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| Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change * Add Remove View | The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) | | | |
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1. <u>Text of Proposed Rule Change</u>

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² Investors Exchange LLC ("IEX" or "Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") proposed rule changes to require that, among other things, an issuer of an ETP listed under Chapter 16 notify IEX about certain changes to the index, portfolio, or reference asset underlying the security. The Exchange has designated this proposal as non-controversial and provided the Commission with the notice required by Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act.³

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5.

(b) The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any direct effect, or any significant indirect effect, on any other Exchange rule in effect at the time of this filing.

(c) Not applicable.

2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

Senior management has approved the proposed rule change pursuant to authority delegated to it by the Board of the Exchange. No further action is required under the Exchange's governing documents. Therefore, the Exchange's internal procedures with respect to the proposed rule change are complete.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

The persons on the Exchange staff prepared to respond to questions and

comments on the proposed rule change are:

Claudia Crowley Chief Regulatory Officer Investors Exchange LLC 646-343-2041 Sophia Lee General Counsel Investors Exchange LLC 646-343-2040

3. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

a. <u>Purpose</u>

IEX listing rules require issuers to notify IEX about substitution listing events. Specifically, Rule 14.002(a)(32) defines a "Substitution Listing Event"⁴ as certain changes in the equity or legal structure of a company and Rule 14.207(e)(4) requires a listed company to provide notification to IEX about these events no later than 15 days before implementation of the event. These events generally would require IEX to review the entity for compliance with the applicable listing requirements.

IEX proposes to expand the definition of a Substitution Listing Event to include cases where an issuer of securities listed under Chapter 16 replaces, or significantly modifies, the index, portfolio, or reference asset underlying its security (including, but not limited to, a significant modification to the index methodology, a change in the index provider, or a change in control of the index provider). This type of change would

⁴ A "Substitution Listing Event means: a reverse stock split, re-incorporation or a change in the Company's place of organization, the formation of a holding company that replaces a listed Company, reclassification or exchange of a Company's listed shares for another security, the listing of a new class of securities in substitution for a previously-listed class of securities or any technical change whereby the Shareholders of the original Company receive a share-for-share interest in the new Company without any change in their equity position or rights.

require IEX to review the changes to the index, portfolio, or reference asset for compliance with the applicable listing requirements and may require IEX to make a rule filing with the Commission to continue listing the product with the revised index, portfolio, or reference asset.⁵

IEX believes it is appropriate to require notification of these changes in the same manner as other Substitution Listing Events,⁶ which will increase to 15 days the time available to IEX to conduct its initial review of the revised index, portfolio, or reference asset underlying the security, evaluate compliance with the listing requirements, and determine if a rule filing is required.⁷

IEX also proposes to modify Rule 16.101 to highlight that certain changes to the index, portfolio, or reference asset underlying a security is a Substitution Listing Event that requires 15 calendar days' notice. The new language also emphasizes that such a change may affect the company's compliance with the listing requirements and may require IEX to file a new rule filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Act⁸ and for such rule filing to be approved by the SEC or otherwise take effect (as applicable), before the product can be listed or traded. The new rule language also indicates that IEX will halt trading if a company effectuates a change that requires such a filing before it is approved

⁵ Other types of changes may also require IEX to make a rule filing with the Commission to continue listing the changed product.

⁶ Listed companies would be required to provide notification of a Substitution Listing Event by filing the appropriate form as designated by the Exchange. <u>See</u> Rule 14.207(e)(4).

⁷ Currently, at a minimum, IEX believes that an issuer must disclose such changes under Rule 14.207(b)(1), which requires public disclosure of any material information that would reasonably be expected to affect the value of its securities or influence investors' decisions, and must notify the Exchange's Regulation Department at least 10 minutes prior to such announcement.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

by the SEC or otherwise takes effect (as applicable). The new rule language would also indicate that IEX will commence delisting proceedings if a company effectuates a change in the case where IEX determines not to submit a rule filing or withdraws a rule filing, or where the SEC disapproves a rule filing.⁹ The proposed rule changes are substantially identical to recent changes to Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") rules.¹⁰

The Exchange does not currently list any ETPs. The proposed rule changes would be applicable in the event IEX lists ETPs.

b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

IEX believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section $6(b)^{11}$ of the Act in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹² in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, 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.

