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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 For complete Form 19b-4 instructions please refer to the EFFS website. The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a Form 19b-4 Information (required) clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the Remove View proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing (required) as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Add Remove View Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments. documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall **Transcripts, Other Communications** be filed in accordance with Instruction G. Add Remove View Exhibit Sent As Paper Document Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire 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 Add Remove View referred to by the proposed rule change. Exhibit Sent As Paper Document The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies** 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 Add Remove View it has been working. The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed **Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text** 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 Add Remove View considered part of the proposed rule change. If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy **Partial Amendment** 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 View 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.

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### Item 1. Text of Proposed Rule Change

a) 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> NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. (the "Exchange") proposes to amend the Sixth Amended and Restated Operating Agreement ("BOX LLC Agreement") of the Boston Options Exchange Group LLC ("BOX LLC"), in connection with the proposed acquisition of TMX Group Inc., a company incorporated in Ontario, Canada ("TMX Group") by Maple Group Acquisition Corporation, a company incorporated in Ontario, Canada ("Maple"). The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5 hereto.

- b) Not applicable to any other Exchange rule.
- c) Not applicable.

### Item 2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change has been approved by Boston Options Exchange Regulation, LLC ("BOXR"), pursuant to authority delegated to BOXR by the Exchange.

Item 3. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

a) Purpose

On January 13, 2004, the Commission approved four Exchange proposals that together established, through an operating agreement among its owners, BOX LLC, a

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

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

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Delaware limited liability company, to operate BOX as an options trading facility of the Exchange.<sup>3</sup>

Currently, the Montreal Exchange Inc., a company incorporated in Quebec, Canada ("MX"), is a direct subsidiary of TMX Group. MX US 2, Inc., a Delaware corporation and indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of MX ("MX US"), holds a 53.83% ownership interest in BOX LLC.

The Exchange is submitting the proposed rule change to the Commission to amend the BOX LLC Agreement pursuant to the proposed Instrument of Accession in connection with the Acquisition (as defined below).

Maple's investors comprise Alberta Investment Management Corporation, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, CIBC World Markets Inc., Desjardins Financial Corporation, Dundee Capital Markets Inc., Fonds de solidarité des travailleurs du Québec (F.T.Q.), GMP Capital Inc., The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, National Bank Financial & Co. Inc., Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, Scotia Capital Inc. and TD Securities Inc. (collectively, the "Investors"). All of the Investors or their respective affiliates currently own common shares of Maple (the "Maple Shares"). Each of the Investors currently owns less than 12% of Maple. The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49066 (January 13, 2004), 69 FR 2773 (January 20, 2004) (establishing a fee schedule for the proposed BOX facility); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49065 (January 13, 2004), 69 FR 2768 (January 20, 2004) (creating Boston Options Exchange Regulation LLC to which the Exchange would delegate its self-regulatory functions with respect to the BOX facility); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49068 (January 13, 2004), 69 FR 2775 (January 20, 2004) (approving trading rules for the BOX facility); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49067 (January 13, 2004), 69 FR 2761 (January 20, 2004) (approving certain regulatory provisions of the operating agreement of BOX LLC).

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qualified for public distribution. However, after the completion of the second step of the Acquisition, the Maple Shares will be freely tradable (subject to 5-year contractual standstill arrangements to which some of the Investors have agreed to comply) and will be listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Following the Acquisition, each of the Investors will own less than 9% of Maple and current shareholders of TMX Group will own at least 26% of Maple.

The Acquisition will be effected in two steps - (1) an offer (the "Offer") by Maple to the shareholders of TMX Group to exchange a minimum of 70% and a maximum of 80% of the outstanding common shares of TMX Group ("TMX Group Shares") for cash, and (2) a subsequent transaction pursuant to a court-approved "plan of arrangement" whereby TMX Group shareholders whose TMX Shares have not been acquired under the Offer will receive Maple Shares in exchange for their TMX Group Shares (the "Subsequent Arrangement", and collectively with the Offer, the "Acquisition"). The Offer is set to expire on February 29, 2012, unless extended in accordance with the terms thereof, and subject to the terms and the conditions of the Offer, Maple will pay for TMX Group Shares validly deposited under the Offer and not properly withdrawn, ten days after the expiration of the Offer. If the Offer is successful, Maple will use its best efforts to complete the Subsequent Arrangement within 35 days after the expiration of the Offer.

