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Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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**Description**

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Amend certain sections of the Exchange's By-Laws to (i) correspond with an Equity Rights Program ("ERP") recently established by the Exchange; and (ii) make non-substantive changes to the current By-Laws.

**Contact Information**

Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.

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**Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

(Title \*)

Date 11/24/2020  
 By Chris Solgan  
 (Name \*)

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

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The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

**Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

### **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> is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) a proposed rule change to amend the Exchange’s By-Laws.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and the text of the proposed rule change is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

(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. 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 Chris Solgan, Vice President and Senior Counsel, at (609) 897-8494.

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

#### **a. Purpose**

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<sup>6</sup> The ERP Exchange fees under the Program consist of: (a) transaction fees as set forth in Section 1)a of the MIAX PEARL Options Fee Schedule; (b) membership fees as set forth in Section 3 of the MIAX PEARL Options Fee Schedule; (c) system connectivity fees as set forth in Section 5 of the MIAX PEARL Options Fee Schedule; (d) market data fees as set forth in Section 6 of the MIAX PEARL Options Fee Schedule; (a) transaction fees as set forth under Section 1)a) of the MIAX PEARL Equities Fee Schedule; (b) system connectivity fees as set forth under Section 2) of the MIAX PEARL Equities Fee Schedule; and (c) market data fees as set forth under Section 3) of the MIAX PEARL Equities Fee Schedule (collectively, the “ERP Exchange Fees”). The Exchange notes that proprietary real-time market data will be provided free of charge for a period of time.

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Article I, Definitions.

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- “ERP Member” means an Exchange Member who acquired Units pursuant to an ERP Agreement sufficient to acquire an ERP Director or an Observer position.
- “Measurement Period” means the time period over which Units are vested.
- “MIAX PEARL Equities” means the market of the Exchange on which equity securities are traded.
- “Observer” has the meaning set forth in Article II, Section 2.2 of the By-Laws.
- “Performance Criteria” means the trades on MIAX PEARL Equities in an amount equal to a percentage of the average daily volume for National Market System securities on MIAX PEARL Equities as reported by the Consolidated Tape Association (CTA) and Unlisted Traded Privileges (UTP) Plans, or any successor plans, for a specified Measurement Period in an amount such that the ERP Member earns Units during such specified Measurement Period and as more fully set forth in the ERP Agreement.

- “Unit” means the securities issued pursuant to the ERP Agreement.

The Exchange also proposes to delete the definition of the term “Exchange Contract” from the By-Laws because it is no longer used. The term “Exchange Contract” is currently defined as “a contract that is then listed for trading by the Exchange or that is contemplated by the then current business plan of the Company to be listed for trading by the Exchange within ninety (90) days following such date.”

The Exchange proposes to renumber the existing definitions accordingly to accommodate the proposed additions and deletions.

#### Article II, Section 2.2, Composition of the Board.

The Exchange proposed to amend the title of Article II, Section 2.2 to include reference to Observer Rights. The Exchange also proposes to amend Article II, Section 2.2(b)(i) to provide that ERP Directors will be included in the number of Industry Directors for purposes of calculating the composition of the Board. In addition, the Exchange proposes to amend Article II, Section 2.2 (b)(ii) to specify that Member Representative Directors will not include ERP Directors for purposes of calculating the Board composition.

In addition, the Exchange proposes to amend Article II, Section 2.2(e) to replace the existing text with text that provides that an ERP Member has a right to nominate one (1) ERP Director or appoint an Observer to the Board of Directors. If at any time such ERP Member is otherwise able to nominate an ERP Director, but is unable to fill such position as a result of such ERP Member already having a representative on the Board, such ERP Member will have the right to nominate such Director in accordance with amended Article II, Section 2.2(e) upon the

resignation or removal of such Director already serving on the Board.<sup>7</sup> The nominee shall be appointed at the first annual meeting of the Company following the effective date of the By-Law amendment.

The Exchange proposes to adopt paragraph (f) under Article II, Section 2.2. to provide that if an ERP Director position needs to be added pursuant to amended Article II, Section 2.2(e), such ERP Director shall be nominated by the applicable ERP Member and elected by the LLC Member and additional Director positions shall be added and filled at the same time as the election of the new ERP Director, as required to comply with the requirements set forth in Article II, Section 2.2(a) and (b).

The Exchange also proposes to adopt paragraph (g) under Article II, Section 2.2 to provide that, per amended Article II, Section 2.2(e), a person may be invited to attend meetings of the Board in a nonvoting Observer capacity as follows. Proposed Article II, Section 2.2(g)(i) would provide that any ERP Member that is not otherwise represented on the Board shall have the right to appoint one individual as an Observer. If the ERP Member is otherwise able to nominate an ERP Director, an Observer appointment would be in lieu of such ERP Director nomination. Proposed Article II, Section 2.2(g)(ii) would provide that the ERP Member's right to appoint an Observer pursuant to proposed Section 2.2(g) shall be perpetual, subject to the provisions of Section 2.3 discussed below. An Observer may not be subject to a statutory disqualification.

Lastly, proposed Article II, Section 2.2(g)(iii) would provide that Observers will have the right to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors in a nonvoting observer capacity and, in this

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<sup>7</sup> At this time, an ERP Member that is represented by a Member Representative Director may also have an Observer. But, an ERP Member that is represented by an ERP Director may not also have an Observer.

respect, the Company shall give such representative copies of all notices, minutes, consents, and other materials that it provides to its directors at the same time and in the same manner as provided to such Directors; provided, however, that such representative shall agree to hold in confidence and trust and to act in a fiduciary manner with respect to all information so provided; and provided further, that the Company reserves the right to withhold any information and to exclude such representative from any meeting or portion thereof if access to such information or attendance at such meeting could adversely affect the attorney-client privilege between the Company and its counsel or result in disclosure of trade secrets or a conflict of interest.

The Exchange believes these changes are reasonably designed to ensure that the Board of Directors maintains the appropriate composition after the ERP and that Directors and Observers are qualified to represent ERP Members on the Board. The changes will also help to ensure that Directors, ERP Directors, and Observers, are qualified and held to the same restrictions against statutory disqualification. The Exchange notes that no substantive changes are being proposed to the Board's composition; the Board size will increase, but the current composition will remain.

