

with Section 6 of the Act⁸ in general, and with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁹ specifically, in that it is designed to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, protect investors and the public interest and promote just and equitable principles of trade by providing AUTOM Users and Order Entry Firms with specific requirements concerning AUTO-X and multiple orders for the account or accounts of the same beneficial owner, and by providing Users and Order Entry Firms with a specific description of conduct that violates the rule.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Phlx does not believe that the proposed rule change, as amended, will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change, as amended: (1) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) does not become operative for 30 days after the date of filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest; provided that the self-regulatory organization has given the Commission 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 of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission, the proposed rule change, as amended,¹⁰ has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the

Act¹¹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹² thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Phlx seeks to have the proposed rule change, as amended, become operative immediately in order to remain competitive with other exchanges with similar rules in effect.¹³

The Commission, consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, has determined to make the proposed rule change, as amended, operative as of July 13, 2001.¹⁴ The Commission notes that the proposed rule change, as amended, is identical in all material respects to the rule of another exchange that the Commission has already noticed for public comment and recently approved and the proposed rule change raises no new issues.¹⁵ At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, as amended, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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.¹⁶

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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 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. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-2001-58 and should be submitted by September 7, 2001.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁷

Margaret McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-44653; File No. SR-Phlx-2001-70]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. Extending the Pilot Program for Exchange Rule 98, Emergency Committee Until November 30, 2001

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 July 27, 2001, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed a proposed rule change with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission"). The proposed rule change is described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act,³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 is proposing to extend the pilot program period for Rule 98, Emergency Committee until November

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁰ See Letter from Richard S. Rudolph, Counsel, Phlx, to Nancy Sanow, Assistant Director, Division, Commission, dated May 30, 2001 ("Pre-Filing Notice"). As required under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the filing date or such shorter period as designated by the Commission.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹³ See Pre-Filing Notice.

¹⁴ For purposes only of accelerating the operative date of this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁵ See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44104 (March 26, 2001), 66 FR 18127 (April 5, 2001) (order approving File No. SR-CBOE-00-47).

¹⁶ See Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 78b(3)(C).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). The Exchange filed the pre-filing notice required by Rule 19b-4(f)(6) by filing a written description of the proposed rule change and the text of the proposed rule change on July 20, 2001.

30, 2001. No changes to the existing rule language are being proposed.

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

1. Purpose

On December 23, 1999, the Commission approved amendments to Rule 98, Emergency Committee (the "Committee"), which updated the composition of the Committee to reflect the current governance structure of the Exchange, on a 120-day pilot basis.⁵ The pilot has been extended four times, most recently to July 31, 2001.⁶ The pilot program is being extended again to November 30, 2001 as the Exchange considers other changes to the composition of the Committee.

The Exchange originally proposed to amend Rule 98, Emergency Committee,

by updating the composition of the Committee to correspond with previous revisions to the Exchange's governance structure,⁷ and by deleting a provision authorizing the Committee to take action regarding CENTRAMART, an equity order reporting system which is no longer used on the Exchange Equity Floor.

The Committee was formed in 1989⁸ prior to the aforementioned changes to the Exchange's governance structure. The original proposed rule change, approved by the Commission, deleted the word "President" from the rule, as the Exchange no longer has a "President," and included the Exchange's On-Floor Vice Chairman⁹ as a member of the Committee.

Thus, Rule 98 specifies the composition of the Emergency Committee to include the following individuals: the Chairman of the Board of Governors; the On-Floor Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors; and the Chairmen of the Options Committee, the Floor Procedure Committee, and the Foreign Currency Options Committee.

Extension of the pilot program through November 30, 2001 permits the Committee to reflect the current governance structure of the Exchange and ensures that the Committee will be in place to take necessary and appropriate action to respond to extraordinary market conditions or other emergencies.¹⁰ The extension of the pilot program will also allow the Exchange the necessary time to propose changes to the Committee's structure to meet the Commission's concerns about whether the Committee ensures that all interests of the Exchange (e.g., On-Floor or Off-Floor) are adequately represented by the Committee.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6¹¹ of the Act in general, and

with Section 6(b)(5)¹² of the Act in specific, in that it is designed to perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system, and to protect investors and the public interest, by updating the composition of the Emergency Committee to reflect the current governance structure of the Exchange, and by continuing to provide a regular procedure for the Exchange to take necessary and appropriate action to respond to extraordinary market conditions or other emergencies.¹³

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in 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

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

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act¹⁴ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁵ thereunder because the proposed rule change does not (i) significantly affect the provision 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 the proposed rule change was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate. At any time within 60 days of the filing of a rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act, the Commission may summarily abrogate the 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.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to accelerate the effective date of the proposed rule change and to permit the proposed rule change to become immediately effective because the proposal simply extends a

⁵ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42272 (December 23, 1999), 65 FR 153 (January 3, 2000) (SR-Phlx-99-42). In the approval order, the Commission requested that the Exchange examine the operation of the Committee to ensure that the Committee is not dominated by any one Exchange interest (e.g., On-Floor or Off-Floor interests). The Commission requested that the Exchange report back to the Commission on its views as to whether the Committee structure ensures that all Exchange interests are fairly represented by the Committee.

