Incorporation to effectuate a similar stock split as proposed by the Exchange herein.<sup>9</sup> As such, the Exchange does not believe that its proposal raises any new or novel issues not already considered by the Commission.

# B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

Because the proposed rule change relates solely to the number of authorized shares of Common Stock and shares of capital stock of the Company and not to the operations of the Exchange, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

# C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or 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 from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>10</sup> and Rule 19b– 4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>11</sup>

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

## **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

# Electronic Comments

• Use the Commission's internet comment form (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*); or

• Send an email to *rule-comments*@ *sec.gov*. Please include File Number SR– Phlx–2022–21 on the subject line.

# Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2022-21. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 website (http://www.sec.gov/ rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of 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. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2022-21 and should be submitted on or before June 14, 2022. For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{\rm 12}$ 

# J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–94939; File No. SR–MIAX– 2022–21]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Delay Implementation of an Amendment to Rule 518, Complex Orders, To Permit Legging Through the Simple Market

# May 18, 2022.

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 May 11, 2022, Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC ("MIAX Options" 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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange is filing a proposal to delay implementation of the change to allow a component of a complex order <sup>3</sup> that legs into the Simple Order Book <sup>4</sup> to

<sup>3</sup> A "complex order" is any order involving the concurrent purchase and/or sale of two or more different options in the same underlying security (the "legs" or "components" of the complex order), for the same account, in a ratio that is equal to or greater than one-to-three (.333) and less than or equal to three-to-one (3.00) and for the purposes of executing a particular investment strategy. Minioptions may only be part of a complex order that includes other mini-options. Only those complex orders in the classes designated by the Exchange and communicated to Members via Regulatory Circular with no more than the applicable number of legs, as determined by the Exchange on a classby-class basis and communicated to Members via Regulatory Circular, are eligible for processing. See Exchange Rule 518(a)(5).

<sup>4</sup> The "Simple Order Book" is the Exchange's regular electronic book of orders and quotes. *See* Exchange Rule 518(a)(15).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>In particular, the ICE proposal increased ICE's total number of authorized shares of ICE common stock in order to effectuate a 5-for-1 stock split by way of a stock dividend. *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 78992 (September 29, 2016), 81 FR 69092 (October 5, 2016) (SR-NYSE-2016-57, SR-NYSEArca-2016-119, and SR-NYSEMKT-2016-80) (hereinafter, "ICE Approval").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b– 4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

<sup>12 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

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

execute at a price that is outside the NBBO.<sup>5</sup>

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at *http://www.miaxoptions.com/rulefilings/* at MIAX Options' principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

# II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

### 1. Purpose

On October 22, 2019, the Exchange filed a proposed rule change to amend subsection (c)(2)(iii) of Exchange Rule 518, Complex Orders, to remove the provision which provides that a component of a complex order that legs into the Simple Order Book may not execute at a price that is outside the NBBO.<sup>6</sup> The proposed rule change indicated that the Exchange would announce the implementation date of the proposed rule change by Regulatory Circular to be published no later than 90 days following the operative date of the proposed rule. The implementation date will be no later than 90 days following the issuance of the Regulatory Circular. The Exchange delayed the implementation of this functionality until the second quarter of 2022.7 The Exchange now proposes to delay the implementation of this functionality until the fourth quarter of 2022.

The Exchange proposes this delay in order to allow the Exchange to complete its reprioritization of its software delivery and release schedule as a result of a shift in priorities due to the impact the coronavirus pandemic has had on Exchange operations. The Exchange will issue a Regulatory Circular notifying market participants at least 45 days prior to implementing this functionality.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>8</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>9</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 by allowing the Exchange additional time to plan and implement the proposed functionality.

# 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 Exchange's proposal to delay the implementation of the proposed functionality does not impose an undue burden on competition. Delaying the implementation will simply allow the Exchange additional time to properly plan and implement the proposed functionality.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intramarket competition as the delay will apply equally to all Members of the Exchange.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket competition as the proposal is to delay the implementation of approved functionality which affects MIAX Members only and does not impact intermarket competition.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

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>10</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>11</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

• Use the Commission's internet comment form (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*); or

• Send an email to *rule-comments*@ *sec.gov.* Please include File Number SR– MIAX–2022–21 on the subject line.

#### Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–MIAX–2022–21. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 website (*http://www.sec.gov/ rules/sro.shtml*). Copies of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The term "NBBO" means the national best bid or offer as calculated by the Exchange based on market information received by the Exchange from the appropriate Securities Information Processor ("SIP"). See Exchange Rule 518(a)(14).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Release No. 87440 (November 1, 2019), 84 FR 60117 (November 7, 2019) (SR–MIAX–2019–45).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Release No. 92090 (June 2, 2021), 85 FR 77321 (June 8, 2021) (SR-MIAX–2021–22).

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

<sup>915</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 17 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.

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. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAX-2022-21, and should be submitted on or before June 14, 2022.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>12</sup>

#### J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–94942; File No. SR–FINRA– 2022–012]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend FINRA Rule 13000 Series (Code of Arbitration Procedure for Industry Disputes) To Align the Code With the Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act of 2021

May 18, 2022.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on May 13, 2022, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. FINRA has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a "non-controversial" rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b–4 under the Exchange Act,<sup>3</sup> which renders the proposed rule change effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

# I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

FINRA is proposing to amend the Code of Arbitration Procedure for Industry Disputes ("Code") to align the Code with the Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act of 2021 ("Act"). The proposed rule change would also make a conforming amendment to FINRA Rule 2263.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA's website at *http://www.finra.org,* at the principal office of FINRA and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

# II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA 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. FINRA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

# 1. Purpose

Background

The Act was signed into law on March 3, 2022, and took effect immediately.<sup>4</sup> The Act amends Title 9 of the Federal Arbitration Act <sup>5</sup> by providing in relevant part:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, at the election of the person

alleging conduct constituting a sexual harassment dispute or sexual assault dispute, or the named representative of a class or in a collective action alleging such conduct, no predispute arbitration agreement or predispute joint-action waiver shall be valid or enforceable with respect to a case which is filed under Federal, Tribal, or State law and relates to the sexual assault dispute or the sexual harassment dispute.

The Act prohibits mandatory arbitration of sexual assault and sexual harassment claims by permitting persons alleging conduct constituting a sexual assault dispute or sexual harassment dispute to elect not to enforce predispute arbitration agreements in cases that relate to those disputes.<sup>6</sup> However, the Act does not prohibit parties from agreeing to arbitrate such claims after a dispute has arisen.<sup>7</sup>

FINRA Rule 13201 relates to the arbitration at FINRA Dispute Resolution Services' ("DRS") forum of statutory employment discrimination claims ("SD claims").<sup>8</sup> Specifically, FINRA Rule 13201(a) provides that "[an SD claim] is not required to be arbitrated under the Code. Such a claim may be arbitrated only if the parties have agreed to arbitrate it either before or after the dispute arose." Although FINRA rules do not require arbitration of SD claims under the Code, in practice, employment agreements may require

See H.R. Rep. No. 117–234, at 18 (2022) ("The Committee states that pursuant to clause 3(c)(4) of House Rule XIII, H.R. 4445 improves access to justice for survivors of sexual assault and harassment by allowing these parties to elect arbitration after a dispute has arisen"). The applicability of the Act to an agreement to arbitrate and the validity and enforceability of an agreement to which the Act applies shall be determined by a court, rather than an arbitrator, irrespective of whether the party resisting arbitration challenges the arbitration agreement specifically or in conjunction with other terms of the contract containing such agreement, and irrespective of whether the agreement purports to delegate such determinations to an arbitrator. See supra note 4.

<sup>8</sup> FINRA Rule 13100(bb) provides that ''[t]he term 'statutory employment discrimination claim' means a claim alleging employment discrimination, including a sexual harassment claim, in violation of a statute." FINRA rules do not explicitly address the treatment of sexual assault claims.

<sup>12 17</sup> CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

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

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

<sup>3 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act of 2021, Public Law 117– 90, 136 Stat. 26 (2022). The Act applies with respect to any dispute or claim that arises or accrues on or after the date of enactment of the Act. <sup>5</sup> 9 U.S.C. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Act also permits persons alleging conduct constituting a sexual assault dispute or sexual harassment dispute to elect not to enforce predispute joint-action waivers in cases that relate to those disputes. The Act defines "predispute joint-action waiver" as an agreement that "would prohibit, or waive the right of, one of the parties to the agreement to participate in a joint, class, or collective action in a judicial, arbitral, administrative, or other forum, concerning a dispute that has not yet arisen at the time of the making of the agreement." See supra note 4. FINRA rules are consistent with this provision of the Act because FINRA rules provide that class action and statutory collective action claims may not be arbitrated under the Code. See FINRA Rule 13204.