Lastly, the Exchange proposes to amend the title of Article II, Section 2.2 to refer to Observer Rights and reflect the above-proposed changes.

Article II, Section 2.3, Terms of Office.

The Exchange proposes to amend Article II, Section 2.3(b) to specify that it does not apply to ERP Directors. The Exchange also proposes to adopt paragraph (c) under Article II, Section 2.3 to provide that in the event that an ERP Member (either by itself or its affiliates) who has the right to nominate an ERP Director and which fails to meet its Performance Criteria under the ERP Agreement for three consecutive Measurement Periods such that it only meets the required performance criteria of an ERP Member that may appoint an Observer, then the



individual designated by the non-performing ERP Member shall immediately cease to be an ERP Director of the Company and such ERP Member shall cease to have the right to nominate an ERP Director. Such non-performing ERP Member shall continue to maintain Observer rights as set forth in the By-Laws. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the non-performing ERP Member satisfies the Performance Criteria for a subsequent Measurement Period, then such ERP Member may reappoint an ERP Director at the immediately following annual meeting of the Company. The Exchange believes that it is fair and reasonable to treat non-performing ERP Member's that can nominate an ERP Director differently than non-performing ERP Member's that can only appoint Observers. ERP Members that can nominate ERP Directors have assumed greater performance obligations under the ERP Agreement, and thus even at the non-performing level are entitled to more protections to their representation on the Board than non-performing ERP Members that can only appoint Observers.

The Exchange also proposes to adopt paragraph (d) under Article II, Section 2.3 to provide that an individual ERP Director or Observer position shall be immediately terminated following the transfer of common stock or warrants of the LLC Member acquired pursuant to the ERP Agreement by an ERP Member which, after giving effect to such transfer, results in such ERP Member holding less than 25% of the aggregate number of shares of common stock of the LLC Member issued or issuable pursuant to the Units acquired pursuant to the ERP Agreement collectively.

The Exchange believes these changes regarding Terms of Office are reasonably designed to account for the removal of Directors or Observers of non-performing ERP Members and Members that no longer have a controlling interest in the shares that provided them the right to such appointments.

Article II, Section 2.4, Nomination and Election.

The Exchange proposes to amend Article II, Section 2.4(a) to provide that the Nominating Committee shall nominate to ERP Director positions only those persons whose names have been approved and submitted by the applicable ERP Members having the right to nominate such person. As mentioned above, the LLC Member is then obligated to vote for the nominated ERP Director. The nominee shall be appointed at the first annual meeting of the Company following September 11, 2020, which was the closing date of the ERP established by the Exchange.<sup>8</sup>

Article II, Section 2.8, Vacancies.

The Exchange proposes to adopt paragraph (c) under Article II, Section 2.8 to provide that if an ERP Director position becomes vacant that the applicable ERP Member will retain the ability to nominate a person to fill the vacant ERP Director position. To eliminate any potential confusion between the treatment of true vacancies and the non-performance provisions in proposed Article II, Section 2.3(c), the Exchange proposes to specify that proposed Article II, Section 2.8(c) will not apply for a vacancy resulting from an ERP Director position becoming vacant due to a non-performing ERP Member. In the situation of non-performance of an ERP Member, the provisions of proposed Article II, Section 2.3(c) would apply.

Article II, Section 2.9, Removal and Resignation.

The Exchange proposes to amend Article II, Section 2.9 to provide that ERP Directors may only be removed for cause, which shall include, without limitation, such Director being subject to a statutory disqualification.

Article X, Sections 10.3 and 10.4.

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<sup>8</sup> See ERP Notice, supra note 3.

The Exchange proposes to amend Article X, Section 10.3 to provide that Observers will be subject to the same participation rights on the Board during meetings pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company as other members of the Board. In addition, Article X, Section 10.4 would be amended to provide that Observers will be subject to the same requirements to maintain the confidentiality of all books and records of the Company reflecting confidential information pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company.

Miscellaneous Non-Substantive Changes.

In addition to the changes set forth above, the Exchange proposes to make the following non-substantive changes to the current By-Laws. The Exchange proposes to delete dated references to time periods and events that have expired since the proposal of the new By-Laws. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to delete provisions in Article II, Section 2.5, and Article III, Section 3.1(b), regarding Interim Directors and Interim Member Representative Directors since these appointments have already occurred. Consistent with this change, the Exchange proposes to remove references to Article II, Section 2.5 and Interim Directors and Interim Member Representative Directors from current Article I(x) (proposed to be renumbered as Article I(aa)) and Article II, Section 2.2(b)(i).

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>9</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(1) and 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>10</sup> in particular, in that it enables the Exchange to be so organized as to have the capacity to carry out the purposes of the Act and to comply, and to enforce compliance by its Members and persons

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<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

associated with its Members, with the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the rules of the Exchange; and that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. In addition, the proposed change is consistent with Section 6(b)(3) of the Act,<sup>11</sup> in that it enables the Exchange to assure a fair representation of its members in the selection of its directors and administration of its affairs and provide that one or more directors shall be representative of issuers and investors and not be associated with a member of the exchange, broker, or dealer.

Specifically, the proposed amendments to the By-Laws are reasonably designed to incorporate provisions related to the ERP in a manner that ensures that the Exchange will remain so organized as to have the capacity to carry out the purposes of the Act and to comply, and to enforce compliance by its Members and persons associated with its Members, with the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the rules of the Exchange. The changes will also help to ensure that Directors, ERP Directors, Observers, and committee members are qualified and held to the same restrictions against statutory disqualification. The proposed ERP Directors will be subject to the same restrictions as current Directors including evaluating proposals with the Company's self-regulatory status in mind, restricting participation in activities where there is a conflict of interest, and requirement to maintain the confidentiality of information related to the Company's self-regulatory function. The proposed Observers will be subject to the same restrictions as current Directors regarding maintaining the confidentiality

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<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(3).

of information related to the Company's self-regulatory function. However, Observers will not be subject to the same restrictions as current Directors regarding evaluating proposals with the Company's self-regulatory status in mind and restricting participation in activities where there is a conflict of interest. The Exchange believes that treating Observers differently than Directors in these circumstances is reasonable because Observers will not be affirmatively voting on any such proposals in their non-voting observer capacity.

