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#### V. Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1

The Commission finds good cause to approve the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, prior to the 30th day after the date of publication of notice of Amendment No. 1 in the **Federal Register**. As noted above, Amendment No. 1 revised the proposal to add text to BOX Rule 7600(h) to describe the operation of the book sweep functionality for Complex QOO and multi-leg QOO Orders, limit the availability of split-price priority to Complex QOO and multi-leg QOO Orders with at least 100 contracts on each component leg of the order, make clear that split-price priority is available for Complex QOO and multi-leg QOO orders with at least 100 contracts on each component leg of the order and indicate that a Floor Participant must trade 50 or more contracts of each component leg of the Complex QOO or multi-leg QOO Order in a permissible ratio at a price that complies with the priority requirements of BOX Rule 7600(c) to obtain split-price priority, more clearly describe the circumstances under which split-price priority is not available when the width of the market for a strategy is \$0.01 based on interest in the Complex Order Book, and modify examples and provide additional examples showing the operation of the proposed rules. The Commission notes that Amendment No. 1 provides that split-price priority is available only to Complex QOO and multi-leg QOO Orders with at least 100 contracts on each component leg of the order and that a Floor Broker seeking split-price priority must execute 50 or more contracts of each component leg at the permissible ratio at the first price to

obtain priority over the same number of contracts at the next less aggressive price, thereby assuring that split-price priority is available only to large Complex QOO and multi-leg QOO Orders and that a Floor Broker must trade a substantial portion of such an order at the first price to obtain split-price priority. In addition, Amendment No. 1 revises the text of BOX Rule 7600(h) to add a paragraph to the rule describing the operation of book sweep size for Complex and multi-leg QOO Orders, thereby assuring that the text of the rule indicates the availability and functioning of book sweep with respect to these orders.<sup>29</sup> The Commission believes that Amendment No. 1 provides additional clarity and detail to the rule text and additional analysis and examples of several aspects of the proposal, thereby facilitating the Commission's ability to make the findings set forth above to approve the proposal. For these reasons, the Commission finds good cause, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>30</sup> to approve the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, on an accelerated basis.

#### VI. Conclusion

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act,<sup>31</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-BOX-2019-24), as modified by Amendment No. 1, is approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>32</sup>

**Eduardo A. Aleman**,  
*Deputy Secretary*.

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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-87625; File No. SR-EMERALD-2019-29]

#### Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAX Emerald, LLC; Notice of Withdrawal of Proposed Rule Change To Amend its Options Regulatory Fee

November 25, 2019.

On August 1, 2019, MIAX Emerald, LLC ("MIAX Emerald" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant

<sup>29</sup> The Notice included an example showing the use of book sweep size for a Complex QOO Order. See Notice, 84 FR at 44956.

<sup>30</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>31</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>32</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change (File No. SR-EMERALD-2019-29) to amend its Options Regulatory Fee ("ORF").<sup>3</sup> The proposed rule change was immediately effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act.<sup>4</sup> The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 2019.<sup>5</sup> The Commission received one comment letter on the proposal.<sup>6</sup> On September 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act, the Commission temporarily suspended the proposed rule change and instituted proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.<sup>7</sup>

On November 20, 2019, the Exchange withdrew the proposed rule change (SR-EMERALD-2019-29).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

**Jill M. Peterson**,  
*Assistant Secretary*.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10943]

#### Consideration of Buhary Seyed Abu (BSA) Tahir's Request To Terminate Sanctions Imposed Under the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act and the Export-Import Bank Act for His Role in the A.Q. Khan Nuclear Network

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On January 12, 2009, the Department of State imposed sanctions under various authorities on members of the A.Q. Khan nuclear procurement network including, BSA Tahir, a Sri Lankan national and key middleman

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

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

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 86606 (August 8, 2019), 84 FR 40449 ("Notice").

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A). A proposed rule change may take effect upon filing with the Commission if it is designated by the exchange as "establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the self-regulatory organization on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the self-regulatory organization." 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>5</sup> See Notice, *supra* note 3.

<sup>6</sup> See Letter to Vanessa Countryman, Secretary, Commission, from Ellen Greene, Managing Director, Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, dated August 27, 2019.

