

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 Section, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CBOE. 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-CBOE-2006-94 and should be submitted on or before March 13, 2007.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

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

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto Relating to Position and Exercise Limits on the KBW Bank Index

February 12, 2007.

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 January 8, 2007, the International Securities Exchange, LLC ("ISE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been substantially prepared by the ISE. On February 5, 2007, the ISE filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The ISE filed the proposed rule change as a "non-controversial" rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit

comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange is proposing to increase the position and exercise limits for options on the KBW Bank Index. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the ISE, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and <http://www.iseoptions.com>.

#### 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 ISE 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 ISE 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

The Exchange recently listed for trading options on the KBW Bank Index ("BKX") pursuant to the Exchange's generic listing standards found in its Rule 2002(b). Under ISE Rule 2005, a narrow-based index option cannot have position and exercise limits that exceed 31,500 contracts.<sup>5</sup> The Exchange notes that the Philadelphia Stock Exchange ("Phlx") also currently lists options on BKX. However, pursuant to a Rule 19b-4 filing, the position and exercise limit for options on BKX traded by Phlx is currently 44,000 contracts.<sup>6</sup> Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to increase the position and exercise limit for options on BKX traded at ISE to 44,000 contracts also. The Exchange believes it is important for a product traded at multiple exchanges to have a uniform position and exercise limit in order to eliminate any confusion among investors and other market participants.

###### 2. Statutory Basis

The basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is found in

Section 6(b)(5),<sup>7</sup> in that the adoption of uniform position and exercise limits for BKX will serve 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.

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

The proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition.

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

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any written comments from members or other interested parties.

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

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) of the Act<sup>8</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>9</sup>

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, 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.<sup>10</sup>

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally may not become operative prior to 30 days after

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). When filing a proposed rule change pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act, an exchange is required to give 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 Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the 5-day pre-filing notice requirement. The Commission has determined to waive this requirement.

<sup>10</sup> For purposes of calculating the 60-day period within which the Commission may summarily abrogate the proposed rule change under Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act, the Commission considers the period to commence on February 5, 2007, the date on which the ISE submitted Amendment No. 1. See 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

<sup>7</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.

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>5</sup> ISE Rule 2007 generally states that exercise limits for an index option shall be equivalent to the position limit prescribed to that index option.

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49312 (February 24, 2004), 69 FR 9672 (March 1, 2004) (SR-Phlx-2004-13).

the date of filing.<sup>11</sup> However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)<sup>12</sup> permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The ISE has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because the proposed rule change will make the ISE's position and exercise limits for options on BKX consistent with the Phlx's position and exercise limits for such options.<sup>13</sup> Further, the Commission notes that the increased position and exercise limits for Phlx were previously noticed for comment and no comments were received. For this reason, the Commission designates the proposal to be effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.<sup>14</sup>

#### 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-ISE-2007-02 on the subject line.

##### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2007-02. 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. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the ISE. 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-ISE-2007-02 and should be submitted on or before March 13, 2007.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>15</sup>

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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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#### Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Implement Certain Approved NASD Rule Changes Upon the Operation of the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC for Non-Nasdaq Exchange-Listed Securities

February 12, 2007.

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 February 9, 2007, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD") 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 NASD. The NASD filed the proposed rules change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> 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 NASD has filed a proposed rule change to (1) Provide notice that the amendments to the NASD Rule 4700 Series that were approved pursuant to SR-NASD-2006-104<sup>5</sup> will not be implemented; (2) implement certain amendments that were approved pursuant to SR-NASD-2006-104 upon the operation of the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (the "Nasdaq Exchange") as a national securities exchange for non-Nasdaq exchange-listed securities; and (3) propose additional changes that were not approved pursuant to SR-NASD-2006-104, specifically the deletion of the Rule 4700 Series and Rule 5150. All other rule changes that were approved pursuant to SR-NASD-2006-104, and were not implemented pursuant to SR-NASD-2006-135,<sup>6</sup> will be implemented upon the operation of NASD's Alternative Display Facility ("ADF") for non-Nasdaq exchange-listed securities, as approved by the Commission on September 28, 2006.<sup>7</sup> The text of the proposed amendments is available at the NASD, from the Commission's Public Reference Room, and on the NASD's Web site (<http://www.nasd.com>).

#### 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 NASD 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. NASD has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54798 (November 21, 2006), 71 FR 69156 (November 29, 2006) (order approving SR-NASD-2006-104).

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54984 (December 20, 2006), 71 FR 78245 (December 28, 2006) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of SR-NASD-2006-135).

<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54537 (September 28, 2006), 71 FR 59173 (October 6, 2006) (order approving SR-NASD-2006-091).

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

<sup>12</sup> *Id.*

<sup>13</sup> See *supra* note 6.

<sup>14</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>15</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.

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).