In addition, the Exchange's proposed amendments address other non-substantive revisions to reflect changes since the Commission granted the Exchange's registration as a national securities exchange.

The proposal will continue to assure a fair representation of its Members in that ERP Directors will not affect the current Member Representation Director calculation or process in any way. The Exchange notes that no substantive changes are being proposed to the Board's composition; the Board size will increase, but the current composition will remain.

**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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed changes to the Exchange By-Laws are designed to enable the Exchange to be so organized as to have the capacity to carry out the purposes of the Act and to comply, and to enforce compliance by its Members and persons associated with its Members, with the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the rules of the Exchange. As such, this is not a competitive filing and thus should not impose any burden on competition.

**5. 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.

6. **Extension of Time Period for Commission Action**

Not applicable.

7. **Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)**

Not applicable.

8. **Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission**

The proposed rule change is based on past filings by the Exchange's affiliate, MIAX.<sup>12</sup>

9. **Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act**

Not applicable.

10. **Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act**

Not applicable.

11. **Exhibits**

1. Notice of proposed rule for publication in the Federal Register.

5. Text of proposed rule change.

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<sup>12</sup> See supra note 3.

**EXHIBIT 1**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-PEARL-2020-30)

November\_\_\_\_, 2020

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change by MIAX PEARL, LLC to amend the Exchange's 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 November \_\_\_\_\_, 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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange is filing a proposal to amend the Exchange's By-Laws.

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

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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.

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<sup>5</sup> The term “Member” means an individual or organization that is registered with the Exchange pursuant to Chapter II of the Exchange’s Rules for purposes of trading on the Exchange as an “Electronic Exchange Member” or “Market Maker.” Members are deemed “members” under the Exchange Act. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>6</sup> The ERP Exchange fees under the Program consist of: (a) transaction fees as set forth in Section 1)a of the MIAX PEARL Options Fee Schedule; (b) membership fees as set forth in Section 3 of the MIAX PEARL Options Fee Schedule; (c) system connectivity fees as set forth in Section 5 of the MIAX PEARL Options Fee Schedule; (d) market data fees as set forth in Section 6 of the MIAX PEARL Options Fee Schedule; (a) transaction fees as set forth under Section 1)a) of the MIAX PEARL Equities Fee Schedule; (b) system connectivity fees as set forth under Section 2) of the MIAX PEARL Equities Fee Schedule; and (c) market data fees as set forth under Section 3) of the MIAX PEARL Equities Fee Schedule (collectively, the “ERP Exchange Fees”). The Exchange notes that proprietary real-time market data will be provided free of charge for a period of time.

- “ERP Member” means an Exchange Member who acquired Units pursuant to an ERP Agreement sufficient to acquire an ERP Director or an Observer position.
- “Measurement Period” means the time period over which Units are vested.
- “MIAX PEARL Equities” means the market of the Exchange on which equity securities are traded.
- “Observer” has the meaning set forth in Article II, Section 2.2 of the By-Laws.
- “Performance Criteria” means the trades on MIAX PEARL Equities in an amount equal to a percentage of the average daily volume for National Market System securities on MIAX PEARL Equities as reported by the Consolidated Tape Association (CTA) and Unlisted Traded Privileges (UTP) Plans, or any successor plans, for a specified Measurement Period in an amount such that the ERP Member earns Units during such specified Measurement Period and as more fully set forth in the ERP Agreement.
- “Unit” means the securities issued pursuant to the ERP Agreement.

The Exchange also proposes to delete the definition of the term “Exchange Contract” from the By-Laws because it is no longer used. The term “Exchange Contract” is currently defined as “a contract that is then listed for trading by the Exchange or that is contemplated by the then current business plan of the Company to be listed for trading by the Exchange within ninety (90) days following such date.”

The Exchange proposes to renumber the existing definitions accordingly to accommodate the proposed additions and deletions.

#### Article II, Section 2.2, Composition of the Board.

The Exchange proposed to amend the title of Article II, Section 2.2 to include reference to Observer Rights. The Exchange also proposes to amend Article II, Section 2.2(b)(i) to provide that ERP Directors will be included in the number of Industry Directors for purposes of

calculating the composition of the Board. In addition, the Exchange proposes to amend Article II, Section 2.2 (b)(ii) to specify that Member Representative Directors will not include ERP Directors for purposes of calculating the Board composition.

In addition, the Exchange proposes to amend Article II, Section 2.2(e) to replace the existing text with text that provides that an ERP Member has a right to nominate one (1) ERP Director or appoint an Observer to the Board of Directors. If at any time such ERP Member is otherwise able to nominate an ERP Director, but is unable to fill such position as a result of such ERP Member already having a representative on the Board, such ERP Member will have the right to nominate such Director in accordance with amended Article II, Section 2.2(e) upon the resignation or removal of such Director already serving on the Board.<sup>7</sup> The nominee shall be appointed at the first annual meeting of the Company following the effective date of the By-Law amendment.

The Exchange proposes to adopt paragraph (f) under Article II, Section 2.2. to provide that if an ERP Director position needs to be added pursuant to amended Article II, Section 2.2(e), such ERP Director shall be nominated by the applicable ERP Member and elected by the LLC Member and additional Director positions shall be added and filled at the same time as the election of the new ERP Director, as required to comply with the requirements set forth in Article II, Section 2.2(a) and (b).

The Exchange also proposes to adopt paragraph (g) under Article II, Section 2.2 to provide that, per amended Article II, Section 2.2(e), a person may be invited to attend meetings of the Board in a nonvoting Observer capacity as follows. Proposed Article II, Section 2.2(g)(i)

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<sup>7</sup> At this time, an ERP Member that is represented by a Member Representative Director may also have an Observer. But, an ERP Member that is represented by an ERP Director may not also have an Observer.

would provide that any ERP Member that is not otherwise represented on the Board shall have the right to appoint one individual as an Observer. If the ERP Member is otherwise able to nominate an ERP Director, an Observer appointment would be in lieu of such ERP Director nomination. Proposed Article II, Section 2.2(g)(ii) would provide that the ERP Member's right to appoint an Observer pursuant to proposed Section 2.2(g) shall be perpetual, subject to the provisions of Section 2.3 discussed below. An Observer may not be subject to a statutory disqualification.