IEX believes that the proposed requirement that an issuer of securities that would be listed under Chapter 16 notify IEX 15 calendar days in advance of certain changes to the index, portfolio, or reference asset underlying the security is consistent with the

⁹ The proposed rule change would also add language to Rule 16.101 to encourage companies to consult with IEX staff sufficiently in advance of such changes to allow review and preparation of a rule filing and SEC approval, if necessary, and to clarify that IEX has sole discretion as to whether it chooses to submit a rule filing and, if submitted, whether to withdraw such rule filing.

¹⁰ <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77706 (April 26, 2016), 81 FR 26275 (May 2, 2016) (SR-NASDAQ-2016-059).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

investor protection objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act. Specifically, the proposed change will help to ensure that IEX has sufficient time to review the revised index, portfolio, or reference asset and determine whether the product complies with IEX's listing requirements and whether a rule filing must be filed by IEX pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Act and approved by the Commission or otherwise take effect (as applicable), which will help protect investors. Similarly, the provisions that provide that IEX will (i) halt trading if a company effectuates a change that requires such a filing before it is approved by the SEC or otherwise takes effect (as applicable); and (ii) commence delisting proceedings if a company effectuates a change in the case where IEX determines not to submit a rule filing or withdraws a rule filing, or where the SEC disapproves a rule filing are consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors because they is designed to enable the Exchange to ensure that the necessary rule filings regarding IEX listed ETPs are approved or otherwise take effect (as applicable).

4. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

IEX 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.

The proposed rule change is not based on competitive factors, but rather is designed to ensure that IEX staff would have adequate time to review a change to an index, portfolio, or reference asset for compliance with the listing requirements and to file and obtain approval or effectiveness of a rule change, if necessary. As such, the Exchange believes that the proposed change will have no impact on competition.

5. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

- <u>Extension of Time Period for Commission Action</u> Not applicable.
- 7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated</u> <u>Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)</u>

The Exchange has designated this rule filing as non-controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹³ and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹⁴ The Exchange asserts that the proposed rule change: (1) will not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, (2) will not impose any significant burden on competition, (3) and will not become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.¹⁵

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change meets the criteria of subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b- 4^{16} because it is substantially identical to Nasdaq rules that recently became effective, as described herein, and thus raises no regulatory or investor protection issues not considered in connection with the Nasdaq rules.

Accordingly, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is noncontroversial and satisfies the requirements of Rule 19b-4(f)(6).¹⁷

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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 satisfied this requirement.

8. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on the Rules of Another Self-Regulatory</u> <u>Organization or of the Commission</u>

The proposed rule change is substantially similar to Nasdaq rule changes that

became effective in connection with SR-NASDAQ-2016-059 with the exception that,

unlike Nasdaq, IEX does not propose to charge a fee for a Substitution Listing Event.¹⁸

- 9. <u>Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section3 C of the Act</u> Not applicable.
- 10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

11. <u>Exhibits</u>

Exhibit 1 - Form of Notice of the Proposed Rule Change for Publication in the

Federal Register.

Exhibit 3 – Form to provide notification of Substitution Listing Event.

Exhibit 5 – Text of Proposed Rule Change.

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<u>See supra</u> note 10.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34 -); File No. SR-IEX-2016-21)

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Investors Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Require that an Issuer of Securities Listed under Chapter 16 Notify IEX about Certain Changes to the Index, Portfolio, or Reference Asset Underlying the Security.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on (date), the Investors Exchange LLC ("IEX" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the</u> <u>Proposed Rule Change</u>

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),⁴ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,⁵ Investors Exchange LLC ("IEX" or

"Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") proposed rule changes to require that, among other things, an issuer of an ETP listed under Chapter 16 notify IEX about certain changes to the index, portfolio, or

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

reference asset underlying the security. The Exchange has designated this proposal as non-controversial and provided the Commission with the notice required by Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act.⁶

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's website at www.iextrading.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory</u> <u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization 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 statement may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the</u> Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. <u>Purpose</u>

IEX listing rules require issuers to notify IEX about substitution listing events. Specifically, Rule 14.002(a)(32) defines a "Substitution Listing Event"⁷ as certain changes in the equity or legal structure of a company and Rule 14.207(e)(4) requires a

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

⁷ A "Substitution Listing Event means: a reverse stock split, re-incorporation or a change in the Company's place of organization, the formation of a holding company that replaces a listed Company, reclassification or exchange of a Company's listed shares for another security, the listing of a new class of securities in substitution for a previously-listed class of securities or any technical change whereby the Shareholders of the original Company receive a share-for-share interest in the new Company without any change in their equity position or rights.

listed company to provide notification to IEX about these events no later than 15 days before implementation of the event. These events generally would require IEX to review the entity for compliance with the applicable listing requirements.

