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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION****[Release No. 34-61989; File No. SR-
NYSEAmex-2010-37]****Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE
Amex LLC; Notice of Filing of
Proposed Rule Change Amending
Commentary to Rule 915 and Rule 916**

April 27, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on April 8, 2010, NYSE Amex LLC (“NYSE Amex” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 proposes to amend Commentary .10 to Rule 915 and Commentary .11 to Rule 916 for the purpose of listing and trading options on the shares of the ETFs Palladium Trust and the ETFs Platinum Trust. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Commission’s Web Site at <http://www.sec.gov>. A copy of this filing is available on the Exchange’s Web site at <http://www.nyse.com>, at the Exchange’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 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 those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

**A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s
Statement of the Purpose of, and the
Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule
Change****1. Purpose**

Recently, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) authorized the Exchange to list and trade options on the SPDR Gold Trust⁴ (“GLD”) the iShares COMEX Gold Trust (“IAU”) the iShares Silver Trust (“SLV”),⁵ the ETFs Silver Trust (“SIVR”) and the ETFs Gold Trust (“SGOL”).⁶ Now, the Exchange proposes to list and trade options on the ETFs Palladium Trust (“PALL”) and the ETFs Platinum Trust (“PPLT”).

Currently, Amex Rule 915 deems appropriate for options trading Exchange-Traded Fund Shares (“ETFs” or “Fund Shares”) that are traded on a national securities exchange and are defined as an “NMS stock” in Rule 600 of Regulation NMS and that represent (i) Interests in registered investment companies (or series thereof) organized as open-end management investment companies, unit investment trusts or similar entities that hold portfolios of securities and/or financial instruments including, but not limited to, stock index futures contracts, options on futures, options on securities and indexes, equity caps, collars and floors, swap agreements, forward contracts, repurchase agreements and reverse purchase agreements (the “Financial Instruments”), and money market instruments, including, but not limited to, U.S. government securities and repurchase agreements (the “Money Market Instruments”) comprising or otherwise based on or representing investments in indexes or portfolios of securities and/or Financial Instruments and Money Market Instruments (or that hold securities in one or more other registered investment companies that themselves hold such portfolios of securities and/or Financial Instruments and Money Market Instruments); or (ii) interests in a trust or similar entity that holds a specified non-U.S. currency deposited with the trust or similar entity when aggregated in some specified minimum number may be surrendered to the trust by the beneficial owner to receive the specified non-U.S. currency and pays the beneficial owner interest and other distributions on deposited

non-U.S. currency, if any, declared and paid by the trust; or (iii) commodity pool interests principally engaged, directly or indirectly, in holding and/or managing portfolios or baskets of securities, commodity futures contracts, options on commodity futures contracts, swaps, forward contracts and/or options on physical commodities and/or non-U.S. currency (“Commodity Pool Units”), or (iv) represents an interest in a registered investment company (“Investment Company”) organized as an open-end management investment company or similar entity, that invests in a portfolio of securities selected by the Investment Company’s investment adviser consistent with the Investment Company’s investment objectives and policies, which is issued in a specified aggregate minimum number in return for a deposit of a specified portfolio of securities and/or a cash amount with a value equal to the next determined net asset value (“NAV”), and when aggregated in the same specified minimum number, may be redeemed at a holder’s request, which holder will be paid a specified portfolio of securities and/or cash with a value equal to the next determined NAV (“Managed Fund Share”).⁷ In addition, pursuant to Commentary .10 to Rule 915 the Exchange may also list options based on shares of GLD, IAU, SLV, SIVR, and SGOL. This proposed rule change seeks to expand the current exception set forth in Commentary .10 to Rule 915 for Exchange-Traded Fund Shares that may be approved for options trading on the Exchange to include PALL and PPLT.

Apart from allowing PALL and PPLT to be underlyings for options traded on the Exchange as described above, the listing standards for Exchange-Traded Fund Shares will remain unchanged from those that apply under current Exchange rules. Exchange-Traded Fund Shares on which options may be listed and traded must still be listed and traded on a national securities exchange and must satisfy the other listing standards set forth in Commentary .06 to Rule 915. Specifically, in addition to satisfying the listing requirements set forth above, Exchange-Traded Fund Shares must meet either (1) the criteria and guidelines under Commentary .01 to Rule 915; or (2) be available for creation or redemption each business day from or through the issuer in cash or in kind at a price related to net asset value, and the issuer must be obligated to issue Exchange-Traded Fund Shares in a specified aggregate number even if some or all of the investment assets required to be deposited have not been

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57894 (May 30, 2008), 73 FR 32061 (June 5, 2008) (order approving SR-Amex-2008-15).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59055 (December 4, 2008), 73 FR 238 [sic] (December 10, 2008) (order approving SR-Amex-2008-68).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 61483 (February 3, 2010), 75 FR 6753 (February 10, 2010).

⁷ See Commentary .06 to Rule 915.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

received by the issuer, subject to the condition that the person obligated to deposit the investments has undertaken to deliver the investment assets as soon as possible and such undertaking is secured by the delivery and maintenance of collateral consisting of cash or cash equivalents satisfactory to the issuer, as provided in the respective prospectus.

