Proposed Rule Change by NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.

Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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- **Pilot**
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**Description**

Provide a brief description of the proposed rule change (limit 250 characters, required when Initial is checked *).

A proposal to extend the pilot period of amendments to Rule 11890, governing clearly erroneous executions, so that the pilot will now expire on February 4, 2013.

**Contact Information**

Provide the name, telephone number and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the proposed rule change.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized officer.

- **Date**: 07/24/2012
- **By**: Edward S. Knight
- **Title**: Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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Edward S Knight,
| Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change (required) | 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) |

| Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications | Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. |

| Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire | Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change. |

| Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies | The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working. |

| Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text | The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change. |

| Partial Amendment | If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e., partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions. |
1. **Text of Proposed Rule Change**

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),\(^1\) and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,\(^2\) NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. (“Exchange”) is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) a proposal to extend the pilot period of amendments to Rule 11890, governing clearly erroneous executions, so that the pilot will now expire on February 4, 2013.

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in brackets.

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**11890. Clearly Erroneous Transactions**

The provisions of paragraphs (C), (c)(1), (b)(i), and (b)(ii) of this Rule, as amended on September 10, 2010, shall be in effect during a pilot period set to end on February 4, 2013\([ July 31, 2012]\). If the pilot is not either extended or approved permanent by February 4, 2013\([ July 31, 2012]\), the prior versions of paragraphs (C), (c)(1), and (b) shall be in effect.

(a) – (f) No change.

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(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. **Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization**

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange on July 10, 2012. Exchange staff will advise the Board of Directors of the Exchange of any action

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taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for
the filing of the rule change.

Questions regarding this rule proposal may be directed to T. Sean Bennett,
Assistant General Counsel, The NASDAQ OMX Group, at (301) 978-8499 (telephone)
or (301) 978-8472 (fax).

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

   a. Purpose

   On September 10, 2010, the Commission approved, for a pilot period to end
   December 10, 2010, a proposed rule change submitted by the Exchange, together with
   related rule changes of the BATS Exchange, Inc., Chicago Board Options Exchange,
   Incorporated, Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc., EDGA Exchange, Inc., EDGX Exchange,
   York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE MKT LLC (formerly, NYSE Amex LLC), NYSE
   Arca, Inc., and National Stock Exchange, Inc., to amend certain of their respective rules
   to set forth clearer standards and curtail discretion with respect to breaking erroneous
   trades. The changes were adopted to address concerns that the lack of clear guidelines
   for dealing with clearly erroneous transactions may have added to the confusion and
   uncertainty faced by investors on May 6, 2010. On December 7, 2010, the Exchange
   filed an immediately effective filing to extend the existing pilot program for four months,
   so that the pilot would expire on April 11, 2011.4 On March 31, 2011, the Exchange

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3 Securities Exchange Act Release No. 62886 (September 10, 2010), 75 FR 56613
   (September 16, 2010).

4 Securities Exchange Act Release No. 63490 (December 9, 2010), 75 FR 78299
filed an immediately effective filing to extend the existing pilot program for four months, so that the pilot would expire on the earlier of August 11, 2011 or the date on which a limit up / limit down mechanism to address extraordinary market volatility, if adopted, applies. On August 5, 2011, the Exchange filed an immediately effective filing that removed language from the rule that tied the expiration of the pilot to the adoption of a limit up / limit down mechanism to address extraordinary market volatility, and further extended the pilot period, so that the pilot would expire on January 31, 2012. On August 8, 2011, the Exchange filed an immediately effective filing to amend Rule 11890 so that it would continue to operate in the same manner after changes to the single stock trading pause process became effective. On January 12, 2012, the Exchange filed an immediately effective filing that extended the pilot to July 31, 2012.

On May 31, 2012, the Commission approved, on a pilot basis, the National Market System Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility. This plan creates a market-wide limit up-limit down mechanism that is intended to address extraordinary market volatility in NMS Stocks, which will be implemented on February 4, 2013. Once implemented, the plan will prevent execution of trades outside of certain trading bands,

thus eliminating clearly erroneous transactions. The Exchange believes that the pilot program has been successful in providing greater transparency and certainty to the process of breaking erroneous trades. The Exchange also believes that an additional extension of the pilot is warranted so that it may continue to monitor the effects of the pilot on the markets and investors, and consider appropriate adjustments, as necessary. Extending the pilot to February 4, 2013, the implementation date of the market-wide limit up-limit down mechanism will permit the Exchange to continue to provide clear standards and curtail discretion with respect to breaking erroneous trades until the limit up / limit down mechanism, which is designed to prevent clearly erroneous transactions from occurring, is implemented.

Accordingly, the Exchange is filing to further extend, the pilot program until February 4, 2013.

b. **Statutory Basis**

The statutory basis for the proposed rule change is Section 6(b)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”), which requires the rules of an exchange 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 proposed rule change also is designed to support the principles of Section 11A(a)(1) of the Act in that it seeks to assure fair competition among brokers and dealers and among exchange markets. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule meets these requirements in that it promotes transparency.

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and uniformity across markets concerning decisions to break erroneous trades. In addition, the Exchange believes extending the pilot to February 4, 2013 is consistent with the requirement to protect investors because it will permit the pilot to continue to provide clearer standards and curtail discretion with respect to breaking erroneous trades until the limit up / limit down mechanism is implemented, thus eliminating need for the pilot.

