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A proposal to amend Rule 4703

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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.

(Title *)

Date <input type="text" value="03/04/2021"/>	EVP and Chief Legal Counsel
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change *

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Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies *

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Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications

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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.

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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

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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.

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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 the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Nasdaq BX, Inc. (“BX” or “Exchange”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) a proposal to amend Rule 4703, as described further below.

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

(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 (the “Board”) on November 5, 2020. Exchange staff will advise the Board of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to:

Brett M. Kitt
Principal Associate General Counsel
Nasdaq, Inc.
(301) 978-8132

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

a. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 4703(h), which describes Orders with “Reserve Size,”³ to clarify its existing practice relating to replenishments of such Orders. As set forth in Rule 4703(h), “Reserve Size” is an Order Attribute that permits a Participant to stipulate that an Order Type that is Displayed may have its displayed size replenished from additional non-displayed size.⁴

The Exchange established the Reserve Orders with the intention that it would always act as a provider of liquidity upon replenishment. Indeed, this is what participants have come to expect from the operation of Reserve Orders.

In late 2016, however, a rule filing introduced a rare circumstance where a Reserve Order, upon replenishment of its Displayed Order component, theoretically could become a liquidity remover under the existing Exchange Rules. Based upon the taker-maker model of the Exchange, this rare circumstances only occurs in securities priced less than \$1.

An example of the rare theoretical circumstance is as follows. Order 1 is a Price to Comply Order to buy at \$0.95 resting on the Exchange book with 100 shares displayed and 3,000 shares in reserve (for a total order size of 3,100 shares). Order 2 is an Order to sell 100 shares at \$0.95, which executes against the 100 displayed shares from Order 1 upon entry. Order 3 is a Post Only order to sell 1,000 shares at \$0.95 that is entered and

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⁴ An Order with Reserve Size may be referred to as a “Reserve Order.”

posts to the Book before Order 1 has been replenished. Following the rules of the Post Only Order Type, Order 3 does not execute against the non-displayed interest resting at \$0.95, but instead posts at the locking price. Therefore, upon replenishment, the new 100 shares of Order 1 would lock Order 3 at \$0.95. As directed by the rule governing Price to Comply Orders,⁵ Order 1 would execute against Order 3 at \$0.95 as a liquidity taker.

The Exchange did not account for this scenario when drafting its rules. In fact, the Exchange does not presently handle this scenario as described above. Instead, upon replenishment, the Exchange reprices the new displayed Price to Comply Order such that it does not execute against Order 3 as a liquidity taker.

However, the Exchange now proposes to eliminate any unintended inconsistency as to how it handles this scenario and make clear in its Rules that a Reserve Order is an adder of liquidity after posting on the Exchange Book in all circumstances. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend the Rule to state that if the new Displayed Order would lock an Order that posted to the Exchange Book before replenishment can occur, the Displayed Order will post at the locking price if the resting Order is Non-Display or will

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be repriced, ranked, and displayed at one minimum price increment lower (higher) than the locking price if the resting order to sell (buy) is Displayed.^{6 7}

Again, in the above example, the proposed rule will prevent Order 1 from becoming a liquidity remover because upon replenishment, the new Displayed Order will not attempt to execute against Order 3, but instead it will post to the Exchange Book and display at a price of \$0.9499, while the remaining 2,900 non-display shares in reserve will remain posted at \$0.95.

By posting new Displayed Orders without attempting to execute, the Displayed Order will avoid removing liquidity upon replenishment.⁸

The Exchange notes that the Commission has approved a similar rule change that its sister exchange, the Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC (“Nasdaq”), submitted late last year.⁹ The Exchange’s proposal will harmonize the Exchange’s Reserve Order Attribute rule with that of Nasdaq, except that the circumstance that the Exchange’s proposal is designed to address applies only to securities priced less than \$1.

⁶ The Exchange notes that a Reserve Order that does not execute fully upon initial order entry will behave in the same manner as described in this Proposal if the Displayed portion of the Reserve Order would lock a resting Order upon entry.

