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amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

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1. <u>Text of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

(a) NASDAQ BX, Inc. ("Exchange"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposal to amend Chapter XI, Doing Business with the Public, Section 8, Supervision of Accounts, of the Exchange's rulebook.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached as <u>Exhibit 1</u>. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as <u>Exhibit 5</u>.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange (the "Board") on July 1, 2015. Exchange staff will advise the Board of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to:

Carla Behnfeldt Associate General Counsel Nasdaq, Inc. (215) 496 5208

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

a. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange is proposing to amend Chapter XI, Doing Business with the Public, Section 8, Supervision of Accounts, of the Exchange's rulebook (the "BX Options Supervision Rules"), to remove outdated references to three NASD rules and to replace those references with references to four successor Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") rules which have replaced them.³

Currently, the BX Options Supervision Rules provide in subsection (a) that each member that conducts a public customer options business shall ensure that its written supervisory system policies and procedures pursuant to NASD Rules 3010, 3012, and 3013 (the "Old NASD Rules") adequately address the member's public customer options business. Since the adoption by the Exchange of the BX Options Supervision Rules, FINRA has updated its own rulebook and deleted the Old NASD Rules, adopting in their place FINRA rules 3110, 3120, 3130 and 3170. The Exchange therefore proposes to

The current FINRA rulebook consists of: (1) FINRA Rules; (2) NASD Rules; and (3) rules incorporated from NYSE (Incorporated NYSE Rules) (together, the NASD Rules and Incorporated NYSE Rules are referred to as the "Transitional Rulebook"). As part of the process of developing a new consolidated rulebook (the "Consolidated FINRA Rulebook") FINRA adopted FINRA rules 3110, 3120, 3130 and 3170 which the Exchange seeks to incorporate in the BX Options Supervision Rules.

FINRA Rules 3110 (Supervision) and 3120 (Supervisory Control System) were adopted by FINRA to replace NASD Rules 3010 (Supervision), 3012 (Supervisory Control System). In addition, new FINRA Rule 3170 (Tape Recording of Registered Persons by Certain Firms) replaced NASD Rule 3010(b)(2). The new rules became effective on December 1, 2014. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 71179 (December 23, 2013), 78 FR 79542 (December 30, 2013) (Order Approving Proposed Rule Change as Modified by Amendment No. 1); File No. SR-FINRA-2013-025); see also FINRA Regulatory Notice 08-24 (May 2008) (Proposed Consolidated FINRA Rules Governing Supervision and

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make a conforming change to the BX Options Supervision Rules by deleting references to the Old NASD Rules and replacing them with references to FINRA rules 3110, 3120, 3130 and 3170.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁵ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁶ 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, by removing references to outdated NASD rules, thus minimizing any potential confusion on the part of members and other market participants regarding the standards and rules to which BX members are subject.

4. <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. As the amendments merely correct the BX rules to refer to the current FINRA rules discussed above, it has no impact on competition.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

Supervisory Controls). FINRA Rule 3130 replaced NASD Rule 3013 in 2008. <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58661 (September 26, 2008), 73 FR 57395 (October 2, 2008) (SR–FINRA–2008–030).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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Extension of Time Period for Commission Action
 Not applicable.

7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)⁷ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder⁸ in that it effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, and does not impose any significant burden on competition, because it simply updates Exchange rulebook Chapter XI, Section 8 so that it refers to current FINRA rules rather than to outdated NASD rules. The proposed rule change thereby enables market participants to understand with particularity and clarity through correct cross references to FINRA rules the obligations imposed by Exchange rulebook Chapter XI, Section 8.

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file a proposed rule change under that subsection at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has provided such notice.

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

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

^{8 17} CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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Commission that such action is: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

- 8. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission</u>
 - Not applicable.
- Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act
 Not applicable.
- 10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

- 1. Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal Register.
- 5. Text of the proposed rule change.

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-BX-2016-017)

March ___, 2016

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend Chapter XI of the Rulebook

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 March 14, 2016, NASDAQ BX, Inc. (Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III, 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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend Chapter XI, Doing Business with the Public, Section 8, Supervision of Accounts, of the Exchange's rulebook.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at http://nasdaqomxbx.cchwallstreet.com/, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange is proposing to amend Chapter XI, Doing Business with the Public, Section 8, Supervision of Accounts, of the Exchange's rulebook (the "BX Options Supervision Rules"), to remove outdated references to three NASD rules and to replace those references with references to four successor Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") rules which have replaced them.³

Currently, the BX Options Supervision Rules provide in subsection (a) that each member that conducts a public customer options business shall ensure that its written supervisory system policies and procedures pursuant to NASD Rules 3010, 3012, and 3013 (the "Old NASD Rules") adequately address the member's public customer options business. Since the adoption by the Exchange of the BX Options Supervision Rules, FINRA has updated its own rulebook and deleted the Old NASD Rules, adopting in their place FINRA rules 3110, 3120, 3130 and 3170. The Exchange therefore proposes to

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make a conforming change to the BX Options Supervision Rules by deleting references to the Old NASD Rules and replacing them with references to FINRA rules 3110, 3120, 3130 and 3170.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁵ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁶ 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, by removing references to outdated NASD rules, thus minimizing any potential confusion on the part of members and other market participants regarding the standards and rules to which BX members are subject.

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. As the amendments merely correct the BX rules to refer to the current FINRA rules discussed above, it has no impact on competition.

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⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

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 for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁷ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁸

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: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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:

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(a)(iii).

¹⁷ CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

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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 Number SR-BX-2016-017 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BX-2016-017. 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 website 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. 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.

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All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BX-2016-017 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

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

Robert W. Errett Deputy Secretary

^{9 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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Exhibit 5

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NASDAQ BX Rules

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Chapter XI Doing Business with the Public

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Sec. 8 Supervision of Accounts

- (a) *Duty to Supervise General*. Each member that conducts a public customer options business shall ensure that its written supervisory system policies and procedures pursuant to [NASD Rules 3010, 3012, and 3013] FINRA Rules 3110, 3120, 3130 and 3170 adequately address the member's public customer options business.
- **(b)** *Duty to Supervise Non-Participant Accounts*. Every OEF shall develop and implement a written program for the review of the its non-Participant Public Customer accounts and all orders in such accounts, insofar as such accounts and orders relate to options contracts.
- (c) *Duty to Supervise Uncovered Short Options*. Every OEF shall develop and implement specific written procedures concerning the manner of supervision of Public Customer accounts maintaining uncovered short (written) options positions (which for the purposes of this Section shall include combinations and any transactions that involve naked writing) and specifically providing for frequent supervisory review of such accounts.
- (d) Reserved.
- (e) Maintenance of Public Customer Records. Background and financial information of Public Customers who have been approved for options transactions shall be maintained at the principal supervisory office having jurisdiction over the office servicing a Public Customer's account, or shall have readily accessible and promptly retrievable, information to permit review of each Public Customer's options account on a timely basis to determine:
- **i.** the compatibility of options transactions with investment objectives and with the types of transactions for which the account was approved;
- ii. the size and frequency of options transactions;
- iii. commission activity in the account;
- iv. profit or loss in the account;
- v. undue concentration in any options class or classes; and

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vi. compliance with the provisions of Regulation T of the Federal Reserve Board.

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