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Charles Mierzwa,

Chief of Information Resources Management.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

National Science and Technology Council

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Nanotechnology Coordination Office (NNCO), on behalf of the Nanoscale Science, Engineering, and Technology (NSET) Subcommittee of the Committee on Technology, National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), will hold a workshop entitled “Quantifying Exposure to Engineered Nanomaterials (QEEN) from Manufactured Products—Addressing Environmental, Health, and Safety Implications” on July 7 and 8, 2015. This is a technical workshop with an aim to determine the state of exposure science and the tools and methods available to characterize and quantify exposure to engineered nanomaterials from consumer products. A main goal is to bridge toxicology with exposure science. The workshop will include an overview of the field by exposure science experts, breakout sessions to better understand the challenges and accomplishments thus far in exposure science, and a poster session.

DATES: The Workshop will be held Tuesday, July 7, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, July 8, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn, 1900 N. Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA, 22209.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Shelah Morita, 703-292-4503, smorita@nnco.nano.gov, NNCO. Additional information is posted at <http://nano.gov/QEENworkshop>.

Registration: Registration opens on May 7, 2015 at <http://nano.gov/QEENworkshop>. Due to space limitations, pre-registration for the workshop is required. Written notices of participation should be sent to jbeamon@nnco.nano.gov or to Jewel Beamon, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Stafford II,

Suite 405, Arlington, VA 22230. Please provide your full name, title, affiliation, and email or mailing address when registering. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached or until close of business May 28, 2015.

Meeting Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodation to access this workshop should contact Jewel Beamon at 703-292-7741 at least ten business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Ted Wackler,

Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-74486; File No. SR-FINRA-2014-030]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Withdrawal of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Quotation Requirements for Unlisted Equity Securities and Deletion of the Rules Related to the OTC Bulletin Board Service

March 12, 2015.

On June 27, 2014, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) ¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, ² a proposed rule change to adopt rules relating to quotation requirements for over-the-counter (“OTC”) equity securities and to delete the rules relating to the OTC Bulletin Board Service (“OTCBB”) and thus cease its operation. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on July 15, 2014. ³ On August 8, 2014, FINRA consented to extending the time period for the Commission to either approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, or to institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, to October 10, 2014. The Commission received one comment letter on the proposed rule change. ⁴

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 72575 (July 9, 2014), 79 FR 41339 (“Notice”).

⁴ See Letter from Daniel Zinn, General Counsel, OTC Markets Group Inc., dated August 5, 2014.

On October 7, 2014, the Commission instituted proceedings ⁵ to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act. ⁶ The Commission thereafter received three comment letters in response to the Order Instituting Proceedings. ⁷ On January 9, 2015, the Commission extended the time period for Commission action to March 12, 2015. ⁸

On March 3, 2015, FINRA withdrew the proposed rule change (SR-FINRA-2014-030).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. ⁹

Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270-433, OMB Control No. 3235-0489]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-2736.

Extension:

Rule 17a-6, SEC File No. 270-433, OMB Control No. 3235-0489.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information provided for in Rule 17a-6 (17 CFR 240.17a-6) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for extension and approval.

Rule 17a-6 permits national securities exchanges, national securities associations, registered clearing

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 73313, 79 FR 61677 (October 14, 2014) (“Order Instituting Proceedings”).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

⁷ See Letter from Dr. Lee Jackson, PAHCII, dated October 8, 2014; Letter from Barry Scadden, Vice President, ATS Trade Support and Operations, Global OTC, dated October 10, 2014; and Letter from Michael R. Trocchio, Sidley Austin LLP, on behalf of OTC Markets Group Inc., dated November 4, 2014.

⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 74021, 80 FR 2142 (January 15, 2015).

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

agencies, and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”) (collectively, “SROs”) to destroy or convert to microfilm or other recording media records maintained under Rule 17a-1, if they have filed a record destruction plan with the Commission and the Commission has declared the plan effective.

There are currently 29 SROs: 18 national securities exchanges, 1 national securities association, the MSRB, and 9 registered clearing agencies. Of the 29 SROs, only 2 SRO respondents have filed a record destruction plan with the Commission. The staff calculates that the preparation and filing of a new record destruction plan should take 160 hours. Further, any existing SRO record destruction plans may require revision, over time, in response to, for example, changes in document retention technology, which the Commission estimates will take much less than the 160 hours estimated for a new plan. The Commission estimates that each SRO that has filed a destruction plan will spend approximately 30 hours per year making required revisions. Thus, the total annual compliance burden is estimated to be 60 hours per year based on two respondents. The approximate compliance cost per hour is \$380, resulting in a total internal cost of compliance for these respondents of \$22,800 per year (60 hours @\$380 per hour).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information under the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Please direct your written comments to: Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: March 10, 2015.

Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-74481; File No. SR-Phlx-2015-22]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Regarding FLEX No Minimum Value Size Pilot

March 11, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on February 27, 2015, NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC (“Phlx” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II 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 with the Commission a proposal to amend Phlx Rule 1079 (FLEX Index, Equity and Currency Options) to extend a pilot program that eliminates minimum value sizes for opening transactions in new series of FLEX index options and FLEX equity options (together known as “FLEX Options”).³

The text of the amended Exchange rule is set forth immediately below.

Additions are *in italics* and deletions are [bracketed].

Rules of the Exchange

Options Rules

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¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ In addition to FLEX Options, FLEX currency options are also traded on the Exchange. These flexible index, equity, and currency options provide investors the ability to customize basic option features including size, expiration date, exercise style, and certain exercise prices; and may have expiration dates within five years. See Rule 1079. FLEX currency options traded on the Exchange are also known as FLEX FX Options. The pilot program discussed herein does not encompass FLEX currency options.

Rule 1079. FLEX Index, Equity and Currency Options

A Requesting Member shall obtain quotes and execute trades in certain non-listed FLEX options at the specialist post of the non-FLEX option on the Exchange. The term “FLEX option” means a FLEX option contract that is traded subject to this Rule. Although FLEX options are generally subject to the Rules in this section, to the extent that the provisions of this Rule are inconsistent with other applicable Exchange Rules, this Rule takes precedence with respect to FLEX options.

(a)-(f) No Change.

* * * *Commentary:*

.01 Notwithstanding subparagraphs (a)(8)(A)(i) and (a)(8)(A)(ii) above, for a pilot period ending the earlier of [February 28] *August 31*, 2015, or the date on which the pilot is approved on a permanent basis, there shall be no minimum value size requirements for FLEX options.

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The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at <http://nasdaqomxphlx.cchwallstreet.com>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The purpose of this proposed rule change is to amend Phlx Rule 1079 (FLEX Index, Equity and Currency Options) to extend a pilot program that eliminates minimum value sizes for opening transactions in new series of FLEX Options (the “Pilot Program” or “Pilot”).⁴

⁴ The Exchange is also filing a separate proposal to permanently approve the Pilot Program.