

Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(3)<sup>10</sup> promulgated thereunder. The proposed rule change goes solely to the administration of the self-regulatory organization in that it is not a substantive change to NYSE Rule 2 and simply extends a pre-existing grace period.

#### 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-2008-135 on the subject line.

##### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2008-135. 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, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the self-regulatory organization. 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-2008-135 and

should be submitted on or before January 21, 2009.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>11</sup>

**Florence E. Harmon,**  
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-59145; File No. SR-NYSE-2008-101]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Establish Its New Risk Management Gateway Service

December 22, 2008.

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 December 12, 2008, 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. 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 establish its new Risk Management Gateway ("RMG") service.

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

In its filing with the Commission, NYSE 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. NYSE has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

<sup>11</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.

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

##### 1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to offer, through its wholly-owned subsidiary NYSE Euronext Advanced Trading Solutions, Inc., the Risk Management Gateway ("RMG") service to NYSE members and member organizations. NYSE Transact Tools, Inc., a division of the NYSE Euronext Advanced Trading Solutions Group ("NYXATS"), owns RMG.<sup>3</sup>

##### Background

NYSE Rule 54 provides that only members are permitted to " \* \* \* make or accept bids or offers, consummate transactions, or otherwise transact business on the Floor for any security admitted to dealings on the [Exchange] \* \* \* ." <sup>4</sup> However, the Exchange permits NYSE members and member organizations (a "Sponsoring Member Organization") to sponsor access to Exchange systems by non-member firms or customers ("Sponsored Participants").

Prior to August 2008, requirements related to sponsored access on the Exchange were included in certain NYSE rules that govern specific Exchange products or facilities: NYSE MatchPoint<sup>SM</sup> <sup>5</sup> and NYSE Bonds<sup>SM</sup>. <sup>6</sup> However, in August, the Exchange submitted a rule change to the SEC to amend NYSE Rule 123B (Exchange Automated Order Routing System) <sup>7</sup> in order to create a general sponsored access rule that permits a Sponsoring Member Organization to sponsor a Sponsored Participant's access to Exchange systems for the Sponsored Participant's entry and execution of orders on the Exchange. The proposed amendments to NYSE Rule 123B reflect the Exchange's general policy regarding sponsored access to the Exchange, though they do not govern NYSE MatchPoint or NYSE Bonds.<sup>8</sup> NYSE

<sup>3</sup> NYXATS will similarly offer the same services to NYSE Alternext via a separate filing SR-NYSEALTR-2008-12.

<sup>4</sup> See also NYSE Rule 2.

<sup>5</sup> See NYSE Rule 1500.

<sup>6</sup> See NYSE Rule 86.

<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58429 (August 27, 2008), 73 FR 51676 (September 4, 2008) (SR-NYSE-2008-71) (initial filing to create NYSE's general sponsored access rule); see also, Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58758 (October 8, 2008), 73 FR 62352 (October 20, 2008) (SR-NYSE-2008-100) (filing to conform NYSE's sponsored access rule to current industry standards).

<sup>8</sup> That is, currently, the provisions of NYSE Rule 123B do not apply to NYSE Rules 1500 and 86 as those rules independently contain provisions

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

Arca, Inc. and other market centers similarly permit sponsored access to their trading systems.

#### RMG

Traditionally, the customers of a member or member organization gave orders to the member or member organization and the member or member organization then submitted those orders to the Exchange on behalf of the customer. By means of sponsored access, a member or member organization will allow its customers to enter orders directly into the trading systems of the Exchange as Sponsored Participants, without the Sponsoring Member Organization acting as an intermediary.

To facilitate the ability of Sponsoring Member Organizations to monitor and oversee the sponsored access activity of their Sponsored Participants, NYXATS will offer an order-verification service to Sponsoring Member Organizations. This service will act as a risk filter by causing the orders of Sponsored Participants to pass through RMG prior to entering the Exchange's trading systems for execution. When a Sponsored Participant's order passes through RMG, RMG software determines whether the order complies with order criteria that the Sponsoring Member Organization has established for that Sponsored Participant. The order criteria pertain to such matters as the size of the order (per order or daily quantity limits) or the credit limit (per order or daily value) that the Sponsoring Member Organization has established for the Sponsored Participant. Additional risk filters may also be selected by the Sponsoring Member Organization relating to specific symbols or end users.

If the order is consistent with the parameters set by the Sponsoring Member Organization, then RMG allows the order to continue along its path to the Exchange's trading systems. If the order falls outside of those parameters, then RMG returns the order to the Sponsored Participant. RMG will only return an order to the Sponsored Participant when the order fails to comply with the criteria set by the Sponsoring Member Organization.

RMG software interacts with orders only prior to the orders' entry into the Exchange's trading system for execution. RMG does not have order execution or trade reporting capabilities (though it will allow a Sponsoring Member Organization to monitor the orders of its Sponsored Participants).

RMG maintains a record of all messages relating to Sponsored Participants' transactions and supplies a copy of such messages to the applicable Sponsoring Member Organization.

The Sponsoring Member Organization, and not RMG, will have full responsibility for ensuring that Sponsored Participants' sponsored access to the Exchange complies with the Exchange's sponsored access rules. The use of RMG by a Member Organization does not automatically constitute compliance with Exchange rules.