Lastly, proposed Article II, Section 2.2(g)(iii) would provide that Observers will have the right to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors in a nonvoting observer capacity and, in this respect, the Company shall give such representative copies of all notices, minutes, consents, and other materials that it provides to its directors at the same time and in the same manner as provided to such Directors; provided, however, that such representative shall agree to hold in confidence and trust and to act in a fiduciary manner with respect to all information so provided; and provided further, that the Company reserves the right to withhold any information and to exclude such representative from any meeting or portion thereof if access to such information or attendance at such meeting could adversely affect the attorney-client privilege between the Company and its counsel or result in disclosure of trade secrets or a conflict of interest.

The Exchange believes these changes are reasonably designed to ensure that the Board of Directors maintains the appropriate composition after the ERP and that Directors and Observers are qualified to represent ERP Members on the Board. The changes will also help to ensure that Directors, ERP Directors, and Observers, are qualified and held to the same restrictions against statutory disqualification. The Exchange notes that no substantive changes are being proposed to the Board's composition; the Board size will increase, but the current composition will remain.

Lastly, the Exchange proposes to amend the title of Article II, Section 2.2 to refer to Observer Rights and reflect the above-proposed changes.

Article II, Section 2.3, Terms of Office.

The Exchange proposes to amend Article II, Section 2.3(b) to specify that it does not apply to ERP Directors. The Exchange also proposes to adopt paragraph (c) under Article II, Section 2.3 to provide that in the event that an ERP Member (either by itself or its affiliates) who has the right to nominate an ERP Director and which fails to meet its Performance Criteria under the ERP Agreement for three consecutive Measurement Periods such that it only meets the required performance criteria of an ERP Member that may appoint an Observer, then the individual designated by the non-performing ERP Member shall immediately cease to be an ERP Director of the Company and such ERP Member shall cease to have the right to nominate an ERP Director. Such non-performing ERP Member shall continue to maintain Observer rights as set forth in the By-Laws. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the non-performing ERP Member satisfies the Performance Criteria for a subsequent Measurement Period, then such ERP Member may reappoint an ERP Director at the immediately following annual meeting of the Company. The Exchange believes that it is fair and reasonable to treat non-performing ERP Member's that can nominate an ERP Director differently than non-performing ERP Member's that can only appoint Observers. ERP Members that can nominate ERP Directors have assumed greater performance obligations under the ERP Agreement, and thus even at the non-performing level are entitled to more protections to their representation on the Board than non-performing ERP Members that can only appoint Observers.

The Exchange also proposes to adopt paragraph (d) under Article II, Section 2.3 to provide that an individual ERP Director or Observer position shall be immediately terminated following the transfer of common stock or warrants of the LLC Member acquired pursuant to the

ERP Agreement by an ERP Member which, after giving effect to such transfer, results in such ERP Member holding less than 25% of the aggregate number of shares of common stock of the LLC Member issued or issuable pursuant to the Units acquired pursuant to the ERP Agreement collectively.

The Exchange believes these changes regarding Terms of Office are reasonably designed to account for the removal of Directors or Observers of non-performing ERP Members and Members that no longer have a controlling interest in the shares that provided them the right to such appointments.

Article II, Section 2.4, Nomination and Election.

The Exchange proposes to amend Article II, Section 2.4(a) to provide that the Nominating Committee shall nominate to ERP Director positions only those persons whose names have been approved and submitted by the applicable ERP Members having the right to nominate such person. As mentioned above, the LLC Member is then obligated to vote for the nominated ERP Director. The nominee shall be appointed at the first annual meeting of the Company following September 11, 2020, which was the closing date of the ERP established by the Exchange.<sup>8</sup>

Article II, Section 2.8, Vacancies.

The Exchange proposes to adopt paragraph (c) under Article II, Section 2.8 to provide that if an ERP Director position becomes vacant that the applicable ERP Member will retain the ability to nominate a person to fill the vacant ERP Director position. To eliminate any potential confusion between the treatment of true vacancies and the non-performance provisions in proposed Article II, Section 2.3(c), the Exchange proposes to specify that proposed Article II,

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<sup>8</sup> See ERP Notice, supra note 3.

Section 2.8(c) will not apply for a vacancy resulting from an ERP Director position becoming vacant due to a non-performing ERP Member. In the situation of non-performance of an ERP Member, the provisions of proposed Article II, Section 2.3(c) would apply.

Article II, Section 2.9, Removal and Resignation.

The Exchange proposes to amend Article II, Section 2.9 to provide that ERP Directors may only be removed for cause, which shall include, without limitation, such Director being subject to a statutory disqualification.

Article X, Sections 10.3 and 10.4.

The Exchange proposes to amend Article X, Section 10.3 to provide that Observers will be subject to the same participation rights on the Board during meetings pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company as other members of the Board. In addition, Article X, Section 10.4 would be amended to provide that Observers will be subject to the same requirements to maintain the confidentiality of all books and records of the Company reflecting confidential information pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company.

Miscellaneous Non-Substantive Changes.

In addition to the changes set forth above, the Exchange proposes to make the following non-substantive changes to the current By-Laws. The Exchange proposes to delete dated references to time periods and events that have expired since the proposal of the new By-Laws. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to delete provisions in Article II, Section 2.5, and Article III, Section 3.1(b), regarding Interim Directors and Interim Member Representative Directors since these appointments have already occurred. Consistent with this change, the Exchange proposes to remove references to Article II, Section 2.5 and Interim Directors and Interim Member Representative Directors from current Article I(x) (proposed to be renumbered as Article I(aa)) and Article II, Section 2.2(b)(i).