4. **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, as amended.

5. **Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others**

   Not applicable.

6. **Extension of Time Period for Commission Action**

   The Exchange does not consent to an extension of time.

7. **Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)**

   The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act\(^{12}\) and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)\(^{13}\) thereunder in that it effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

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\(^{13}\) 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).
The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day pre-operative waiting period contained in Exchange Act Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii). The Exchange requests this waiver because it will allow the change to be operative beginning with the first trading day after July 31, 2012, thus allowing the pilot program to continue, uninterrupted. Because similar rule filings are being proposed by multiple market centers, the Exchange believes that extension of this pilot will continue the transparency and uniformity regarding decisions to break erroneous trades provided by the pilot. In particular, the Exchange adopted the pilot rule to address concerns that a lack of clear and uniform guidance concerning breaking of erroneous trades may have added to the confusion and uncertainty faced by investors on May 6, 2010. Further, the Exchange believes that the waiver of the 30-day pre-operative period will serve to avoid investor confusion likely to result from a temporary period during which the pilot is not in operation. As such, the Exchange believes that implementation of proposal should not be delayed, so that it may become operative beginning with the first trading day after July 31, 2012.

8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization of the Commission

The proposed rule changes are part of a market-wide effort designed to provide transparency and finality with respect to clearly erroneous transactions.

9. Exhibits

1. Completed notice of proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. 34-     ; File No. SR-BX-2012-056)

July __, 2012

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Extend the Pilot Period of Amendments to the Clearly Erroneous Rule

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 24, 2012, NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. (“Exchange”), 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 Exchange. 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 the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to extend the pilot period of recent amendments to Rule 11890, concerning clearly erroneous transactions, so that the pilot will now expire on February 4, 2013.

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in brackets.

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11890. Clearly Erroneous Transactions

The provisions of paragraphs (C), (c)(1), (b)(i), and (b)(ii) of this Rule, as amended on September 10, 2010, shall be in effect during a pilot period set to end on February 4.

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2013[July 31, 2012]. If the pilot is not either extended or approved permanent by February 4, 2013[July 31, 2012], the prior versions of paragraphs (C), (c)(1), and (b) shall be in effect.

(a) – (f) No change.

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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 September 10, 2010, the Commission approved, for a pilot period to end December 10, 2010, a proposed rule change submitted by the Exchange, together with related rule changes of the BATS Exchange, Inc., Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated, Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc., EDGA Exchange, Inc., EDGX Exchange, Inc., International Securities Exchange LLC, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC, New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE MKT LLC (formerly, NYSE Amex LLC), NYSE Arca, Inc., and National Stock Exchange, Inc., to amend certain of their respective rules to set forth clearer standards and curtail discretion with respect to breaking erroneous trades.3 The changes were adopted to address concerns that the lack of clear guidelines

for dealing with clearly erroneous transactions may have added to the confusion and uncertainty faced by investors on May 6, 2010. On December 7, 2010, the Exchange filed an immediately effective filing to extend the existing pilot program for four months, so that the pilot would expire on April 11, 2011.\(^4\) On March 31, 2011, the Exchange filed an immediately effective filing to extend the existing pilot program for four months, so that the pilot would expire on the earlier of August 11, 2011 or the date on which a limit up / limit down mechanism to address extraordinary market volatility, if adopted, applies.\(^5\) On August 5, 2011, the Exchange filed an immediately effective filing that removed language from the rule that tied the expiration of the pilot to the adoption of a limit up / limit down mechanism to address extraordinary market volatility, and further extended the pilot period, so that the pilot would expire on January 31, 2012.\(^6\) On August 8, 2011, the Exchange filed an immediately effective filing to amend Rule 11890 so that it would continue to operate in the same manner after changes to the single stock trading pause process became effective.\(^7\) On January 12, 2012, the Exchange filed an immediately effective filing that extended the pilot to July 31, 2012.\(^8\)


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Accordingly, the Exchange is filing to further extend, the pilot program until February 4, 2013.

2. **Statutory Basis**

The statutory basis for the proposed rule change is Section 6(b)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”), which requires the rules of an exchange to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect

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the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The proposed rule change also is designed to support the principles of Section 11A(a)(1)\textsuperscript{11} of the Act in that it seeks to assure fair competition among brokers and dealers and among exchange markets. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule meets these requirements in that it promotes transparency and uniformity across markets concerning decisions to break erroneous trades. In addition, the Exchange believes extending the pilot to February 4, 2013 is consistent with the requirement to protect investors because it will permit the pilot to continue to provide clearer standards and curtail discretion with respect to breaking erroneous trades until the limit up / limit down mechanism is implemented, thus eliminating need for the pilot.

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, as amended.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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)(ii) of the Act\textsuperscript{12} and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.\textsuperscript{13}

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. The Exchange has provided 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.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change, as amended, 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](http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-BX-2012-056 on the subject line.


\textsuperscript{13} 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).
Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BX-2012-056. 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 website viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices of the Exchange. 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-BX-2012-056, 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.14

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Kevin M. O’Neill
Deputy Secretary