proposed amendments to the Exchange's By-Laws.

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-PEARL-2020-23)

October\_\_\_, 2020

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by MIAX PEARL, LLC to amend the Exchange's Certificate of Formation, Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement, and the By-Laws

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 28, 2020, 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 the Exchange's Certificate of Formation (the "Certificate of Formation"), Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (the "LLC Agreement"), and the By-Laws (the "By-Laws

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.

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

#### 1. Purpose

#### Changes to the Certificate of Formation

The Exchange proposes to amend the Certificate of Formation to make several non-substantive, administrative and clarifying changes. The Exchange first proposes to amend the title of the document in order to accurately reflect the amended document title as the "Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation of MIAX PEARL, LLC," in accordance with the proposed amendments described below.

On February 11, 2016, the Exchange executed the original Certificate of Formation. The Exchange proposes delete the entire sentence in the first paragraph and insert a sentence to clarify that the Certificate of Formation has been executed in accordance with Section 18-208 of the Limited Liability Company Act, and that this document is being amended to restate the original Certificate of Formation. With the proposed changes, the first paragraph of the Certificate of Formation will be as follows:

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See LLC Agreement.

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for purposes of clarity and uniformity.<sup>4</sup> With the proposed changes, the first paragraph of the LLC Agreement will be as follows:

Miami International Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, the sole member (the "<u>LLC Member</u>") of **MIAX PEARL, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Company</u>"), pursuant to and in accordance with the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, 6 Del.C. § 18-101, et seq. (the "<u>LLC Act</u>"), hereby declares the following to be the Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (the "<u>LLC Agreement</u>") of the Company which amends and restates in its entirety the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement dated December 5, 2016 of the Company. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth on <u>Schedule A</u> to this LLC Agreement.

Next, the Exchange proposes to amend Section 3 of the LLC Agreement to amend the address referenced therein for the Exchange's principal place of business. The Exchange has increased its office space at its current address of 7 Roszel Road, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. The new mailing and principal address for the Princeton, New Jersey office is now 7 Roszel Road, Suite 1A, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to amend Section 3 of the LLC Agreement to reflect the change in mailing address from "5<sup>th</sup> Floor" to "Suite 1A."

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 4 of the LLC Agreement to update the address of the Exchange's registered office in the State of Delaware, as well as the Exchange's registered agent. In particular, the Exchange proposes to delete the address and company name of the registered office and registered agent, respectively, as contained in the current LLC Agreement. The Exchange proposes to insert in Section 4 of the LLC Agreement the updated address of its registered office and the name of the Exchange's registered agent. With the proposed changes, Section 4 of the LLC Agreement will be as follows:

The registered office of the Company required by the LLC Act to be maintained in the State of Delaware shall be 1209 Orange Street in the City of Wilmington,

<sup>4</sup> See id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>See id.</u>, Section 3.

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County of New Castle, ZIP Code 19801 or such other office as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time. The registered agent for the Company shall be The Corporation Trust Company, or such other registered agent as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time.

Next, the Exchange proposes to amend Section 6 of the LLC Agreement to clarify that Miami International Holdings, Inc. ("MIH") is the sole LLC Member<sup>6</sup> of the Exchange and to update the address for MIH, as described above. The Exchange also proposes to delete the reference to "Schedule B" and the following sentence: "The LLC Member was admitted to the Company as an LLC Member of the Company upon its execution of a counterpart signature page to the Operating Agreement at which time it acquired 100% of the limited liability company interests of the Company." The purpose of these changes is for administrative ease and to provide uniformity throughout the LLC Agreement. The Exchange also proposes to delete "Schedule B" from the LLC Agreement, which simply states that the LLC Member is MIH. This is duplicative information as the term "LLC Member" is defined in Schedule A to the LLC Agreement. <sup>7</sup> Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to delete Schedule B and move the information regarding the LLC Member into Section 6.

Next, the Exchange proposes to amend Section 9 of the LLC Agreement to delete the last sentence of Section 9(a), which states, "The Directors as of the date of this LLC Agreement are set forth on Schedule C attached hereto." Schedule C of the LLC Agreement provides the names and classifications of the Board of Directors of the Exchange as of December 5, 2016. The Exchange proposes to delete Schedule C, and all references to Schedule C, as further described below, from the LLC Agreement. The names and classifications of the Board of Directors of the

<sup>&</sup>quot;LLC Member" means Miami International Holdings, Inc., as the sole member of the Company. See LLC Agreement, Schedule A, Definitions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See id.

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Exchange are publicly available information through the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval ("EDGAR") website.<sup>8</sup> The purpose of these changes is for administrative ease and to provide uniformity throughout the LLC Agreement.