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>9</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(1) and 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>10</sup> in particular, in that it enables the Exchange to be so organized as to have the capacity to carry out the purposes of the Act and to comply, and to enforce compliance by its Members and persons associated with its Members, with the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the rules of the Exchange; and that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. In addition, the proposed change is consistent with Section 6(b)(3) of the Act,<sup>11</sup> in that it enables the Exchange to assure a fair representation of its members in the selection of its directors and administration of its affairs and provide that one or more directors shall be representative of issuers and investors and not be associated with a member of the exchange, broker, or dealer.

Specifically, the proposed amendments to the By-Laws are reasonably designed to incorporate provisions related to the ERP in a manner that ensures that the Exchange will remain so organized as to have the capacity to carry out the purposes of the Act and to comply, and to enforce compliance by its Members and persons associated with its Members, with the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the rules of the Exchange. The changes will also help to ensure that Directors, ERP Directors, Observers, and committee

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<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(3).



members are qualified and held to the same restrictions against statutory disqualification. The proposed ERP Directors will be subject to the same restrictions as current Directors including evaluating proposals with the Company's self-regulatory status in mind, restricting participation in activities where there is a conflict of interest, and requirement to maintain the confidentiality of information related to the Company's self-regulatory function. The proposed Observers will be subject to the same restrictions as current Directors regarding maintaining the confidentiality of information related to the Company's self-regulatory function. However, Observers will not be subject to the same restrictions as current Directors regarding evaluating proposals with the Company's self-regulatory status in mind and restricting participation in activities where there is a conflict of interest. The Exchange believes that treating Observers differently than Directors in these circumstances is reasonable because Observers will not be affirmatively voting on any such proposals in their non-voting observer capacity.

In addition, the Exchange's proposed amendments address other non-substantive revisions to reflect changes since the Commission granted the Exchange's registration as a national securities exchange.

The proposal will continue to assure a fair representation of its Members in that ERP Directors will not affect the current Member Representation Director calculation or process in any way. The Exchange notes that no substantive changes are being proposed to the Board's composition; the Board size will increase, but the current composition will remain.

**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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed changes to the Exchange By-Laws are designed to enable the Exchange to be so organized as to have the capacity to carry out the purposes of the Act and to comply, and to enforce compliance

by its Members and persons associated with its Members, with the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the rules of the Exchange. As such, this is not a competitive filing and thus should not impose any burden on 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

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the Commission shall: (a) by order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or (b) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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 e-mail [to rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-PEARL-2020-30 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-2020-30. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>).

Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-PEARL-2020-30 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register]. For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>12</sup>

Vanessa Countryman  
Secretary

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

**Exhibit 5**

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

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.

**ARTICLE I  
Definitions**

When used in these By-Laws, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms set forth below shall have the following meanings:

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(l) “ERP Agreement” means the agreement between the Exchange’s parent holding company, Miami International Holdings, Inc., and ERP Members dated September 11, 2020 pursuant to which Units were issued.

(m) “ERP Director” means a MIAX PEARL Equities Industry Director who has been nominated by an ERP Member and appointed to the Board of Directors.

(n) “ERP Member” means an Exchange Member who acquired Units pursuant to an ERP Agreement sufficient to acquire an ERP Director or an Observer position.

([l]o) “Exchange” means the national securities exchange operated by the Company.

[(m) “Exchange Contract” means a contract that is then listed for trading by the Exchange or that is contemplated by the then current business plan of the Company to be listed for trading by the Exchange within ninety (90) days following such date.]

([n]p) “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. An Exchange

Member will have the status of a “member” of the Exchange as that term is defined in Section 3(a)(3) of the Act.

([o]q) “Executive Representative” means the person identified to the Company by an Exchange Member as the individual authorized to represent, vote, and act on behalf of the Exchange Member. An Exchange Member may change its Executive Representative or appoint a substitute for its Executive Representative upon giving notice thereof to the Secretary of the Company via electronic process or such other process as the Company may prescribe. An Executive Representative of an Exchange Member or a substitute shall be a member of senior management of the Exchange Member.

([p]r) “Independent Director” means a Director who has no material relationship with the Company or any affiliate of the Company, or any Exchange Member or any affiliate of any such Exchange Member; *provided*, however, that an individual who otherwise qualifies as an Independent Director shall not be disqualified from serving in such capacity solely because such Director is a Director of the Company or its LLC Member.

([q]s) “Independent member” means a member of any committee who has no material relationship with the Company or any affiliate of the Company, or any Exchange Member or any affiliate of any such Exchange Member, other than as a committee member. The term Independent member may but is not required to refer to an Independent Director who serves on a committee.

([r]t) “Industry Director” means a Director who (i) is or has served in the prior three years as an officer, director, or employee of a broker or dealer, excluding an outside director or a director not engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (ii) is an officer, director (excluding an outside director), or employee of an entity that owns more than 10% of the equity of a broker or dealer, and the broker or dealer accounts for more than 5% of the gross revenues received by the consolidated entity; (iii) owns more than 5% of the equity securities of any broker or dealer, whose investments in brokers or dealers exceed 10% of his or her net worth, or whose ownership interest otherwise permits him or her to be engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (iv) provides professional services to brokers or dealers, and such services constitute 20% or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or 20% or more of the gross revenues received by the Director’s firm or partnership; (v) provides professional services to a director, officer, or employee of a broker, dealer, or corporation that owns 50% or more of the voting stock of a broker or dealer, and such services relate to the director’s, officer’s, or employee’s professional capacity and constitute 20% or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or member or 20% or more of the gross revenues received by the Director’s or member’s firm or partnership; or (vi) has a consulting or employment relationship with or provides professional services to the Company or any affiliate thereof or has had any such relationship or provided any such services at any time within the prior three years.

