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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²³

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-98691; File No. SR-EMERALD-2023-19]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAx Emerald, LLC; Notice of Withdrawal of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Fee Schedule To Modify Certain Connectivity Fees and Ports Fees

October 5, 2023.

On August 8, 2023, MIAx Emerald, LLC (“MIAx Emerald” 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 amend certain connectivity and port fees.

The proposed rule change was immediately effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act.³ The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on August 25, 2023.⁴ On September 29, 2023, pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act,⁵ the

Commission: (1) temporarily suspended the proposed rule change; and (2) instituted proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act⁶ to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.⁷ On October 2, 2023, the Exchange withdrew the proposed rule change (SR-EMERALD-2023-19).

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

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[Release No. 34-98703; File No. SR-FINRA-2023-013]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the FINRA Codes of Arbitration Procedure and Code of Mediation Procedure To Revise and Restate the Qualifications for Representatives in Arbitrations and Mediations

October 6, 2023.

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 October 5, 2023, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. 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

FINRA is proposing to amend FINRA Rule 12208(b) through (d) of the Code of Arbitration Procedure for Customer Disputes (“Customer Code”), FINRA Rule 13208(b) through (d) of the Code of Arbitration Procedure for Industry Disputes (“Industry Code”) and FINRA Rule 14106(b) through (d) of the Code of Mediation Procedure (“Mediation Code” and collectively, “Codes”), to

revise and restate the qualifications for representatives in arbitrations and mediations in the forum administered by FINRA Dispute Resolution Services (“DRS”); to disallow compensated representatives who are not attorneys from representing parties in the DRS forum; to codify that a student enrolled in a law school participating in a law school clinical program or its equivalent and practicing under the supervision of an attorney may represent investors in the DRS forum; and to clarify the circumstances in which any person, including attorneys, would be prohibited from representing parties in the DRS forum.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA’s website at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA 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. FINRA 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

Background

The Codes currently permit parties to arbitrations and mediations in the DRS forum to represent themselves, to be represented by an attorney at law in good standing or to be represented by a non-attorney representative (“NAR”).³ Some NARs receive compensation in connection with their representation of parties (“compensated NARs”). Compensated NARs receive monetary or non-monetary compensation in connection with the representation of parties—including, for example, advance fees, consulting fees, payments in kind, referral fees or fees pursuant to a contingent fee arrangement. Other NARs, often friends or relatives of a party, may assist parties with their cases without compensation (“uncompensated NARs”). In addition, although not specifically provided for in

²³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12), (59).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 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).

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 98176 (August 21, 2023), 88 FR 58342.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 98656, 88 FR 68680 (October 4, 2023).

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See FINRA Rules 12208, 13208 and 14106.