The Exchange also proposes to amend the first sentence of Section 9(c) to clarify that the By-Laws<sup>9</sup> of the Exchange have been adopted, thereby deleting the phrase "hereby adopt the," in order to clarify that this has already occurred. Further, the Exchange proposes to delete the reference to "Exhibit A" in Section 9(c). Exhibit A currently provides that the By-Laws of MIAX PEARL are a separate document from the LLC Agreement. The Exchange provides the By-Laws as publicly available information on its website. Accordingly, additional reference to the By-Laws in Exhibit A is duplicative.

Next, the Exchange proposes to amend Section 29 of the LLC Agreement to delete the reference to "Schedule B" and provide a cross-reference to Section 6 for the address of the LLC Member, as described above. These proposed changes will provide clarity and uniformity throughout the LLC Agreement.

The Exchange next proposes to amend "Schedule A, Definitions" to the LLC Agreement to delete the definition for "Operating Agreement." As described above, the Exchange is amending and restating the LLC Agreement for the second time and as such, is removing the reference in the first paragraph of the LLC Agreement to the "Operating Agreement."

#### Changes to the By-Laws

The Exchange proposes to amend the By-Laws to make several non-substantive, administrative and clarifying changes. First, the Exchange proposes to amend the title of the By-

<sup>8 &</sup>lt;u>See https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html</u> and <a href="https://www.sec.gov/oiea/Article/edgarguide.html">https://www.sec.gov/oiea/Article/edgarguide.html</a> for EDGAR filing information.

<sup>&</sup>quot;By-Laws" has the meaning set forth in Section 9(c). <u>See</u> LLC Agreement, Schedule A, Definitions.

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Laws to insert the phrase "Amended and Restated." The Exchange proposes to amend the first paragraph of the By-Laws to make several non-substantive, administrative changes. In particular, the Exchange proposes to amend the first paragraph of the By-Laws to insert the phrase "Amended and Restated" in front of the first time the word "By-Laws" appears and to delete the phrases "Amended and Restated" and "dated as of December 5, 2016," both of which refer to the LLC Agreement. <sup>10</sup> The purpose of these changes is for administrative ease and to provide uniformity among the titles of each of the Exchange's corporate documents. With the proposed changes, the first paragraph of the By-Laws will be as follows:

These Amended and Restated By-Laws have been established as the By-Laws of MIAX PEARL, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), pursuant to the Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Company (as amended from time to time, the "LLC Agreement"), and, together with the LLC Agreement, constitute the limited liability company agreement of the Company within the meaning of the LLC Act (as defined in the LLC Agreement). In the event of any inconsistency between the LLC Agreement and these By-Laws, the provision of the LLC Agreement shall control.

Finally, the Exchange proposes to make technical and conforming changes to the time and date of effectiveness on the signature pages of each of the Certificate of Formation, LLC Agreement and By-Laws. The Exchange also proposes to amend the signature line of the LLC Agreement to insert the full title of the signatory as "Thomas P. Gallagher, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer."

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.<sup>11</sup> Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is

See By-Laws.

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

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consistent with the Section  $6(b)(5)^{12}$  requirements that the rules of an exchange be 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 mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section  $6(b)(5)^{13}$  requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes that the proposed changes to the Certificate of Formation, LLC Agreement and By-Laws are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, promote just and equitable principles of trade, foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protect investors and the public interest. The Exchange believes that the proposed changes are non-substantive, administrative changes and will reduce potential investor or market participant confusion regarding the Exchange's corporate documents. Further, the Exchange believes the proposed changes are not material and will have no impact on the governance, ownership, or operations of the Exchange.

The Exchange believes its proposal to amend the Certificate of Formation, LLC

Agreement and By-Laws are consistent with the Act as the changes are to maintain accurate

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

<sup>13 &</sup>lt;u>Id</u>.

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information regarding, among other things, the Exchange's address, registered agent and registered office.

#### 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. The Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intra-market and inter-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed changes are not intended to address competitive issues but rather are administrative, non-substantive changes that are concerned solely with updating the Certificate of Formation, LLC Agreement and By-Laws to reflect current, accurate information.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. <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; 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>14</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>15</sup> thereunder.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</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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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. <u>Solicitation of Comments</u>

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-2020-23 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-2020-23. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>).

Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications

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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-PEARL-2020-23 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>16</sup>

Vanessa Countryman Secretary

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Exhibit 5A

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## AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION OF MIAX PEARL, LLC

[THIS IS TO CERTIFY that there is hereby formed a limited liability company under and by virtue of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (the "Act") (6 Del. C. §18-101, et. seq.).]This filing has been executed and filed in accordance with Section 18-208 of the Limited Liability Company Act. This document is being executed for the purpose of amending and restating the original Certificate of Formation, filed on February 11, 2016, under file number: 5880323.