([s]u) “Industry member” means a member of any committee or hearing panel who (i) is or has served in the prior three years as an officer, director, or employee of a broker or dealer, excluding an outside director or a director not engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (ii) is an officer, director (excluding an outside director), or employee of an entity that owns more than 10% of the equity of a broker or dealer, and the broker or dealer accounts for more

than 5% of the gross revenues received by the consolidated entity; (iii) owns more than 5% of the equity securities of any broker or dealer, whose investments in brokers or dealers exceed 10% of his or her net worth, or whose ownership interest otherwise permits him or her to be engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (iv) provides professional services to brokers or dealers, and such services constitute 20% or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or 20% or more of the gross revenues received by the Director's firm or partnership; (v) provides professional services to a director, officer, or employee of a broker, dealer, or corporation that owns 50% or more of the voting stock of a broker or dealer, and such services relate to the director's, officer's, or employee's professional capacity and constitute 20% or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or member or 20% or more of the gross revenues received by the Director's or member's firm or partnership; or (vi) has a consulting or employment relationship with or provides professional services to the Company or any affiliate thereof or has had any such relationship or provided any such services at any time within the prior three years.

([t]v) "List of Candidates" means the list of nominees for Member Representative Director positions as nominated by the Member Nominating Committee and amended by petitions filed by Exchange Members. The List of Candidates is submitted to Exchange Members for the final selection of nominees to be elected by the LLC Member to serve as Member Representative Directors.

([u]w) "LLC Act" means the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, 6 §18-101, et seq.

([v]x) "LLC Member" means any person who maintains a direct ownership interest in the Company. The sole LLC Member of the Company shall be Miami International Holdings, Inc.

(y) "Measurement Period" means the time period over which Units are vested.

([w]z) "Member Nominating Committee" means the Member Nominating Committee elected pursuant to these By-Laws.

([x]aa) "Member Representative Director" means a Director who has been [appointed as such to the initial Board of Directors pursuant to Article II, Section 2.5 of these By-Laws, or] elected by the LLC Member after having been nominated by the Member Nominating Committee or by an Exchange Member pursuant to these By-Laws and confirmed as the nominee of Exchange Members after majority vote of Exchange Members, if applicable. A Member Representative Director may, but is not required to be an officer, director, employee, or agent of an Exchange Member.

([y]bb) "Member Representative member" means a member of any committee or hearing panel appointed by the Board who has been elected or appointed after having been nominated by the Member Nominating Committee pursuant to these By-Laws and who is an officer, director, employee, or agent of an Exchange Member.

(cc) "MIAX PEARL Equities" means the market of the Exchange on which equity securities are traded.

([z]dd) “Nominating Committee” means the Nominating Committee elected pursuant to these By-Laws.

([aa]ee) “Non-Industry Director” means a Director who is (i) an Independent Director; or (ii) any other individual who would not be an Industry Director.

([bb]ff) “Non-Industry member” means a member of any committee who is (i) an Independent member; or (ii) any other individual who would not be an Industry member.

([gg]) “Observer” has the meaning set forth in Article II, Section 2.2 of the By-Laws.

([hh]) “Performance Criteria” means the trades on MIAX PEARL Equities in an amount equal to a percentage of the average daily volume for National Market System securities on MIAX PEARL Equities as reported by the Consolidated Tape Association (CTA) and Unlisted Traded Privileges (UTP) Plans, or any successor plans, for a specified Measurement Period in an amount such that the ERP Member earns Units during such specified Measurement Period and as more fully set forth in the ERP Agreement.

([cc]ii) “person” shall mean a natural person, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, entity, government, or political subdivision, agency or instrumentality of a government.

([dd]jj) “person associated with an Exchange Member” or “associated person of an Exchange Member” means any partner, officer, or director of an Exchange Member (or person occupying a similar status or performing similar functions), any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with such Exchange Member, or any employee of such Exchange Member.

([ee]kk) “Record Date” means a date at least thirty-five (35) days before the date announced as the date for the annual meeting of the LLC Member and set as the last date on which Exchange Members may petition to add to the List of Candidates and used to determine whether Exchange Members are entitled to vote on the final List of Candidates.

([ff]ll) “registered broker or dealer” means any registered broker or dealer, as defined in Section 3(a)(48) of the Act, that is registered with the Commission under the Act.

([gg]mm) “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.

([hh]nn) “Rules” or “Exchange Rules” shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 3(a)(27) of the Act.

([ii]oo) “statutory disqualification” shall have the same meaning as in Section 3(a)(39) of the Act.

(pp) “Unit” means the securities issued pursuant to the ERP Agreement.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Board of Directors**

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**Section 2.2 Composition of the Board and Observer Rights**

(a) No change.

(b) At all times the Board of Directors shall consist of one (1) Director who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and sufficient numbers of Non-Industry (including Independent), Industry and Member Representative Directors to meet the following composition requirements:

(i) The number of Non-Industry Directors, including at least one Independent Director, shall equal or exceed the sum of the number of Industry Directors (including the ERP Directors) and Member Representative Directors elected pursuant to Article II, Section 2.4[ or Section 2.5]; and

(ii) The number of Member Representative Directors (which shall not include the ERP Directors) shall be at least twenty (20) percent of the Board.

(c) The Secretary shall collect from each nominee for Director such information as is reasonably necessary to serve as the basis for a determination of the nominee’s classification as a Member Representative, Non-Industry or Independent Director, if applicable, and the Secretary shall certify to the Nominating Committee or Member Nominating Committee each nominee’s classification, if applicable. Directors shall update the information submitted under this subsection at least annually and upon request of the Secretary, and shall report immediately to the Secretary any change in such information.

(d) A Director may not be subject to a statutory disqualification.

(e)[ The current Board of Directors consists of the Directors elected by the LLC Member and set forth on Schedule C to the LLC Agreement (the “Current Directors”). In addition to the Current Directors, interim Member Representative Directors shall be elected to the Board of Directors pursuant to the provisions set forth in Article II, Section 2.5 below (the “Interim Member Representative Directors”). The Current Directors and the Interim Member Representative Directors (together, the “Interim Directors”) shall not be divided into classes as set forth in Section 2.3(b) and shall serve only until the first annual meeting of the LLC Member following the approval of the Company as a national securities exchange by the Commission, which meeting shall be held within ninety (90) days after the Exchange’s application for registration as a national securities exchange is granted.] Any ERP Member (either by itself or with its affiliates) that is not otherwise represented on the Board may have the right to nominate



one (1) ERP Director or appoint an Observer to the Board of Directors. If at any time such ERP Member is otherwise able to nominate an ERP Director hereunder but is unable to fill such position as a result of such ERP Member already having a representative on the Board, such ERP Member will have the right to nominate such Director in accordance with this Article II, Section 2.2(e) upon the resignation or removal of such Director already serving on the Board. The ERP Member's right to nominate a Director or appoint an Observer pursuant to this Section 2.2(e) shall be perpetual, subject to the provisions of Section 2.3 below. The nominee shall be appointed at the first annual meeting of the Company following the Effective Date.