NYXATS will host RMG software on NYXATS' infrastructure. After passing through RMG software, each order will enter the NYSE Common Customer Gateway (CCG) for connectivity to the Exchange's matching engine. In the future NYXATS may integrate RMG into the NYSE CCG for more direct access to the Exchange's matching engine.

The Exchange does not require Sponsoring Member Organizations to use RMG (even when it is integrated into NYSE CCG in the future). Sponsoring Member Organizations are free to use a competing risk-management service or to use none at all. The Exchange will not provide preferential treatment to Sponsoring Member Organizations using RMG.

The Exchange proposes to make RMG available to its members and member organizations pursuant to contractual arrangements. The Exchange believes that RMG will offer its members and member organizations another option in the efficient risk management of its Sponsored Participant's access to the NYSE.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is the requirement under section 6(b)(5)<sup>9</sup> that an Exchange have rules that are 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. The proposed rule change also is designed to support the principles of section 11A(a)(1)<sup>10</sup> in that it seeks to assure economically efficient execution of securities transactions, make it practicable for brokers to execute investors' orders in the best market and provide an opportunity for investors' orders to be executed without the participation of a dealer. The Exchange believes that RMG is consistent with all the aforementioned

principles because it fosters competition by providing another option in the efficient risk management of trading on the Exchange without the participation of a dealer.

#### 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 Exchange 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

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##### Electronic Comments

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related to how a user gains sponsored access to the NYSE MatchPoint and NYSE Bonds systems.

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1).

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, 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 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-2008-101 and should be submitted on or before January 21, 2009.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-59142; File No. SR-NYSEALTR-2008-14]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Alternext US LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Amending Rules Governing the Trading of Listed Options on NYSE Amex

December 22, 2008.

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 December 19, 2008, NYSE Alternext US LLC ("NYSE Alternext", "NYSE Amex Options", "NYSE Amex", or 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 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 proposes to amend its rules governing the trading of listed options on NYSE Amex. With this filing, the Exchange proposes to a) adopt new rules for the implementation of a new trading platform for options, NYSE Amex System ("System") and (b) govern open outcry trading at the Exchange's new location at 11 Wall Street, New York, NY. The proposed new rule set text is designated Section 900NY, and is shown in the Exhibit 5.

The text of the proposed rule change 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. The text of Exhibit 5 is also available on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>).

#### 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 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

The Exchange proposes to introduce a modern electronic trading platform to support options trading, and in addition, proposes to update and reorganize open outcry trading at the time of the migration to the new platform and the move to a new Options Trading Floor at 11 Wall Street, New York, NY. The new rule set is proposed as Section 900NY.

Rule Section 900NY will replace certain existing NYSE Alternext Rules. These are, under General Rules, Rule 1, Hours of Business; Rule 2, Visitors; Rule 21, Appointment of the Senior Supervisory Officer, Senior Floor Officials, Exchange Officials and Floor Officials; Rule 21, Authority of Floor

Officials; Rule 27A, Allocation of Options; Rule 170, Registration and Functions of Specialists. Under Trading of Options Contracts, the superseded Rules are, in Section 1, Rule 900, Applicability, Definitions and References; in Section 2, Rule 918, Trading Rotations, Halts, and Suspensions; in Section 3, Rule 933, Automatic Execution of Options Orders; Rule 934, Limitation on Orders; Rule 936, Cancellation and Adjustment of Equity Options Transactions; in Section 4, Rule 941, Operation of the Linkage; Rule 942, Order Protection; Rule 943, Locked Markets; Rule 944, Limitation on Principal Order Access.

Additionally, Section 900NY will replace, in Section 5—Floor Rules Applicable to Options, Rule 950, Rules of General Applicability; Rule 951, Premium Bids and Offers; Rule 952, Minimum Price Variations; Rule 953, Acceptance of Bid or Offer; Rule 954, Units of Trading; Rule 955, Floor Reports of Exchange Options Transactions; Rule 956, Open Orders on "Ex Date"; Rule 957, Accounts, Orders and Records of Registered Traders, Designated NYSE Alternext Remote Traders, Specialists and Associated Persons; Rule 958, Options Transactions of Registered Traders; Rule 958A, Application of the Firm Quote Rule, Rule 959, Accommodation Transactions; in Section 9, Rule 992, Exchange Options Market Data System; in Section 11—Stock Index Options, Rule 918C, Trading Rotations, Halts and Suspensions; and in ANTE Rules, all Rules (Rule 900—ANTE through Rule 997—ANTE).

These Rules will be deleted in a separate filing.

Various provisions contained in the proposed rules define and describe the use of a Routing Broker. A full description of the relationship between the Exchange and the Routing Broker will be submitted in a separate filing.

NYSE Amex proposes to establish rules for NYSE Amex System, a fully automated trading system for standardized equity and index options intended to replace the Exchange's current options trading platform, ANTE. The System will provide automatic order execution capabilities in the options securities listed and traded on NYSE Amex. Market Makers will be able to stream quotes to the System from on the Trading Floor or remotely. The proposed NYSE Amex System is an electronic market structure which encompasses customer priority while essentially allowing market makers and non customers to compete on a "size pro rata" basis, and will be available for the entry and execution of quotes and

<sup>11</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.