- 1. The name of the limited liability company is **MIAX PEARL, LLC** (the "Company").
- 2. The address of the registered office of the Company in the State of Delaware is 1209 Orange Street in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, ZIP Code 19801, and the name of the registered agent at such address for service of process is **The Corporation Trust Company**.
  - 3. This Certificate shall be effective upon filing.
  - 4. The duration of this limited liability company will be perpetual.

IN WITNESS	WHEREOF,	the	undersigned,	an	authorized	person,	has	signed	this
certificate this	day of		, <u>2020</u> [1	$1^{th}$	day of Febru	ary, 201	6].		

#### MIAX PEARL, LLC

By:			
Barbara J. Comly			
EVP, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary			
BARBARA J. COMLY			
7 Roszel Road, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor			
Princeton NI 085401			

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Exhibit 5B

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## SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT OF

#### MIAX PEARL, LLC

(a Delaware limited liability company)

Miami International Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, the sole member (the "<u>LLC Member</u>") of **MIAX PEARL, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Company</u>"), pursuant to and in accordance with the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, 6 Del.C. § 18-101, et seq. (the "<u>LLC Act</u>"), hereby declares the following to be the <u>Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (the "<u>LLC Agreement</u>") of the Company which amends and restates in its entirety the <u>Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement dated December 5, 2016[March 7, 2016] of the Company[ (the "<u>Operating Agreement</u>")]. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth on <u>Schedule A</u> to this LLC Agreement.</u></u>

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- **Section 3.** Principal Place of Business. The location of the principal place of business of the Company shall be 7 Roszel Road, Suite 1A[5<sup>th</sup> Floor], Princeton, New Jersey 08540, or such other place as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.
- Section 4. Registered Office; Registered Agent. The registered office of the Company required by the LLC Act to be maintained in the State of Delaware shall be 1209 Orange Street in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, ZIP Code 19801 [3422 Old Capitol Trail, Suite 700, Wilmington, DE 19808-6192, County of New Castle] or such other office as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time. The registered agent for the Company shall be The Corporation Trust Company [Delaware Business Incorporators, Inc.], or such other registered agent as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time.

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Section 6. <u>LLC Member. Miami International Holdings, Inc. is the sole LLC Member of the Company.</u> The mailing address of the LLC Member is <u>7 Roszel Road, Suite 1A, Princeton, NJ 08504.</u>[set forth on <u>Schedule B</u> attached hereto. The LLC Member was admitted to the Company as an LLC Member of the Company upon its execution of a counterpart signature page to the Operating Agreement at which time it acquired 100% of the limited liability company interests of the Company.]

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#### Section 9. Management.

- (a) <u>Board of Directors</u>. The business and affairs of the Company shall be managed by or under the direction of a Board of Directors. Each Director is hereby designated as a "manager" within the meaning of the LLC Act. All Directors shall be elected by the LLC Member in the manner described in the By-Laws (as defined below). Each Director shall execute and deliver an instrument accepting such appointment and agreeing to be bound by all the terms and conditions of this LLC Agreement and the By-Laws. A Director need not be an LLC Member or an Exchange Member.[ The Directors as of the date of this LLC Agreement are set forth on <u>Schedule C</u> attached hereto.]
  - (b) No Change.
- (c) <u>By-Laws</u>. The Company, the LLC Member and the Board of Directors <u>have adopted [hereby adopt the ]By-Laws of the Company[ in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A]</u>, as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms therein and in this LLC Agreement (the "<u>By-Laws</u>"). Each member of the Board of Directors, each Officer and the LLC Member shall be subject to the express provisions of this LLC Agreement and of the By-Laws. In case of any conflict between the provisions of this LLC Agreement and any provisions of the By-Laws, the provisions of this LLC Agreement shall control.</u>
  - (d) No Change.

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**Section 29.** <u>Notices.</u> Any notices required to be delivered hereunder shall be in writing and personally delivered, mailed or sent by telecopy, electronic mail or other similar form of rapid transmission, and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt (i) in the case of the Company, to the Company at its address in Section 3, (ii) in the case of the LLC Member, to the LLC Member at its address as <u>set forth in Section 6.</u>[listed on <u>Schedule B</u> attached hereto] and (iii) in the case of either of the foregoing, at such other address as may be designated by written notice to the other party.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound hereby, has duly executed this <u>Second</u> Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement as of the <u>day of</u> , 2020[5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016].

MEMBER:

MIAMI INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC.