(f) If an ERP Director position needs to be added pursuant to Article II, Section 2.2(e), such ERP Director shall be nominated by the applicable ERP Member and elected by the LLC Member and additional Director positions shall be added and filled at the same time as the election of the new ERP Director, as required to comply with the requirements set forth in Article II, Section 2.2(a) and (b).

(g) As per Section 2.2(e), a person may be invited to attend meetings of the Board in a nonvoting observer capacity as follows ("Observers"):

(i) Any ERP Member that is not otherwise represented on the Board shall have the right to appoint one individual as an Observer. If the ERP Member is otherwise able to nominate an ERP Director, an Observer appointment would be in lieu of such ERP Director nomination.

(ii) The ERP Member's right to appoint an Observer pursuant to this Section 2.2(g) shall be perpetual, subject to the provisions of Section 2.3 below. An Observer may not be subject to a statutory disqualification.

(iii) The Company shall invite the Observers to attend all meetings of its Board of Directors in a nonvoting observer capacity and, in this respect, shall give such representative copies of all notices, minutes, consents, and other materials that it provides to its Directors at the same time and in the same manner as provided to such Directors; provided, however, that such representative shall agree to hold in confidence and trust and to act in a fiduciary manner with respect to all information so provided; and provided further, that the Company reserves the right to withhold any information and to exclude such representative from any meeting or portion thereof if access to such information or attendance at such meeting could adversely affect the attorney-client privilege between the Company and its counsel or result in disclosure of trade secrets or a conflict of interest.

### **Section 2.3 Terms of Office**

(a) No change.

(b) Each of the Non-Industry and Industry Directors (including Member Representative Directors) other than the ERP Directors shall be divided into three (3) classes, designated Class I, Class II and Class III, which shall be as nearly equal in number and classification as the total number of such Directors then serving on the Board permits. Directors

other than the Chief Executive Officer or the ERP Directors shall serve staggered three-year terms, with the term of office of one class expiring each year. A Director may serve for any number of terms, consecutive or otherwise. In order to commence such staggered three-year terms, Directors in Class I shall hold office until the second annual election of the Board of Directors, Directors in Class II shall initially hold office until the third annual election of the Board of Directors, and Directors in Class III shall initially hold office until the fourth annual election of the Board of Directors. Commencing with the second annual election of the Board of Directors, the term of office for each class of Directors elected at such time shall be three years from the date of their election. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of any new Director as contemplated by Article II, Section 2.2(a), such Director shall be added to a class, as determined by the Board at the time of such Director's initial election or appointment, and shall have an initial term expiring at the same time as the term of the class to which such Director has been added. The Board term of the ERP Directors shall expire as set forth in Article II, Section 2.3 (c) and (d) below.

(c) In the event that an ERP Member (either by itself or with its affiliates) who has the right to nominate an ERP Director and which fails to meet its Performance Criteria for three consecutive Measurement Periods, the individual designated by the non-performing ERP Member shall immediately cease to be an ERP Director of the Company and such ERP Member shall cease to have the right to nominate an ERP Director. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the non-performing ERP Member satisfies the Performance Criteria for a subsequent Measurement Period, then such ERP Member may renominate an ERP Director for election at the immediately following annual meeting of the Company.

(d) An individual ERP Director or Observer position shall be immediately terminated following the transfer of common stock or warrants of the LLC Member acquired pursuant to the ERP Agreement by an ERP Member which, after giving effect to such transfer, results in such ERP Member holding less than 25% of the aggregate number of shares of common stock of the LLC Member issued or issuable pursuant to the Units acquired pursuant to the ERP Agreement collectively.

## **Section 2.4 Nomination and Election**

(a) The Nominating Committee each year shall nominate Directors for each Director position standing for election at the annual meeting of the LLC Member that year. For positions requiring persons who qualify as Member Representative Directors, the Nominating Committee shall nominate only those persons whose names have been approved and submitted by the Member Nominating Committee, and approved by, if applicable, Exchange Members pursuant to the procedures set forth below in this Section 2.4. For Director positions requiring persons who qualify as ERP Directors, the Nominating Committee shall nominate only those persons whose names have been approved and submitted by the applicable ERP Members having the right to nominate such person pursuant to Article II, Section 2.2 of these By-Laws.

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## **Section 2.5 [Reserved][Interim Directors**

(a) The Interim Directors of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the LLC Member and shall serve until the first annual meeting of the LLC Member following the approval of the Company as a national securities exchange by the Commission, which meeting shall be held within ninety (90) days after the Exchange's application for registration as a national securities exchange is granted. The Interim Member Representative Directors shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Section 2.5.

(b) The Interim Member Representative Directors shall be appointed by the LLC Member by a consent in writing signed by the LLC Member pursuant to the provisions of Article III, Section 3.3 below and in accordance with this Section 2.5 (the "LLC Member Consent"). At least thirty (30) days prior to the date announced as the effective date for the LLC Member Consent (the "Consent Date"), the LLC Member shall report to the Secretary the initial nominees for Interim Member Representative Director positions on the Board that have been approved and submitted by the LLC Member (the "Initial Interim Member Representative Director Nominees"). At least twenty five (25) days prior to the Consent Date the Secretary shall notify the Exchange Member Applicants of those Initial Interim Member Representative Director Nominees (the "Interim Member Representative Director Nominee Notice"). Exchange Member Applicants may identify other candidates ("Interim Member Representative Director Petition Candidates" for purposes of this Section 2.5) for the Interim Member Representative Director positions by delivering to the Secretary, no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of the Interim Member Representative Director Nominee Notice (the "Interim Record Date" for purposes of this Section 2.5), a written petition, which shall designate the candidate by name and office and shall be signed by Executive Representatives of ten percent (10%) or more of the Exchange Member Applicants. An Exchange Member Applicant may endorse as many candidates as there are Interim Member Representative Director positions to be filled. No Exchange Member Applicant, together with its affiliates, may account for more than fifty percent (50%) of the signatures endorsing a particular candidate, and any signatures of such Exchange Member Applicant, together with its affiliates, in excess of the fifty percent (50%) limitation shall be disregarded. Exchange Member Applicants means persons and entities who have submitted the Initial Documents for membership in the Exchange, who would meet the qualifications for membership based on the information contained in the Initial Documents. Initial Documents means: either the Exchange Membership Pre-Application Survey or the Exchange Participant Connectivity Request Form.