This proposal is intended to provide appropriate standards for the listing and trading of options on PALL and PPLT. The proposed revision to Commentary .11 to Rule 916 specifically provides that shares of PALL and PPLT be deemed "Exchange-Traded Fund Shares" for purposes of Commentary .07 to Rule 916. Under the applicable continued listing criteria in Commentary .07 to Amex Rule 916, the Exchange will consider the suspension of opening transactions in PALL or PPLT in any of the following circumstances: (1) Following the initial twelve-month period beginning upon the commencement of trading of PALL or PPLT, there are fewer than 50 record and/or beneficial holders of PALL or PPLT for 30 or more consecutive trading days; (2) the value of the underlying silver or underlying gold [sic] is no longer calculated or available; or (3) such other event occurs or condition exists that in the opinion of the Exchange makes further dealing on the Exchange inadvisable. In addition, PALL or PPLT shall not be deemed to meet the requirements for continued approval, and the Exchange shall not open for trading any additional series of option contracts of the class covering PALL or PPLT, respectively, if PALL or PPLT ceases to be an "NMS Stock" as provided for in Commentary .07(2) to Rule 916 or PALL or PPLT is halted from trading on the primary listing market, or if PALL or PPLT is delisted.

The Exchange represents that the listing and trading of PALL options or PPLT options under NYSE Amex rules will not have any effect on the rules pertaining to position and exercise limits⁸ or margin.⁹

The Exchange represents that it has an adequate surveillance program in place for options on PALL and PPLT. The Exchange may obtain trading information via the Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG") from other exchanges who are members or affiliates of the ISG. The Exchange may also obtain trading information from various commodity futures exchanges worldwide that have entered into comprehensive surveillance sharing

agreements with the Exchange. In connection with PALL and PPLT, the Exchange represents that it may obtain information from the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX"), pursuant to a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement, related to any financial instrument that is based, in whole or in part, upon an interest in or performance of silver or gold [sic]. Prior to listing and trading options on PALL or PPLT, the Exchange represents that it will either have the ability to obtain specific trading information via ISG or through a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with the marketplace or marketplaces with last sale reporting that represent(s) the highest volume in derivatives (options or futures) on the underlying palladium or platinum.

2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)¹⁰ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)¹¹ 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 mechanisms 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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

No written comments were solicited or received 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 self-regulatory

organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve the 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. Please include File No. SR-NYSEAmex-2010-37 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSEAmex-2010-37. 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 Web site 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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NYSE Amex. 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 No.

⁸ See NYSE Amex Rules 904 and 905.

⁹ See NYSE Amex Rule 462.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

SR-NYSEAmex-2010-37 and should be submitted on or before May 26, 2010.

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

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Adopt Certain Order Routing and Market-Maker Rules

April 27, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on April 23, 2010, C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated ("Exchange" or "C2") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposal as a "non-controversial" proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁴ 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 proposes to adopt a rule relating to order routing to other exchanges and to adopt preferred market-maker rules. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (<http://www.cboe.org/Legal>), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary and at the Commission.

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

In its filing with the Commission, C2 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 those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

C2 was recently registered as a national securities exchange under Section 6 of the Exchange Act.⁵ When operational, C2 will operate an all-electronic marketplace for the trading of listed options. It will not maintain a physical trading floor. C2 is filing this proposed rule change in order to add a linkage order routing rule. The rule is identical to a rule adopted by the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE") as part of the transition to the new intermarket linkage plan (the Options Order Protection and Locked/Crossed Market Plan). Under the new linkage, exchanges ensure order protection by routing orders to other markets through broker-dealers. The proposed rule adopts certain guidelines that would be applicable to any routing services provided by C2 through a broker-dealer. Routing services would be available to C2 permit holders only and are optional. Permit holders that do not want orders routed can use the Immediate or Cancel designation to avoid routing.

As proposed, routing services will only be provided by routing brokers that are not affiliated with the Exchange. Further, the Exchange may not use a routing broker for which the Exchange or any affiliate of the Exchange is the designated examining authority. For each routing broker used by the Exchange, an agreement will be in place between the Exchange and the routing broker that will, among other things, restrict the use of any confidential and proprietary information that the routing broker receives to legitimate business purposes necessary for routing orders at the direction of the Exchange.

The rule further requires the Exchange to provide routing services in compliance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, including, but not limited to, the requirements in Section 6(b)(4) and (5) of the Act that the rules of a

national securities exchange provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and issuers and other persons using its facilities, and not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers. The rule also requires the Exchange to establish and maintain procedures and internal controls reasonably designed to adequately restrict the flow of confidential and proprietary information between the Exchange and the routing broker, and any other entity, including any affiliate of the routing broker, and, if the routing broker or any of its affiliates engages in any other business activities other than providing routing services to the Exchange, between the segment of the routing broker or affiliate that provides the other business activities and the segment of the routing broker that provides the routing services.

Under the proposed rule, the Exchange will determine the logic that provides when, how, and where orders are routed away to other exchanges. Further, the routing broker cannot change the terms of an order or the routing instructions, nor does the routing broker have any discretion about where to route an order. Lastly, the rule provides that any bid or offer entered on the Exchange routed to another exchange via a routing broker that results in an execution shall be binding on the member that entered such bid/offer.

The filing also proposes to adopt a Preferred Market-Maker rule and a participation entitlement for Preferred Market-Makers (PMMs). The proposed additions are virtually identical to rules governing the PMM program on CBOE. A PMM program allows order senders to designate a preferred Market-Maker for orders sent to the Exchange. If the PMM meets certain requirements at the time the order is received, the PMM is entitled to an enhanced participation on the trade (a participation entitlement). Adopting a PMM program will provide C2 with greater flexibility in attracting dedicated liquidity providers.

Proposed Rule 8.13 provides that the Exchange may allow, on a class-by-class basis, for the receipt orders that carry a designation specifying a Market-Maker in that class as the "Preferred Market-Maker" for that order. The PMM will receive a participation entitlement for such order if the following provisions are met: (i) The PMM is registered in the relevant option class; and (ii) the PMM is quoting at the best bid/offer on the Exchange. The participation entitlement shall be 40% when there are two or more Market-Makers also quoting at the

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ See Exchange Act Release No. 61152 (Dec. 10, 2009), 74 FR 66699 (Dec. 16, 2009).