By:
Thomas P. Gallagher
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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#### **SCHEDULE A**

#### **Definitions**

#### A. <u>Definitions</u>

When used in this LLC Agreement, the following terms not otherwise defined herein have the following meanings:

An "<u>affiliate</u>" of, or person "<u>affiliated</u>" with a specific person, is a person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the person specified.

"Bankruptcy" means, with respect to any Person, if (A) such Person (i) makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, (ii) files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, (iii) is adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent, or has entered against it an order for relief, in any bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings, (iv) files a petition or answer seeking for itself any reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation or similar relief under any statute, law or regulation, (v) files an answer or other pleading admitting or failing to contest the material allegations of a petition filed against it in any proceeding of this nature, or (vi) seeks, consents to or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee, receiver or liquidator of the Person or of all or any substantial part of its properties; or (B) (i) 120 days after the commencement of any proceeding against the Person seeking reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation or similar relief under any statute, law or regulation, the proceeding has not been dismissed, or (ii) within 90 days after the appointment without such Person's consent or acquiescence of a trustee, receiver or liquidator of such Person or of all or any substantial part of its properties, the appointment is not vacated or stayed, or within 90 days after the expiration of any such stay, the appointment is not vacated. The

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foregoing definition of "Bankruptcy" is intended to replace and shall supersede and replace the definition of "Bankruptcy" set forth in Sections 18-101(1) and 18-304 of the LLC Act.

"Board" or "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

"By-Laws" has the meaning set forth in Section 9(c).

"<u>Certificate of Formation</u>" means the Certificate of Formation of the Company filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on February 11, 2016, as amended or amended and restated from time to time.

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Company" means MIAX PEARL, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Covered Persons" has the meaning set forth in Section 20.

"<u>Directors</u>" means the Persons elected or appointed to the Board of Directors from time to time in accordance with this LLC Agreement and the By-Laws, in their capacity as managers of the Company.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Exchange Member" means any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the national securities exchange operated by the Company. An Exchange Member is not a member of the Company by reason of being an Exchange Member.

"LLC Act" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this LLC Agreement.

"<u>LLC Agreement</u>" means this Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Company, together with the schedules attached hereto, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"LLC Interest" has the meaning set forth in Section 21.

"<u>LLC Member</u>" means Miami International Holdings, Inc., as the sole member of the Company.

"Officer" means an officer of the Company described in Section 10.

["Operating Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this LLC Agreement.]

"<u>Person</u>" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or other organization, whether or not a legal entity, and any governmental authority.

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"Regulatory Funds" means fees, fines, or penalties derived from the regulatory operations of the Company. "Regulatory Funds" shall not be construed to include revenues derived from listing fees, market data revenues, transaction revenues, or any other aspect of the commercial operations of the Company, even if a portion of such revenues are used to pay costs associated with the regulatory operations of the Company.

#### **B.** Rules of Construction

Definitions in this LLC Agreement apply equally to both the singular and plural forms of the defined terms. The words "include" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation." The terms "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this LLC Agreement as a whole and not to any particular Section, paragraph or subdivision. The Section titles appear as a matter of convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of this LLC Agreement. All Section, paragraph, clause, Exhibit or Schedule references not attributed to a particular document shall be references to such parts of this LLC Agreement.

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#### [ SCHEDULE B

#### **LLC** Member

Name	Mailing Address	Limited Liability Company Interest		
Miami International Holdings, Inc.	7 Roszel Road, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Princeton, NJ 08540	100%		

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#### [ SCHEDULE C

Directors as of December 5, 2016

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	Name	Classification		
1.	Thomas P. Gallagher	Industry		
2.	Robert D. Prunetti	Non-Industry/Independent		
3.	John Beckelman	Industry		
4.	Lindsay L. Burbage	Non-Industry/Independent		
5.	John E. McCormac	Non-Industry/Independent		
6.	Leslie Florio	Non-Industry/Independent		
7.	Lawrence E. Jaffe	Non-Industry/Independent		
8.	Cynthia Schwarzkopf	Non-Industry/Independent		

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#### [ EXHIBIT A

#### **BY-LAWS OF MIAX PEARL, LLC**

[Separate document]

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# AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS OF MIAX PEARL, LLC (a Delaware limited liability company)

These <u>Amended and Restated</u> By-Laws have been established as the By-Laws of **MIAX PEARL, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Company</u>"), pursuant to the [Amended and Restated ]Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Company[, dated as of December 5, 2016,] (as amended from time to time, the "<u>LLC Agreement</u>"), and, together with the LLC Agreement, constitute the limited liability company agreement of the Company within the meaning of the LLC Act (as defined in the LLC Agreement). In the event of any inconsistency between the LLC Agreement and these By-Laws, the provision of the LLC Agreement shall control.

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