IEX proposes to expand the definition of a Substitution Listing Event to include cases where an issuer of securities listed under Chapter 16 replaces, or significantly modifies, the index, portfolio, or reference asset underlying its security (including, but not limited to, a significant modification to the index methodology, a change in the index provider, or a change in control of the index provider). This type of change would require IEX to review the changes to the index, portfolio, or reference asset for compliance with the applicable listing requirements and may require IEX to make a rule filing with the Commission to continue listing the product with the revised index, portfolio, or reference asset.⁸

IEX believes it is appropriate to require notification of these changes in the same manner as other Substitution Listing Events,⁹ which will increase to 15 days the time available to IEX to conduct its initial review of the revised index, portfolio, or reference asset underlying the security, evaluate compliance with the listing requirements, and determine if a rule filing is required.¹⁰

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index, portfolio, or reference asset underlying a security is a Substitution Listing Event that requires 15 calendar days' notice. The new language also emphasizes that such a change may affect the company's compliance with the listing requirements and may require IEX to file a new rule filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Act¹¹ and for such rule filing to be approved by the SEC or otherwise take effect (as applicable), before the product can be listed or traded. The new rule language also indicates that IEX will halt trading if a company effectuates a change that requires such a filing before it is approved by the SEC or otherwise take such a filing before it is approved by the SEC or otherwise takes effect (as applicable). The new rule language would also indicate that IEX will commence delisting proceedings if a company effectuates a change in the case where IEX determines not to submit a rule filing or withdraws a rule filing, or where the SEC disapproves a rule filing.¹² The proposed rule changes are substantially identical to recent changes to Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") rules.¹³

The Exchange does not currently list any ETPs. The proposed rule changes would be applicable in the event IEX lists ETPs.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

IEX believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section $6(b)^{14}$ of the Act in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹⁵ in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

¹² The proposed rule change would also add language to Rule 16.101 to encourage companies to consult with IEX staff sufficiently in advance of such changes to allow review and preparation of a rule filing and SEC approval, if necessary, and to clarify that IEX has sole discretion as to whether it chooses to submit a rule filing and, if submitted, whether to withdraw such rule filing.

¹³ <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77706 (April 26, 2016), 81 FR 26275 (May 2, 2016) (SR-NASDAQ-2016-059).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, 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.

IEX believes that the proposed requirement that an issuer of securities that would be listed under Chapter 16 notify IEX 15 calendar days in advance of certain changes to the index, portfolio, or reference asset underlying the security is consistent with the investor protection objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act. Specifically, the proposed change will help to ensure that IEX has sufficient time to review the revised index, portfolio, or reference asset and determine whether the product complies with IEX's listing requirements and whether a rule filing must be filed by IEX pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Act and approved by the Commission or otherwise take effect (as applicable), which will help protect investors. Similarly, the provisions that provide that IEX will (i) halt trading if a company effectuates a change that requires such a filing before it is approved by the SEC or otherwise takes effect (as applicable); and (ii) commence delisting proceedings if a company effectuates a change in the case where IEX determines not to submit a rule filing or withdraws a rule filing, or where the SEC disapproves a rule filing are consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors because they is designed to enable the Exchange to ensure that the necessary rule filings regarding IEX listed ETPs are approved or otherwise take effect (as applicable).

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

IEX 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.

The proposed rule change is not based on competitive factors, but rather is designed to ensure that IEX staff would have adequate time to review a change to an index, portfolio, or reference asset for compliance with the listing requirements and to file and obtain approval or effectiveness of a rule change, if necessary. As such, the Exchange believes that the proposed change will have no impact on competition.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

The Exchange has designated this rule filing as non-controversial under Section $19(b)(3)(A)^{16}$ of the Act and Rule $19b-4(f)(6)^{17}$ thereunder. Because the 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 and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule $19b-4(f)(6)^{18}$ normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),¹⁹ the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay to the extent necessary so that the proposal may become operative at the time of the launch of its operation as a national securities exchange.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section $19(b)(2)(B)^{20}$ of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

