

Congress as reflected in the Coordination Act.

8. Applicant argues that it is the type of investment adviser that Congress intended the Commission to consider exempting under section 203A(c).

Applicant states that it provides services predominantly to institutions and that it believes that its business will remain predominantly institutional. Applicant will not market its services to individual investors, and in no case will it have (i) more than five clients who are natural persons (other than certain "excepted persons," as that term is defined in rule 203A-3, paragraph (a)(3)(i) under the Advisers Act<sup>9</sup>) or (ii) more than ten percent of its clients who are natural persons (other than certain excepted persons).

For the SEC, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** [65 FR 2656, January 18, 2000]

**STATUS:** Closed Meeting.

**PLACE:** 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**DATE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED:** January 18, 2000.

**CHANGE IN THE MEETING:** Cancellation of Meeting.

The closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2000 at 11:00 a.m., has been canceled.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: January 20, 2000.

**Jonathan G. Katz,**

*Secretary.*

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<sup>9</sup> See 17 CFR 275.203A-3(a)(3)(i)

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34-42342; File No. SR-Amex-99-21)

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Amending Section 106 of the Amex Company Guide

**DATE:** January 14, 2000.

Pursuant to 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 June 10, 1999, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Amex. The Exchange filed Amendments No. 1<sup>3</sup> and No. 2<sup>4</sup> to the proposed rule change on June 14, 1999 and December 1, 1999, respectively. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 106 of the *Amex Company Guide* to provide for the trading of narrow-based stock index warrants

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Letter from Scott Van Hatten, Amex, to Richard Strasser, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission, dated June 11, 1999 ("Amendment No. 1"). The Exchange originally filed the proposed rule change under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act. Pursuant to Commission staff's request, the Exchange refiled the proposed rule change under Section 19(b)(2) of the Act.

<sup>4</sup> Letter from Scott Van Hatten, Amex, to Nancy Sanow, Assistant Director, Division. Commission, dated December 1, 1999 ("Amendment No. 2"). Amendment No. 2 states that the exchange will issue a circular prior to trading any new index warrant pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e) to (i) highlight specific risks associated with warrants on new indexes and remind members that index warrants are direct obligations of the issuer, which are not subject to a clearing house guarantee, (ii) clarify that index warrants may only be sold to accounts approved for standardized options trading, and (iii) clarify that the Exchange's options suitability standards apply to index warrants. Amendment No. 2 also states that Amex Rules 1100 through 1110, which govern issuer eligibility, margin requirements, discretionary accounts, supervision of accounts, position and exercise limits, reportable positions, and trading halts and suspensions, will apply to index warrants. Finally, Amendment No. 2 states that the Exchange's enhanced surveillance procedures will continue to apply to surveillance of index warrants traded pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e).

pursuant to new Rule 19b-4(e)<sup>5</sup> under the Act.

#### 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 self-regulatory organization 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 Amex 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

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 106 of the *Amex Company Guide* to provide for the trading of stock index industry group warrants<sup>6</sup> pursuant to new Rule 19b-4(e) under the Act. Section 106 of the *Amex Company Guide* currently authorizes the Exchange to trade warrants on a stock index industry group pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act provided that the index meets the generic criteria set forth in Commentary .02 to Amex Rule 901C.<sup>7</sup> As discussed in the Commission release adopting new Rule 19b-4(e), however, the Exchange would no longer be required to submit, pursuant to new Rule 19b-4(e) under the Act, a proposed rule change to trade warrants on a new stock index industry group provided the index meets the generic criteria set forth in Commentary .02 to Amex Rule 901C.

In its release adopting new Rule 19b-4(e), the Commission noted that in order to rely on the amendment and not submit filings pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) for warrants that satisfy the criteria of Rule 901C, a self-regulatory organization would be required to submit a proposed rule change for Commission approval to eliminate the Section 19(b)(3)(A) rule filing

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 40761 (Dec. 8, 1998), 63 FR 70952 (Dec. 22, 1998).

<sup>6</sup> Amex Rule 900C defines "Stock Index Industry Group" as a stock index group relating to a stock index which reflects representative stock market values or prices of a particular industry or related industries (also referred to as a "narrow based index").

<sup>7</sup> The Commission granted approval to list and trade narrow-based index warrants pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) in Securities Exchange Act Release No. 37007 (March 21, 1996), 61 FR 14165 (March 29, 1996).

requirement from its existing rules.<sup>8</sup> Accordingly, to enable the Exchange to use new Rule 19b-4(e), the Exchange proposes to eliminate the Section 19(b)(3)(A) rule filing requirement from Section 106 of the *Amex Company Guide*.<sup>9</sup> Amex Rule 901C will remain unchanged. The Exchange represents that the use of new rule 19b-4(e) will be in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the order approving the Rule.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>10</sup> in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)<sup>11</sup> in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

### 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.

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

The Exchange did not solicit or receive any written comments with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

Within 35 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 will:

(A) by order approve such proposed rule change, or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

<sup>8</sup> See *supra* n. 5, at n. 89.

<sup>9</sup> The Commission approved a similar change to Amex Rule 901C to permit the trading of narrow-based index options pursuant to new Rule 19-4(e). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 41091 (Feb. 23, 1999), 64 FR 10515 (March 4, 1999).

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

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

## 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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549-0609. 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Amex. All submissions should refer to the File No. SR-Amex-99-21 and should be submitted by February 14, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>12</sup>

**Jonathan G. Katz,**

Secretary.

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Reporting Requirements Submitted for OMB Review.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), agencies are required to submit proposed reporting and recordkeeping requirements to OMB for review and approval, and to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the agency has made such a submission.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before February 23, 2000. If you intend to comment but cannot prepare comments promptly, please advise the OMB Reviewer and the Agency Clearance Officer before the deadline.

**COPIES:** Request for clearance (OMB 83-1), supporting statement, and other

documents submitted to OMB for review may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to: Agency Clearance Officer, ≤ Jacqueline White, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, S.W., 5th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20416; and OMB Reviewer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacqueline White, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 205-7044.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Pre-Disaster Mitigation Small Business Loan Application.

*Form No:* 5M.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Description of Respondents:* Persons applying for pre-disaster mitigation loans.

*Annual Responses:* 2,500.

*Annual Burden:* 5,000.

**Jacqueline White,**

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3206]

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations:

#### "Science Under Sail: Russia's Great Voyages to America, 1728-1867"

**DEPARTMENT:** United States Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Science Under Sail: Russia's Great Voyages to America, 1728-1867," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, Anchorage, Alaska, from on or about May 4, 2000,

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