As a result of the Acquisition, if successful, TMX Group will become a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Maple. Consequently, MX US (including MX US's 53.83%)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> A "plan of arrangement" is a statutory procedure available under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) as well as under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* and provincial corporations statutes. Where a corporation wishes to combine (or to make any other "fundamental change") but cannot achieve the result it wants under another section of the statute, it can apply to the court for an order approving a proposed "plan of arrangement".

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ownership interest in BOX LLC) will become an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Maple. The Offer is subject to several conditions, including certain regulatory approvals, including, but not limited to, certain approvals from the Ontario Securities Commission, Autorité des marchés financiers (Québec), Alberta Securities Commission, British Columbia Securities Commission, Competition Bureau (Canada) and the Commission.

Maple has developed a preliminary business plan that it anticipates would be implemented upon completion of the Acquisition. The operations of each of MX and TMX Group will continue to be located in the same province in which it is currently located, and each will remain subject to its existing regulatory framework and oversight, including any changes to the recognition orders governing MX and TMX Group and additional undertakings that may be required by Canadian securities regulators as a condition of approving the Acquisition. MX US's management of its ownership interest in BOX will remain essentially unaffected by the Acquisition. Ownership of BOX through TMX Group, MX and MX US will not be affected by, and the ability of these entities to influence BOX will not change as a result of, the Acquisition.

Pursuant to Section 8.4(g) of the BOX LLC Agreement, as previously approved by the Commission, BOX LLC is required to amend the BOX LLC Agreement to make a Controlling Person<sup>5</sup> a party to the BOX LLC Agreement if such Controlling Person establishes a Controlling Interest<sup>6</sup> in any member of BOX LLC that, alone or together

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A "Controlling Person" is defined as "a Person who, alone or together with any Affiliate of such Person, holds a controlling interest in a [BOX] Member." <u>See</u> Section 8.4(g)(v)(B), BOX LLC Agreement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> A "Controlling Interest" is defined as "the direct or indirect ownership of 25% or more of the total voting power of all equity securities of a Member (other than voting rights solely with respect to matters affecting the rights, preferences, or privileges of a particular class of equity securities), by any Person, alone or together with any Affiliate of such Person." <u>See</u> Section 8.4(g)(v)(A), BOX LLC Agreement.

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with any Affiliate<sup>7</sup> of such member of BOX LLC, holds a Percentage Interest<sup>8</sup> in BOX equal to or greater than 20%. Therefore, since Maple is acquiring a Controlling Interest in TMX Group, whose wholly owned indirect subsidiary, MX US, owns a 53.83% ownership interest in BOX LLC, Maple, as a Controlling Person, is required to be, and will become, a party to the BOX LLC Agreement pursuant to the proposed Instrument of Accession. As a result, Maple will agree to abide by all the provisions of the BOX LLC Agreement, including those provisions requiring submission to the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Exchange proposes to make this proposal operative upon the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> An "Affiliate" is defined as ", with respect to any Person, any other Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with, such Person. As used in this definition, the term "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise with respect to such Person. A Person is presumed to control any other Person, if that Person: (i) is a director, general partner, or officer exercising executive responsibility (or having similar status or performing similar functions); (ii) directly or indirectly has the right to vote 25 percent or more of a class of voting security or has the power to sell or direct the sale of 25 percent or more of a class of voting securities of the Person; or (iii) in the case of a partnership, has contributed, or has the right to receive upon dissolution, 25 percent or more of the capital of the partnership." See Section 1.1, BOX LLC Agreement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The "Percentage Interest" is defined as "the ratio of the number of Units held by the Member to the total of all of the issued Units, expressed as a percentage and determined with respect to each class of Units, whenever applicable." See Section 1.1, BOX LLC Agreement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See Section 8.4(g), BOX LLC Agreement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The BOX LLC Agreement states, in part, that "the Members, officers, directors, agents, and employees of Members irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the U.S. federal courts, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Boston Stock Exchange, for the purposes of any suit, action or proceeding pursuant to U.S. federal securities laws, the rules or regulations thereunder, arising out of, or relating to, BOX activities or Article 19.6(a), (except that such jurisdictions shall also include Delaware for any such matter relating to the organization or internal affairs of BOX, provided that such matter is not related to trading on, or the regulation, of the BOX Market), and hereby waive, and agree not to assert by way of motion, as a defense or otherwise in any such suit, action or proceeding, any claims that they are not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, that the suit, action or proceeding is an inconvenient forum or that the venue of the suit, action or proceeding is improper, or that the subject matter hereof may not be enforced in or by such courts or agency." *See* BOX LLC Agreement, Section 19.6.