⁷ If a Displayed Order posts to the Exchange Book and locks a resting Non-Displayed Order with the Trade Now attribute enabled, then consistent with the definition of Trade Now, as set forth in Rule 4703(1), the Trade Now functionality would apply and the Non-Displayed Order would be able to execute against the locking Displayed Order as a liquidity taker. If a locked Non-Displayed Order does not have the Trade Now attribute enabled, then new incoming orders will be eligible to execute against the Displayed Order.

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⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-91109 (February 11, 2021), 86 FR 10141 (February 18, 2021) (SR-NASDAQ-2020-090).

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,¹⁰ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹¹ in particular, in that 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.

The proposed rule change is consistent with the Act because it will help ensure that the Exchange's Rule governing Reserve Orders will be consistent with the original intention of the Exchange and the expectation of participants that such Orders, after posting on the Exchange Book, will always be liquidity providers and not liquidity takers. It would also ensure that the Exchange's Order Types operate the same way during a race condition as they do during normal conditions. The proposal would eliminate any ambiguity under the existing rules as to whether a Reserve Order would take liquidity when a locking order posts to the Exchange book prior to the Reserve Order completing its replenishment (or prior to the Displayed portion of a Reserve Order posting to the Exchange Book for the first time). Thus, the proposal would ensure that the Exchange's Rules are transparent and clear about how the System processes Reserve Orders.

Finally, the proposal is consistent with the Act because it would correct a non-substantive typographical error in the Rule text, which will improve its readability and clarity, to the benefit of the public and investors.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Again, Exchange intends for the proposed rule change to only eliminate an inconsistency as to how it handles a rare circumstance that causes the System to process Reserve Orders in an unintended manner. The Exchange does not anticipate this proposal will have any impact on competition whatsoever.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

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)(iii)¹² of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder¹³ 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.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

The proposed changes do not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; instead, they will further the interests of investors and the public by (i) accounting for how the System would handle a rare circumstance in a manner that is consistent with the intent of the Reserve Order Type; (ii) make clear in its Rules that a Reserve Order is an adder of liquidity after posting on the Exchange Book in all circumstances; (iii) correcting a typographical error in the rule text; and (iv) harmonizing Exchange's rule governing Reserve Orders with that of Nasdaq, which is also implementing this same change. Moreover, the proposed changes do not impose any significant burden on competition for the reasons stated above, including that they improve the transparency of the Exchange and the completeness and consistency of its Rules, and thereby may make the Exchange a more attractive venue to market participants.

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)¹⁴ requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file a proposed rule change under that subsection at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has provided such notice.

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 to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), however, permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay contained in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) so that the Exchange may immediately clarify its rules to account for scenarios that may occur today as well as to harmonize the Exchange's rules with those of its sister exchange.

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

This rule filing is based upon SR-NASDAQ-2020-090, except that the circumstance that the Exchange's proposal is designed to address applies only to securities priced less than \$1.

9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not applicable.

10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

1. Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal Register.
5. Text of the proposed rule change.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. _____ ; File No. SR-BX-2021-005)

March __, 2021

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend Rule 4703

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 March 4, 2021, Nasdaq BX, Inc. (“BX” or “Exchange”) 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 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 Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 4703, as described further below. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/bx/rules>, at the principal office of the Exchange, 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, 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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 4703(h), which describes Orders with “Reserve Size,”³ to clarify its existing practice relating to replenishments of such Orders. As set forth in Rule 4703(h), “Reserve Size” is an Order Attribute that permits a Participant to stipulate that an Order Type that is Displayed may have its displayed size replenished from additional non-displayed size.⁴

The Exchange established the Reserve Orders with the intention that it would always act as a provider of liquidity upon replenishment. Indeed, this is what participants have come to expect from the operation of Reserve Orders.

In late 2016, however, a rule filing introduced a rare circumstance where a Reserve Order, upon replenishment of its Displayed Order component, theoretically could become a liquidity remover under the existing Exchange Rules. Based upon the taker-maker model of the Exchange, this rare circumstances only occurs in securities priced less than \$1.

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2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,¹⁰ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹¹ in particular, in that 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.