(c) Each petition for an Interim Member Representative Director Petition Candidate must include a completed questionnaire used to gather information concerning Interim Member Representative Director candidates and must be filed with the Company (the Company shall provide the form of questionnaire upon the request of any Exchange Member Applicant).

(d) If no valid petitions from Exchange Member Applicants are received by the Interim Record Date, the Initial Interim Member Representative Director Nominees approved and submitted by the LLC Member pursuant to Section 2.5(b) shall be nominated as Interim Member Representative Directors. If one or more valid petitions from Exchange Member Applicants are received by the Interim Record Date, the Secretary shall include such additional nominees, along with the Initial Interim Member Representative Director Nominees, on a list of nominees (the "List of Interim Member Representative Director Candidates"). Upon completion, the List of Interim Member Representative Director Candidates shall be sent by the Secretary to all Exchange

Member Applicants that were Exchange Member Applicants on the Interim Record Date by electronic transmission to confirm the nominees for the Interim Member Representative Director positions. The List of Interim Candidates shall be accompanied by a notice regarding the time and date of an election (the “Interim Election Notice”) to be held electronically no sooner than five (5) days after the Interim Election Notice is delivered to confirm the Exchange Member Applicants’ selections of nominees for Interim Member Representative Directors.

(e) With respect to the election held to determine the final nomination of Interim Member Representative Directors, each Exchange Member Applicant shall have the right to cast one (1) vote for each available Interim Member Representative Director nomination; provided, however, that any such vote must be cast for a person on the List of Interim Candidates and that no Exchange Member Applicant, together with its affiliates, may account for more than twenty percent (20%) of the votes cast for a candidate, and any votes cast by such Exchange Member Applicant, together with its affiliates, in excess of such twenty percent (20%) limitation shall be disregarded. The votes shall be cast by electronic transmission as set forth in a notice to the Exchange Member Applicants sent by the Company prior to such election. Only votes received prior to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the date of the election shall count for the nomination of a Member Representative Director. The persons on the List of Interim Candidates who receive the most votes shall be selected as the nominees for the Interim Member Representative Director positions to be elected by the LLC Member pursuant to the Consent on the Consent Date.

(f) In the event of a tie vote for two or more Interim Member Representative Director positions, the tie will be broken by lot in a manner determined by the LLC Member.]

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## **Section 2.8 Vacancies**

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(c) If an ERP Director position becomes vacant for a reason other than failure by an ERP Member to meet its Performance Criteria as set forth in Article II, Section 2.3(c), then the LLC Member shall follow the procedures set forth in this Section 2.8(c). In such an event, the Nominating Committee shall recommend an individual to the LLC Member to be elected to fill such vacancy that has been nominated by the applicable ERP Member having the right to nominate such person pursuant to Article II, Section 2.2 of these By-Laws. The LLC Member shall elect, pursuant to this Section 2.8(c), only individuals recommended by the Nominating Committee.

## **Section 2.9 Removal and Resignation**

(a) Except as hereinafter provided, any Director may be removed or expelled with or without cause by the LLC Member, and may be removed by the Board of Directors in the manner provided by Article II, Section 2.9(b) below; provided, however, that any Member Representative Director or ERP Director may only be removed for cause, which shall include, without limitation, such Director being subject to a statutory disqualification.

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**ARTICLE III**  
**The LLC Member**

**Section 3.1 Annual Meeting; Election of Directors and Other Matters**

[(a) ]The annual meeting of the LLC Member shall be held at such place and time as determined by the Board for the purpose of electing Directors and members of the Nominating Committee and Member Nominating Committee, and for conducting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Written notice of the annual meeting stating the place, date and hour of the meeting shall be given to the LLC Member not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting.

[(b) The Interim Directors, including the Interim Member Representative Directors, shall be appointed prior to the Company's commencement of operations as an Exchange. The first annual meeting of the LLC Member shall be held within ninety (90) days after the Company's application for registration as a national securities exchange is granted.]

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**ARTICLE X**  
**Miscellaneous Provisions**

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**Section 10.3 Participation in Board and Committee Meetings**

All meetings of the Board (and any committees of the Company) pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company (including disciplinary matters) shall be closed to all persons other than members of the Board, Observers, officers, staff, counsel or other advisors whose participation is necessary or appropriate to the proper discharge of such regulatory functions and any representatives of the Commission. In no event shall members of the Board of Directors of Miami International Holdings, Inc. who are not also members of the Board, Observers, or any officers, staff, counsel or advisors of Miami International Holdings, Inc. who are not also officers, staff, counsel or advisors of the Company (or any committees of the Company), be allowed to participate in any meetings of the Board (or any committee of the Company) pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company (including disciplinary matters).

**Section 10.4 Books and Records; Confidentiality of Information and Records Relating to SRO Function**

The books and records of the Company shall be maintained at a location within the United States. All books and records of the Company reflecting confidential information pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company (including but not limited to disciplinary matters, trading data, trading practices, and audit information) shall be retained in confidence by the Company and

its personnel and will not be used by the Company for any non-regulatory purposes and shall not be made available to any person (including, without limitation, any Exchange Member) other than to personnel of the Commission, and those personnel of the Company, members of committees of the Company, members of the Board, Observers, hearing officers and other agents of the Company to the extent necessary or appropriate to properly discharge the self-regulatory responsibilities of the Company.

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