

NASDAQ-2007-095 and should be submitted on or before January 8, 2008.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹³

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-56938; File No. SR-Phlx-2007-63]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc.; Order Granting Approval of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Short Interest Reporting

December 10, 2007.

I. Introduction

On August 16, 2007, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") proposed rule change SR-Phlx-2007-63 pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act").¹ On September 20, 2007, Phlx amended the proposed rule change.² Notice of the proposal was published in the **Federal Register** on October 3, 2007.³ No comment letters were received. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is granting approval of the proposed rule change.

II. Description

The proposed rule change conforms Phlx Rule 786 to rule changes made by other self-regulatory organizations ("SROs") to implement uniform changes to the short interest reporting requirements across SROs.

First, Phlx is making a technical change to the text of Phlx Rule 786, Supplementary Material .01. Supplementary Material .01 provides that, subject to certain limited exceptions, short positions required to be reported under the rule are those resulting from short sales as the term is defined in Rule 200 of Regulation SHO. The term "short sale" is actually defined in Rule 200(a) of Regulation

SHO.⁴ Therefore, Phlx is amending the text of Supplementary Material .01 to reference Regulation SHO Rule 200(a), instead of Rule 200, in order to eliminate any confusion.

Second, Phlx is adding a new section, Supplementary Material .02, to Phlx Rule 786. The new language adopts exceptions to the short interest reporting requirement. Phlx is also adding conforming language relating to the new section to Rule 786, Supplementary Material .01. Currently, any transaction that is marked "sell short exempt" is exempt from the reporting requirement. Beginning on July 6, 2007, the "short exempt" marking requirement was eliminated by the Commission.⁵ Therefore, beginning on July 6, 2007, all transactions marked short will be covered by Phlx's reporting requirement. However, other SROs have modified their short interest reporting rules to exclude five specific transactions that were previously contained in the now eliminated Rule 10a-1 under the Act.⁶ The rule change is designed to conform Phlx's reporting requirement to those of other SROs and increase uniformity for broker-dealers as they comply with various rules across SROs, which should reduce costs and increase efficiency for those broker-dealers.

III. Discussion

Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁷ requires, among other things, that the rules of an exchange be 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 rule change is designed to conform Phlx's reporting requirement to those of other SROs and increase uniformity for broker-dealers as they comply with various rules across SROs, which should reduce costs and increase efficiency for those broker-dealers. Accordingly, because the rule change will lead to greater uniformity in SRO rules, the Commission finds that the rule change meets the requirements of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act because it is 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.

IV. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act, in particular Section 6(b) of the Act⁸ and the rules and regulations thereunder.⁹

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-Phlx-2007-63) be and hereby is approved.

For the Commission by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration # 11122 and # 11123]

Oregon Disaster Number OR-00023

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 1.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Oregon (FEMA-1733-DR), dated 12/09/2007.

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding.

Incident Period: 12/01/2007 and continuing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/10/2007.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 02/07/2008.

EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date: 09/09/2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing And Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the Presidential disaster declaration for the State of Oregon, dated 12/09/2007 is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ In approving the proposed rule change, the Commission considered the proposal's impact on efficiency, competition and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² Amendment No. 1, which replaced the original proposed rule change in its entirety, made clarifying changes to the original proposed rule change.

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56541 (September 26, 2007), 72 FR 56427 (October 3, 2007) (Phlx-2007-63).

⁴ 17 CFR 242.200(a).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55970 (June 28, 2007), 72 FR 36348 (July 3, 2007).

⁶ See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56300 (August 22, 2007), 72 FR 49342 (August 28, 2007) (NYSEArca-2007-63).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Primary Counties: Clatsop.

All other counties contiguous to the above named primary county have previously been declared.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

James E. Rivera,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Small Business Investment Companies; Increase in Maximum Leverage Ceiling

13 CFR 107.1150(a) sets forth the maximum amount of Leverage (as defined in 13 CFR 107.50) that a Small Business Investment Company may have outstanding at any time. The maximum Leverage amounts are adjusted annually based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index published

by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The cited regulation states that the Small Business Administration will publish the indexed maximum Leverage amounts each year in a Notice in the **Federal Register**.

Accordingly, effective the date of publication of this Notice, and until further notice, the maximum Leverage amounts under 13 CFR 107.1150(a) are as stated in the following table:

If your Leverageable Capital is:	Then your maximum Leverage is:
(1) Not over \$21,800,000	300 percent of Leverageable Capital.
(2) Over \$21,800,000 but not over \$43,500,000	\$65,400,000 + [2 × (Leverageable Capital – \$21,800,000)].
(3) Over \$43,500,000 but not over \$65,300,000	\$108,800,000 + (Leverageable Capital – \$43,500,000).
(4) Over \$65,300,000	\$130,600,000.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59.011, Small Business Investment Companies)

Dated: December 11, 2007.

A. Joseph Shepard,

Associate Administrator for Investment.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6029]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Poussin and Nature: Arcadian Visions"

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Poussin and Nature: Arcadian Visions," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, from on or about February 11, 2008, until on or about May 11, 2008, and at possible additional exhibitions or

venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-453-8050). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: December 11, 2007.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6028]

Deposit of Instrument of Ratification by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On December 12, 2007, the United States deposited its instrument of ratification for the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation with Respect to Intercountry Adoption (the Convention). In accordance with the terms of the Convention, the Convention will enter into force with respect to the United States on April 1, 2008.

The United States signed the Convention on March 31, 1994 and the

President transmitted it to the Senate for its advice and consent on June 11, 1998. (S. Treaty Doc. 105-51 at III (1998)). On September 20, 2000, the Senate gave its advice and consent to the ratification of the Convention, subject to certain declarations, and on October 6, 2000, Congress enacted the implementing legislation for the Convention, the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000, Public Law 106-279, 42 U.S.C. 14901-14952 (the IAA). The President signed the instrument of ratification on November 16, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Miki Stebbing at 202-736-9086. Hearing or speech-impaired persons may use the Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) by contacting the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Convention is a multilateral treaty that provides a framework for the adoption of children habitually resident in one country that is a party to the Convention by persons habitually resident in another country that is also a party to the Convention. The Convention establishes procedures to be followed in these intercountry adoption cases and imposes safeguards to protect the best interests of children. When the Convention enters into force for the United States, it will apply to the United States as both a country of origin (in outgoing adoption cases, i.e., where children are emigrating from the United States to a foreign country) and a receiving country (in incoming adoption cases, i.e., where children are immigrating to the United States from a foreign country).

The implementing legislation for the Convention is the IAA. Under the Convention, the IAA, and the final rule