

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-76989; File No. SR-Phlx-2015-94]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change To Make Permanent the Pilot Program Eliminating Minimum Value Sizes for Opening Transactions in New Series of FLEX Options

January 28, 2016.

On November 25, 2015, NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC (“Phlx” or “Exchange”) 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 make permanent its pilot program (“Pilot Program”) eliminating minimum value sizes for opening transactions in new series of flexible exchange options (“FLEX Options” or “FLEX”). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the *Federal Register* on December 14, 2015.³ The Commission received no comments on the proposal.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁴ provides that, within 45 days of the publication of the notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day for this filing is January 28, 2016. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change as well as the report of pilot data submitted by the Exchange in support of its proposal. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵ designates March 13, 2016 as the date by which the Commission should either approve or

disapprove or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change (File Number SR-Phlx-2015-94).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9431]

Defense Trade Advisory Group; Notice of Membership

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Political-Military Affairs’ Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) is accepting membership applications. The Bureau of Political-Military Affairs is interested in applications from subject matter experts from the United States defense industry, relevant trade and labor associations, academic, and foundation personnel.

The DTAG was established as an advisory committee under the authority of 22 U.S.C. 2651a and 2656 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (“FACA”). The purpose of the DTAG is to provide the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs with a formal channel for regular consultation and coordination with U.S. private sector defense exporters and defense trade organizations on issues involving U.S. laws, policies, and regulations for munitions exports. The DTAG advises the Bureau on its support for and regulation of defense trade to help ensure that impediments to legitimate exports are reduced while the foreign policy and national security interests of the United States continue to be protected and advanced in accordance with the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended. Major topics addressed by the DTAG include (a) policy issues on commercial defense trade and technology transfer; (b) regulatory and licensing procedures applicable to defense articles, services, and technical data; (c) technical issues involving the U.S. Munitions List (USML); and (d) questions relating to actions designed to carry out the AECA and International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR).

Members are appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-

Military Affairs on the basis of individual substantive and technical expertise and qualifications, and must be representatives of United States defense industry, relevant trade and labor associations, academic, and foundation personnel. In accordance with the DTAG Charter, all DTAG members must be U.S. citizens, and DTAG members will represent the views of their organizations. All DTAG members shall be aware of the Department of State’s mandate that arms transfers must further U.S. national security and foreign policy interests. DTAG members also shall be versed in the complexity of commercial defense trade and industrial competitiveness, and all members must be able to advise the Bureau on these matters. While members are expected to use their expertise and provide candid advice, national security and foreign policy interests of the United States, as well as the interests of the entities they represent, shall be the bases for all policy and technical recommendations.

DTAG members’ responsibilities include:

- Service for a consecutive two-year term which may be renewed or terminated at the discretion of the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs (membership shall automatically terminate for members who fail to attend two consecutive DTAG plenary meetings).

- Making recommendations in accordance with the DTAG Charter and the FACA.

- Making policy and technical recommendations within the scope of the U.S. commercial export control regime as mandated in the AECA, the ITAR, and appropriate directives.

Please note that DTAG members may not be reimbursed for travel, per diem, and other expenses incurred in connection with their duties as DTAG members. How to apply: Applications in response to this notice must contain the following information: (1) Name of applicant; (2) affirmation of U.S. citizenship; (3) organizational affiliation and title, as appropriate; (4) mailing address; (5) work telephone number; (6) email address; (7) résumé; and (8) summary of qualifications for DTAG membership.

This information may be provided via two methods:

- Emailed to the following address: DTAG@State.Gov. In the subject field, please write, “DTAG Application.”

- Send in hardcopy to the following address: Mr. Glenn Smith, PM/DDTC, SA-1, 12th Floor, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 76593 (December 8, 2015), 80 FR 77399 (“Notice”).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).