The proposed rule change is consistent with the Act because it will help ensure that the Exchange's Rule governing Reserve Orders will be consistent with the original intention of the Exchange and the expectation of participants that such Orders, after posting on the Exchange Book, will always be liquidity providers and not liquidity takers. It would also ensure that the Exchange's Order Types operate the same way during a race condition as they do during normal conditions. The proposal would eliminate any ambiguity under the existing rules as to whether a Reserve Order would take liquidity when a locking order posts to the Exchange book prior to the Reserve Order completing its replenishment (or prior to the Displayed portion of a Reserve Order posting to the Exchange Book for the first time). Thus, the proposal would ensure that the Exchange's Rules are transparent and clear about how the System processes Reserve Orders.

Finally, the proposal is consistent with the Act because it would correct a non-substantive typographical error in the Rule text, which will improve its readability and clarity, to the benefit of the public and investors.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Again, Exchange intends for the proposed rule change to only eliminate an inconsistency as to how it handles a rare circumstance that causes the System to process Reserve Orders in an unintended manner. The Exchange does not anticipate this proposal will have any impact on competition whatsoever.

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

No written comments were either solicited or 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)(iii) of the Act¹² and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.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

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, 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 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.

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 to determine whether the proposed rule 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-BX-2021-005 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BX-2021-005. 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, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office 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-2021-005 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

J. Matthew DeLesDernier
Assistant Secretary

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

Deleted text is [bracketed]. New text is underlined.

Nasdaq BX, Inc. Rules

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Equity Rules

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4703. Order Attributes

As described in Rule 4702, the following Order Attributes may be assigned to those Order Types for which they are available.

(a) – (g) No change.

(h) Reserve Size. Reserve Size is an Order Attribute that permits a Participant to stipulate that an Order Type that is displayed may have its displayed size replenished from additional non-displayed size. An Order with Reserve Size may be referred to as a “Reserve Order.” At the time of entry, the displayed size of such an Order selected by the Participant must be one or more normal units of trading; an Order with a displayed size of a mixed lot will be rounded down to the nearest round lot. A Reserve Order with displayed size of an odd lot will be accepted but with the full size of the Order displayed. Reserve Size is not available for Orders that are not displayed; provided, however, that if a Participant enters Reserve Size for a Non-Displayed Order with a Time-in-Force of IOC, the full size of the Order, including Reserve Size, will be processed as a Non-Displayed Order.

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When an Order with Reserve Size is posted, if there is an execution against the Displayed Order that causes its size to decrease below a normal unit of trading, another Displayed Order will be entered at the limit price and size stipulated by the Participant while the size of the Non-Displayed Order will be reduced by the same amount. Any remaining size of the original Displayed Order will remain on the Exchange Book. The new Displayed Order will receive a new timestamp, but the Non-Displayed Order (and the original Displayed Order, if any) will not; although the new Displayed Order will be processed by the System as a new Order in most respects at that time, if it was designated as Routable, the System will not automatically route it upon reentry. If the new Displayed Order would lock an Order that posted to the Exchange Book before replenishment can occur, the Displayed Order will post at the locking price if the resting Order is Non-Display or will be repriced, ranked, and displayed at one minimum price increment lower

(higher) than the locking price if the resting order to sell (buy) is Displayed. For example, if a Price to Comply Order with Reserve Size posted with a Displayed Size of 200 shares, along with a Non-Displayed Order of 3,000 and [the]150 shares of the Displayed Order was executed, the remaining 50 shares of the original Price to Comply Order would remain, a new Price to Comply Order would post with a size of 200 shares and a new timestamp, and the Non-Displayed Order would be decremented to 2,800 shares. Because a new Displayed Order is entered and the Non-Displayed Order is not reentered, there are circumstances in which the Displayed Order may receive a different price than the Non-Displayed Order. For example, if, upon reentry, a Price to Display Order would lock or cross a newly posted Protected Quotation, the price of the Order will be adjusted but its associated Non-Displayed Order would not be adjusted. In that circumstance, it would be possible for the better priced Non-Displayed Order to execute prior to the Price to Display Order.

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