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successful completion of the Offer, which is currently scheduled to expire on February 29, 2012.

For the reasons stated above, the Exchange is submitting to the Commission the proposed Instrument of Accession to the BOX LLC Agreement as a rule change.

### b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act, <sup>11</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(1), <sup>12</sup> in particular, in that it enables the Exchange to be so organized so as to have the capacity to be able to carry out the purposes of the Act and to comply, and to enforce compliance by its exchange members and persons associated with its exchange members, with the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the rules of the Exchange. The Exchange also believes that this filling furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>13</sup> in that it is designed to facilitate transactions in securities, 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 regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, 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.

Additionally, the Exchange notes that the provisions of the BOX LLC Agreement, previously approved by the Commission, provide a framework for addressing the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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Acquisition. Accordingly, the Exchange believes the Acquisition does not present any novel issues that have not been anticipated and addressed by the BOX LLC Agreement.

### Item 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.

Item 5. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others</u>

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received comments from members, participants or others on the proposed rule change.

### Item 6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

The Exchange does not consent to an extension of the time period for Commission action.

Item 7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)</u>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>14</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>15</sup> thereunder because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative before 30 days after the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate. The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 19b-4(f)(6).

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contained in Exchange Act Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>16</sup> since the Offer is set to expire on February 29, 2012 and is expected to close within ten days thereafter. Furthermore, the Exchange believes the Acquisition does not present any novel issues that have not been anticipated and addressed by the BOX LLC Agreement.

In accordance with Rule 19b-4, the Exchange submitted written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing. The Exchange proposes to make this proposal operative upon the consummation of the Offer, currently scheduled to expire on February 29, 2012.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Item 8. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization</u> or of the Commission

The proposed rule change is not based on the rules of any other self-regulatory organization or of the Commission.

### Item 9. Exhibits

Exhibit 1 - Form of Notice of Proposed Rule Change for Federal Register.

Exhibit 5 - Text of Proposed Rule Change.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 19b-4(f)(6).

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHA	ANGE COMMISSION
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule to Amend the BOX LLC Agreement

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 February 22, 2012, NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. (the "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 self-regulatory organization. The Exchange filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act, <sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder, <sup>4</sup> which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend the Sixth Amended and Restated Operating

Agreement ("BOX LLC Agreement") of the Boston Options Exchange Group LLC

("BOX LLC"), in connection with the proposed acquisition of TMX Group Inc., a

company incorporated in Ontario, Canada ("TMX Group") by Maple Group Acquisition

Corporation, a company incorporated in Ontario, Canada ("Maple"). The text of the

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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proposed rule change is available from the principal office of the Exchange, at the Commission's Public Reference Room and also on the Exchange's Internet Web site at <a href="http://nasdaqomxbx.cchwallstreet.com/NASDAQOMXBX/Filings/">http://nasdaqomxbx.cchwallstreet.com/NASDAQOMXBX/Filings/</a>.

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

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 self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

# 1. Purpose

On January 13, 2004, the Commission approved four Exchange proposals that together established, through an operating agreement among its owners, BOX LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, to operate BOX as an options trading facility of the Exchange.<sup>5</sup>

Currently, the Montreal Exchange Inc., a company incorporated in Quebec, Canada ("MX"), is a direct subsidiary of TMX Group. MX US 2, Inc., a Delaware

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corporation and indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of MX ("MX US"), holds a 53.83% ownership interest in BOX LLC.