<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87168, 84 FR 53210 (October 4, 2019).

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

involved in the network. This resulted in Tahir's addition to the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List). Tahir was also sanctioned by the State Department under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Prevention Act and the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945. Today, a determination has been made to terminate the measures imposed on Buhary Seyed Abu Tahir.

**DATES:** Applicable Date is December 2, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rachael Jagielski, Office of Counterproliferation Initiatives, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, tel.: 202-647-7594.

**Gonzalo O. Suarez,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Security and Non-Proliferation, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10936]

### Additional Designations Pursuant of Executive Order 13382

**ACTION:** Designation of three Iranian entities pursuant to Executive Order 13382.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authority in section 1(ii) of Executive Order 13382, "Blocking Property of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferators and Their Supporter", the State Department, in consultation with the Secretary of Treasury and the Attorney General, has determined that the Iran Space Agency, The Iran Space and Research Center, and the Astronautics Research Institute engaged, or attempted to engage, in activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a risk of materially contributing to, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction or their means of delivery (including missiles capable of delivering such weapons), including any efforts to manufacture, acquire, possess, develop, transport, transfer or use such items, by any person or foreign country of proliferation concern.

**DATES:** The designation by the Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security of the entity identified in this notice pursuant of Executive Order 13382 is effective on September 3, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rachael Jagielski, Office of Counterproliferation Initiatives, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, tel.: 202-647-5193.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 28, 2005, the President, invoking the authority, *inter alia*, of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1706) ("IEEPA"), issued Executive Order 13382 (70 CFR 38567, July 1, 2005) (the "Order"), effective at 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on June 30, 2005. In the Order the President took additional steps with respect to the national emergency described and declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, regarding the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the means of delivering them.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in the United States, or that hereafter come within the United States or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of United States persons, of: (1) The persons listed in the Annex of the Order; (2) any foreign person determined by the Secretary of State in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, and other relevant agencies, to have engaged, or attempted to engage, in activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a risk of materially contributing to, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction or their means of delivery, including any efforts to manufacture, acquire, possess, develop, transport, transfer, or use such items, by any person or foreign country of proliferation concern; (3) any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and other relevant agencies, to have provided, or attempted to provide, financial, material, technological or other support for, or goods or services in support of, any activity or transaction described in clause (2) above or any person whose property interests in property are blocked pursuant to the Order; and (4) any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and other relevant agencies, to be owned or controlled by, or acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the Order.

Information on the designee is as follows:

- The Iran Space Agency.
- Location: No. 57/2 Saie St., Vali E Asr St., Tehran Iran.
- The Iran Space Research Center.
- Location: Iran.
- Astronautics Research Institute (aka Aerospace Research Institute, aka Astronautics Systems Research Center).
- Location: P.O. Box 15875-3885, Tehran, Iran.
  - Alternative Location: 15th St., Mahestan St., Iran Zamin St., Shahrak Ghods, Tehran, 1465774111, Iran.
  - Alternative Location: Aerospace Rd., Mahestan Rd., Iran Zamin Rd., P.O. Box 14665-834, Tehran, Iran.
  - Alternative Location: Shahrak-E-Ghods, Iran Zamin St., Mahestan St., 15 Metri St.

**Gonzalo O. Suarez,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10966]

### Town Hall Meeting on Modernizing the Columbia River Treaty Regime

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State (Department) will hold a Town Hall meeting, co-hosted by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NWPCC), on December 16, 2019, in Richland, Washington, to discuss the modernization of the Columbia River Treaty (CRT) regime.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on December 16, 2019, from 5:30 p.m. to approximately 7:00 p.m., Pacific Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the U.S. Federal Building, 825 Jadwin Ave., Richland, WA 99352.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas D. Walker, Science and Technology Advisor, Office of Canadian Affairs, [ColumbiaRiverTreaty@state.gov](mailto:ColumbiaRiverTreaty@state.gov), 202-485-1883.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Town Hall is part of the Department's public engagement on the modernization of the CRT regime. The meeting is open to the public, up to the capacity of the room. Attendees are advised to bring government-issued photo ID and to allow time for security screening to enter the federal building.