⁶ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42898 (June 5, 2000), 65 FR 36879 (June 12, 2000) (SR-Phlx-00-41), extending the pilot program until August 21, 2000; Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43169 (August 17, 2000), 65 FR 51888 (August 25, 2000) (SR-Phlx-00-76), extending the pilot program until November 17, 2000. On July 14, 2000, the Exchange filed a proposed rule change to effect the amendments on a permanent basis. SR-Phlx-00-63 (filed July 14, 2000). In SR-Phlx-00-63 the Exchange also enclosed the Exchange's views as to whether the Committee structure ensures that all Exchange interests are fairly represented by the Committee. Because the Exchange is considering further changes to the Committee, SR-Phlx-00-63 was withdrawn on June 15, 2001. The pilot program was extended again until April 30, 2001. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43614 (November 22, 2000), 65 FR 75332 (December 1, 2000) (SR-Phlx-00-101). Most recently, the pilot program was extended again until July 31, 2001. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44245 (May 1, 2001), 66 FR 23961 (May 10, 2001) (SR-Phlx-2001-44).

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 38960 (August 22, 1997), 62 FR 45904 (August 29, 1997) (SR-Phlx-97-31).

⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 26858 (May 22, 1989), 54 FR 23007 (May 30, 1989) (SR-Phlx-88-36).

⁹ See also Exchange By-Law, Article IV, Section 4-2.

¹⁰ Previously, the Exchange has described "extraordinary market or emergency conditions" as, among other things, a declaration of war, a presidential assassination, an electrical blackout, or events such as the 1987 market break or other highly volatile trading conditions and require intervention for the market's continued efficient operation. Letter dated March 15, 1989, from William W. Uchimoto, General Counsel, Exchange, to Sharon L. Itkin, Esquire, Commission, Division of Market Regulation.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹³ For purposes only of accelerating the operative date of this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

previously approved pilot program until November 30, 2001. No changes to Rule 98 are being proposed at this time and the Commission has not received any comments on the pilot program. In addition, the Exchange appropriately filed a pre-filing notice as required by Rule 19b-4(f)(6).¹⁶

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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. All submissions should refer to the File No. SR-Phlx-2001-70 and should be submitted by September 7, 2001.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁷

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Mercantile Capital Partners I, L.P. 05/75-0260

Notice is hereby given that Mercantile Capital Partners I, L.P. (Mercantile), 1372 Shermer Road, Northbrook, Illinois, a Federal Licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended ("Act") in connection with the financing of a small concern has sought an exemption under Section 312 of the Act and section 107.730 which constitutes Conflicts of Interest under 13 CFR 107.730(2000). Mercantile proposes to provide debt security financing to ITracs Corporation (ITracs), One IBM

Plaza, 330 N. Wabash, 40th Floor, Chicago, Illinois. The financing is contemplated for expansion.

The financing is brought under the purview of Sec 107.730(a)(1) of the regulations because Jackson National Life Insurance Company and Mercantile Equity Partners I, L.P. currently own greater than ten percent of ITracs and ITracs is considered an Associate of Mercantile as defined in Sec. 107.50 of the regulations.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on the transaction to the Associate Administrator for Investments, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW., Washington, DC 20416.

Dated: August 13, 2001.

Harry Haskins,

Acting Associate Administrator for Investments.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of the Secretary

[Delegation of Authority No. 246]

Delegation of Functions Under the Latin American Development Act of 1960 From the Secretary of State to the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Secretary of State, including the State Department Basic Authorities Act and the Presidential Delegation of Responsibilities Related to the Latin American Development Act of 1960 dated May 30, 2001, 66 FR 110, in which the President delegated the functions conferred upon him by the Latin American Development Act of 1960, 22 U.S.C. 1942 *et seq.*, I hereby delegate those functions to the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

This delegation shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 15, 2001.

Colin L. Powell,

Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2001-9706]

Outdoor Advertising Control

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to amend the Highway Beautification Federal/State Agreement dated August 26, 1974, between the United States of America represented by the Secretary of Transportation and the State of Oregon, in order to permit the use of tri-vision signs adjacent to routes controlled under Highway Beautification Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver comments for the docket number that appears in the heading of this documents to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or submit electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov/submit>. All comments should include the docket number that appears in the heading of this document. All comments received will be available for examination and copying at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard or you may print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Burney, Realty Specialist, Office of Real Estate Services, HEPR (202) 366-4842; or Mr. Robert Black, Office of Chief Counsel, HCC-31, (202) 366-1359, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access and Filing

You may submit or retrieve comments online through the Document Management System (DSM) at: <http://dms.dot.gov/submit>. Acceptable formats include: MS Word (versions 95 to 97), MS Word for Mac (versions 6 to 8), Rich Text File (RTF), American Standard Code Information Interchange (ASCII)(TXT), Portable Document

¹⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).