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The Acquisition will be effected in two steps - (1) an offer (the "Offer") by Maple to the shareholders of TMX Group to exchange a minimum of 70% and a maximum of 80% of the outstanding common shares of TMX Group ("TMX Group Shares") for cash,

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and (2) a subsequent transaction pursuant to a court-approved "plan of arrangement" whereby TMX Group shareholders whose TMX Shares have not been acquired under the Offer will receive Maple Shares in exchange for their TMX Group Shares (the "Subsequent Arrangement", and collectively with the Offer, the "Acquisition"). The Offer is set to expire on February 29, 2012, unless extended in accordance with the terms thereof, and subject to the terms and the conditions of the Offer, Maple will pay for TMX Group Shares validly deposited under the Offer and not properly withdrawn, ten days after the expiration of the Offer. If the Offer is successful, Maple will use its best efforts to complete the Subsequent Arrangement within 35 days after the expiration of the Offer.

As a result of the Acquisition, if successful, TMX Group will become a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Maple. Consequently, MX US (including MX US's 53.83% ownership interest in BOX LLC) will become an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Maple. The Offer is subject to several conditions, including certain regulatory approvals, including, but not limited to, certain approvals from the Ontario Securities Commission, Autorité des marchés financiers (Québec), Alberta Securities Commission, British Columbia Securities Commission, Competition Bureau (Canada) and the Commission.

Maple has developed a preliminary business plan that it anticipates would be implemented upon completion of the Acquisition. The operations of each of MX and TMX Group will continue to be located in the same province in which it is currently located, and each will remain subject to its existing regulatory framework and oversight, including any changes to the recognition orders governing MX and TMX Group and

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additional undertakings that may be required by Canadian securities regulators as a condition of approving the Acquisition. MX US's management of its ownership interest in BOX will remain essentially unaffected by the Acquisition. Ownership of BOX through TMX Group, MX and MX US will not be affected by, and the ability of these entities to influence BOX will not change as a result of, the Acquisition.

Pursuant to Section 8.4(g) of the BOX LLC Agreement, as previously approved by the Commission, BOX LLC is required to amend the BOX LLC Agreement to make a Controlling Person<sup>7</sup> a party to the BOX LLC Agreement if such Controlling Person establishes a Controlling Interest<sup>8</sup> in any member of BOX LLC that, alone or together with any Affiliate<sup>9</sup> of such member of BOX LLC, holds a Percentage Interest<sup>10</sup> in BOX equal to or greater than 20%.<sup>11</sup> Therefore, since Maple is acquiring a Controlling Interest in TMX Group, whose wholly owned indirect subsidiary, MX US, owns a 53.83% ownership interest in BOX LLC, Maple, as a Controlling Person, is required to be, and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> A "Controlling Person" is defined as "a Person who, alone or together with any Affiliate of such Person, holds a controlling interest in a [BOX] Member." <u>See</u> Section 8.4(g)(v)(B), BOX LLC Agreement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> A "Controlling Interest" is defined as "the direct or indirect ownership of 25% or more of the total voting power of all equity securities of a Member (other than voting rights solely with respect to matters affecting the rights, preferences, or privileges of a particular class of equity securities), by any Person, alone or together with any Affiliate of such Person." See Section 8.4(g)(v)(A), BOX LLC Agreement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> An "Affiliate" is defined as ", with respect to any Person, any other Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with, such Person. As used in this definition, the term "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise with respect to such Person. A Person is presumed to control any other Person, if that Person: (i) is a director, general partner, or officer exercising executive responsibility (or having similar status or performing similar functions); (ii) directly or indirectly has the right to vote 25 percent or more of a class of voting security or has the power to sell or direct the sale of 25 percent or more of a class of voting securities of the Person; or (iii) in the case of a partnership, has contributed, or has the right to receive upon dissolution, 25 percent or more of the capital of the partnership." See Section 1.1, BOX LLC Agreement.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> <u>See</u> Section 8.4(g), BOX LLC Agreement.

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will become, a party to the BOX LLC Agreement pursuant to the proposed Instrument of Accession. As a result, Maple will agree to abide by all the provisions of the BOX LLC Agreement, including those provisions requiring submission to the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Exchange proposes to make this proposal operative upon the successful completion of the Offer, which is currently scheduled to expire on February 29, 2012.

For the reasons stated above, the Exchange is submitting to the Commission the proposed Instrument of Accession to the BOX LLC Agreement as a rule change.

### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act, <sup>13</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(1), <sup>14</sup> in particular, in that it enables the Exchange to be so organized so as to have the capacity to be able to carry out the purposes of the Act and to comply, and to enforce compliance by its exchange members and persons associated with its exchange members, with the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the rules of the Exchange. The

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The BOX LLC Agreement states, in part, that "the Members, officers, directors, agents, and employees of Members irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the U.S. federal courts, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Boston Stock Exchange, for the purposes of any suit, action or proceeding pursuant to U.S. federal securities laws, the rules or regulations thereunder, arising out of, or relating to, BOX activities or Article 19.6(a), (except that such jurisdictions shall also include Delaware for any such matter relating to the organization or internal affairs of BOX, provided that such matter is not related to trading on, or the regulation, of the BOX Market), and hereby waive, and agree not to assert by way of motion, as a defense or otherwise in any such suit, action or proceeding, any claims that they are not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, that the suit, action or proceeding is an inconvenient forum or that the venue of the suit, action or proceeding is improper, or that the subject matter hereof may not be enforced in or by such courts or agency." *See* BOX LLC Agreement, Section 19.6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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Exchange also believes that this filing furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>15</sup> in that it is designed to facilitate transactions in securities, 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 regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, 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.

Additionally, the Exchange notes that the provisions of the BOX LLC Agreement, previously approved by the Commission, provide a framework for addressing the Acquisition. Accordingly, the Exchange believes the Acquisition does not present any novel issues that have not been anticipated and addressed by the BOX LLC Agreement.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

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.

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

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

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

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

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The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>16</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>17</sup> thereunder because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative before 30 days after the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate. The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay contained in Exchange Act Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>18</sup> since the Offer is set to expire on February 29, 2012 and is expected to close within ten days thereafter. Furthermore, the Exchange believes the Acquisition does not present any novel issues that have not been anticipated and addressed by the BOX LLC Agreement.

In accordance with Rule 19b-4, the Exchange submitted written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing. The Exchange proposes to make this proposal operative upon the consummation of the Offer, currently scheduled to expire on February 29, 2012.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> 17 CFR 19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 19b-4(f)(6).

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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 <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-BX-2012-014 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 Number SR-BX-2012-014. 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 Section, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such 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

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submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to the file number in the caption above 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.  $^{19}$ 

Kevin M. O'Neill. Deputy Secretary.

<sup>19</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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**EXHIBIT 5** 

New language [deleted language]

# Instrument of Accession to Boston Options Exchange Group, LLC Operating Agreement

\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2012

Reference is made to the Boston Options Exchange Group, LLC ("BOX") Sixth Amended and Restated Operating Agreement, dated August 29, 2008, as amended (the "BOX LLC Operating Agreement"), by and among the Members of BOX in accordance with the terms thereof. This Instrument of Accession shall be deemed an amendment to the BOX LLC Operating Agreement and the execution hereof by the undersigned Maple Group Acquisition Corporation, a company incorporated in Ontario, Canada ("Maple"), shall evidence its acceptance of the terms and provisions of the BOX LLC Operating Agreement. Terms used herein without definition shall have the respective meanings ascribed thereto in the BOX LLC Operating Agreement.

Maple, having acquired indirect ownership (the "<u>Transaction</u>") of at least 70% of the equity of MX US 2, Inc., a Delaware corporation that holds an interest in BOX greater than twenty percent (20%) of all outstanding BOX ownership interests, hereby becomes a party to, and agrees to abide by all the provisions of, the BOX LLC Operating Agreement, pursuant to the terms of Section 8.4(g) thereof, with all of the rights and obligations of a Member. This Instrument of Accession shall take effect and shall become a part of the BOX LLC Operating Agreement as of the date of the Transaction.

BOX hereby represents that this Instrument of Accession has been approved by Directors holding a majority of the Total Votes as provided by Section 19.1 of the BOX LLC Operating Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Instrument of Accession as of the date first written above.

Maple Grou	up Acquisition Corporation
By:	
Name:	
Title:	
Boston Opt	ions Exchange Group, LLC
By:	
Name: Lisa	Fall
Title: Secre	tary