

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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. 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-NYSE-2006-69 and should be submitted on or before December 13, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>22</sup>

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Relating to NYSE Rule 1300 (Gold Shares) and NYSE Rule 51 (Hours of Business)

November 21, 2006.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on October 2, 2006, the New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE" 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 Exchange. On November 6, 2006, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1.<sup>3</sup> 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 NYSE proposes to amend NYSE Rule 1300 (Gold Shares) and NYSE Rule 51 (Hours for Business) to allow streetTRACKS® Gold Shares to open for trading at 8:20 a.m. The text of the proposed rule change, as amended, is available on the Exchange's Web site at <http://www.nyse.com>, at NYSE'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 NYSE included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change, as amended, and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change, as amended. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The NYSE 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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

###### 1. Purpose

Since 2004, the Exchange has offered its customers the ability to trade in a gold-based security called streetTRACKS® Gold Shares ("Gold Shares"). Gold Shares represent units of fractional undivided interest in and ownership of the streetTRACKS® Gold Trust (the "Trust"). The Trust holds gold bullion and the investment objective of the Trust is to reflect the performance of the price of gold bullion, less the Trust's expenses.

Interest in commodity-based securities has increased. In order to remain competitive, the Exchange proposes to amend NYSE Rule 1300 and NYSE Rule 51 to reflect that Gold Shares would open for trading at 8:20 a.m. An 8:20 a.m. opening would coincide with the opening of COMEX® trading in gold futures and gold options

and thus permit trading in Gold Shares to start at the same time as other gold-based instruments. This would give customers the opportunity to trade an equity product based on the price of gold from the time that gold futures and options on gold futures begin trading on the COMEX®.

Except for the new opening time, trading in Gold Shares would operate as it does today. The current assigned specialist would continue as the assigned specialist and the stock would continue to trade at its current post and panel. All Exchange systems would be operative beginning at 8:20 a.m. and throughout the trading day including those systems that provide audit trail information. The Exchange surveillances that currently operate during market hours would be in place to coincide with the 8:20 a.m. opening. Further, the Exchange would make sure that either a Floor Governor or two Floor Officials would be available upon the 8:20 a.m. opening. As always, all Exchange Rules would apply upon the open at 8:20 a.m. and throughout the trading day.

Furthermore, the Exchange represents that the updated spot price of gold and the Intraday Indicative Value ("IIV") for Gold Shares would be available at 8:20 a.m. on the Trust's Web site (<http://www.streettracksgoldshares.com>). The IIV is calculated by the Trust's Sponsor, World Trust Gold Services, LLC. The Exchange's Web site (<http://www.nyse.com>) provides a link to the Trust's Web site. The spot price of gold and the IIV on the Trust's Web site are subject to a 5 to 10 second delay.

###### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>4</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>5</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system; and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

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

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will impose no burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

<sup>22</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

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

<sup>3</sup> See Form 19b-4 dated November 6, 2006 ("Amendment No. 1"). Amendment No. 1 replaced the original filing in its entirety.

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

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

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

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received comments on this proposal.

**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.

**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-NYSE-2006-80 on the subject line.

*Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Station Place, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2006-80. 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NYSE. 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-NYSE-2006-80 and should be submitted on or before December 19, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>6</sup>

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Definition of Fund Share and Options on Commodity Pool ETFs**

November 20, 2006.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> notice is hereby given that on September 21, 2006, The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") 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 primarily by OCC. 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 proposed rule change would permit OCC to issue, clear, and settle options on equity interests issued by exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") that trade directly or indirectly in commodity futures products and are therefore subject to regulation by the Commodity Futures Trading

Commission ("CFTC") as commodity pools.

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

In its filing with the Commission, OCC 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. OCC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.<sup>2</sup>

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

The proposed rule change would amend the definition of "fund share" to include options on equity interests issued by ETFs that trade directly or indirectly in commodity futures products and are therefore subject to regulation by the CFTC as commodity pools. The Commission recently approved a proposed rule change filed by the American Stock Exchange to list and trade options on (1) interests ("Interests") issued by the DB Commodity Index Tracking Fund ("DBC Fund"), whose value is intended to track the performance of the "Deutsche Bank Liquid Commodity Index™—Excess Return" ("Index"),<sup>3</sup> and (2) units ("Units") issued by the United States Oil Fund, L.P. ("Oil Fund"), whose value is intended to track the spot price of West Texas Intermediate light, sweet crude oil delivered to Cushing, Oklahoma, less Oil Fund expenses ("Benchmark").<sup>4</sup>

The DBC Fund is a "feeder fund" that invests substantially all of its assets in the DB Commodity Index Tracking Master Fund ("Master Fund"), and the Master Fund in turn maintains a portfolio of exchange-traded futures on aluminum, gold, corn, wheat, heating oil and light, sweet crude oil. The Index is derived from the prices of those futures contracts. The Master Fund's portfolio is managed on an ongoing basis by DB Commodity Services LLC, a registered commodity pool operator and commodity trading advisor so that the

<sup>2</sup> The Commission has modified parts of these statements.

<sup>3</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54450 (September 14, 2006) 71 FR 55230 (September 21, 2006) [File No. SR-AMEX-2006-44].

<sup>4</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 53582 (March 31, 2006) 71 FR 17510 (April 6, 2006) [File No. SR-AMEX-2005-127].

<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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