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 (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>); or
- Send an email to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-IEX-2016-21 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

²⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-IEX-2016-21. This file number should be included in the subject line if email 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 website (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 website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. Copies of the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the IEX's principal office and on its Internet website at www.iextrading.com. 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-IEX-2016-21 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register]. For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²¹

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COMPANY EVENT NOTIFICATION

PART I: CORPORATE INFORMATION

| GENERAL INFORMATION | | | |
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| Date: | | | |
| Company Name: | | | |
| PRIMARY CONTACT | | | |
| Name: | Title: | | |
| Phone: | Email: | | |
| U.S. Business Hours Contact (if company is located outsic | de of the U.S.): | | |
| ALTERNATE CONTACT | | | |
| Name: | Title: | | |
| Phone: | Email: | | |
| U.S. Business Hours Contact (if company is located outside of the U.S.): | | | |
| OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL | | | |
| Firm Name: | Contact Name: | | |
| Phone: | Email: | | |
| U.S. Business Hours Contact (if company is located outside of the U.S.): | | | |



PART II: TYPE OF CHANGE

The information required by the exchange varies depending on the type of event being reported. Multiple events may be reported in one form provided that the effective date for these changes is the same. Complete applicable sections only.

Is the company reporting a change on this form in conjunction with a Listing Application for a Company Conducting a Business Combination that Results in a Change of Control? Yes \Box No \Box

SECTION 1. Change in Company Name

Current Company Name:

New Company Name:

Note: A new Listing Agreement reflecting the company's new name must also be completed when submitting a name change.

SECTION 2. Change in Trading Symbol, CUSIP, Security Type, Par Value and/or Underlying Index/Portfolio/Reference Asset

| | CURRENT | NEW |
|--|---------|-----|
| Issue Name: | | |
| Symbol:* | | |
| CUSIP: | | |
| Security Type: | | |
| Par Value: | | |
| Par Value Currency: | | |
| Underlying Index/ Portfolio/Reference Asset | | |

* For a change in trading symbol, if a symbol reservation request has not already been submitted, IEX recommends that the company complete and submit a Symbol Reservation Request prior to submission of this form.

| SECTION 3. Change in Place of Incorporation or Organization | | | |
|---|---------|-----|--|
| | CURRENT | NEW | |



| State: | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Country: | | | |
| Has the company filed new articles of incorporation with th | e applicable state or country regulatory body? | | |
| Yes 🗆 No 🗆 | | | |
| SECTION 4. Reverse Stock Split | | | |
| The information provided below shall be deemed subject to immediate public disclosure unless clearly noted otherwise. | | | |
| Note: A new CUSIP number is required for a reverse stock split prior to the effective date. | | | |
| Issue Symbol: | | | |
| Issue Description: | | | |
| Stock Split Ratio: | | | |
| Pre-Split TSO: | Post-Split TSO (maximum): | | |
| Pre-Split par value: | Post-Split par value: | | |
| Method of settling fractional shares: | | | |
| Post-Split number of publicly held shares: | | | |
| Post-Split number of total/public shareholders: | | | |
| Does the reverse stock split impact any other related securities that are publicly traded? Yes \Box No \Box | | | |
| Explain any conditions which must be met for the transaction | on to become effective. | | |
| SECTION 5. Other Type of Substitution Listing Eve | ent | | |



Describe the type of issuance/reason for change and the expected effective date.

Explain any conditions which must be met for the transaction(s) to become effective.

Specify the details pre and post transaction.

Are there any changes to the voting rights or equity participation rights associated with this transaction?

Yes 🗆 No 🗆

SECTION 6. Event Requiring an Updated Corporate Governance Certification or Listing Agreement

Briefly describe the reason for the update (e.g., ceased being a controlled company, no longer a foreign private issuer).

SECTION 7. Annual ETP Certification

| Issue Name: |
|--------------------------------|
| Symbol: |
| CUSIP: |
| Security Type: |
| Fiscal Year End Date: |
| Component List Provided as of: |



Certification:

By selecting this box, I hereby certify that for the fiscal year ended that the company has discovered no instances of material non-compliance with the description of the fund's portfolio and limitations on fund portfolio holdings described in the fund's 19b-4 application, other than those instances for which the fund has (a) previously notified IEX and/or (b) regained compliance within the applicable cure or compliance period.

SECTION 8. Quarterly ETP Data Uploads

| Issue Name: |
|----------------------------|
| Symbol: |
| CUSIP: |
| Security Type: |
| Fiscal Year End Date: |
| Quarterly Update Due Date: |
| List Provided as of: |

CUSIP Information

Has the company obtained a new CUSIP number as a result of the change(s) being reported?

Yes 🛛 No 🗆 Do Not Know 🗆

If you answered "NO" above, please provide confirmation that the company has advised the CUSIP Service Bureau of the pending change(s) and has confirmed that a new CUSIP is not necessary.

If you answered "DO NOT KNOW" above, please contact the CUSIP Service Bureau at 212-438-6500 to advise them of the pending change and determine if a new number is necessary.

For more information, please contact the CUSIP Service Bureau at 212-438-6500.

Comments



Please provide any additional information that may help Staff process this form.

PART III: EVENT-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

| Please provide the following dates, as applicable. | | |
|---|--|--|
| Effective Date: | | |
| Date all legal filings were or are anticipated to be effective: | | |
| Date of approval for the event(s) by the Board of Directors: | | |
| Date of approval for the event(s) by shareholders: | | |
| Anticipated date of closing: | | |
| Effective date of charter amendment: | | |

PART IV: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

To facilitate the review process, please provide the following information and attach any supporting documentation, as applicable.

If the event resulted in the company receiving a new SEC File Number, please provide:

If the event resulted in the company receiving a new Central Index Key (CIK) code, please provide:

If a new CUSIP was not required in this instance, please provide confirmation that the company has advised the CUSIP Service Bureau of this change and confirmed that a new CUSIP was not necessary. A confirmation is required for all changes, except trading symbol changes.



PART V: AFFIRMATION

I have been authorized by the company and have the legal authority to provide information on the company's behalf; to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided is true and correct as of this date; and the company will promptly notify IEX of any material changes.

Signature of Duly Authorized Representative

Title

Date

Exhibit 5 - Text of Proposed Rule Change

Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in brackets.

Rule 14.002. Definitions

- (a) (1) (31) No Change.
 - (32) "Substitution Listing Event" means: a reverse stock split, re-incorporation or a change in the Company's place of organization, the formation of a holding company that replaces a listed Company, reclassification or exchange of a Company's listed shares for another security, the listing of a new class of securities in substitution for a previously-listed class of securities or any technical change whereby the Shareholders of the original Company receive a share-for-share interest in the new Company without any change in their equity position or rights. <u>A Substitution Listing Event also includes</u> the replacement of, or any significant modification to, the index, portfolio or Reference <u>Asset underlying a security listed under Chapter 16 of the IEX Rules (including, but</u> not limited to, a significant modification to the index methodology, a change in the index provider, or a change in control of the index provider).
 - (33) No Change.

Rule 16.101. Preamble to the Listing Requirements for Other Securities

- (a) This section contains the requirements for listing other securities on IEX.
- (b) The replacement of, or any significant modification to, the index, portfolio, or Reference Asset underlying a security listed under Chapter 16 of the IEX Rules (including, but not limited to, a significant modification to the index methodology, a change in the index provider, or a change in control of the index provider) is considered a Substitution Listing Event. The Company must notify IEX at least fifteen calendar days in advance of the effective date of any Substitution Listing Event. Companies should note that these types of

changes may affect the Company's compliance with the listing requirements and may require IEX to file a new rule filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Act and for such rule filing to be approved by the SEC or otherwise take effect (as applicable), before the product subject to the Substitution Listing Event can be listed or traded. IEX has sole discretion as to whether it chooses to submit a rule filing designed to permit the continued listing of the security and, if submitted, whether to withdraw such filing. As such, Companies are encouraged to consult with IEX staff sufficiently in advance of such changes to allow review and preparation of a rule filing and SEC approval, if necessary.

(c) If a Company effectuates any change, including a Substitution Listing Event, which requires the filing of a proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Act and such rule filing has not yet been approved by the SEC or has not taken effect (as applicable), then IEX will immediately halt trading in the applicable security until such rule filing is approved or takes effect. If a rule filing is required but IEX determines not to submit one or withdraws the rule filing after it is submitted, or the SEC disapproves the rule filing, IEX will immediately commence delisting procedures with respect to such security.
