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amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

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1. <u>Text of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

(a) Nasdaq GEMX, LLC ("GEMX" 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 its Rules at Options 2, Options Market Participants; Options 3, Section 2, Units of Trading and Meaning of Premium Quotes and Orders; Options 3, Section 3, Minimum Trading Increments; and Options 3, Section 15, Simple Order Risk Protections. Additionally, the Exchange proposes to add new sections at General 9 and Options 4B and reserve those sections.

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

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

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

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 September 25, 2019. 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:

Angela Saccomandi Dunn Principal Associate General Counsel

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

a. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend GEMX Rules at Options 2, Options Market Participants; Options 3, Section 2, Units of Trading and Meaning of Premium Quotes and Orders; Options 3, Section 3, Minimum Trading Increments; and Options 3, Section 15, Simple Order Risk Protections. Additionally, the Exchange proposes to add new sections at General 9 and Options 4B and reserve those sections. The various proposed changes will be discussed below.

Mini Options

The Exchange has not listed Mini Options in several years and is proposing to delete Mini Options listing rules and other ancillary trading rules related to the listing of Mini Options. The Exchange notes that it has no open interest in Mini Options.

Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend the following GEMX Rules related to Mini Options by deleting references to Mini Options within these rules: Options 3, Section 2(c), Units of Trading and Meaning of Premium Quotes and Orders; and Options 3, Section 3, Minimum Trading Increments, at Supplementary Material .03. The Exchange also proposes to re-letter (b) as (c).

Foreign Currency Index

The Exchange removed³ prior GEMX Section 22, which was titled "Rate-Modified Foreign Currency Options Rules" and governed the listing and trading of

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84791 (December 11, 2018), 83 FR 64611 (December 11, 2018) (SR-GEMX-2018-41) (Notice of Filing and

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foreign currency options on GEMX. At this time, the Exchange is removing a reference that is no longer necessary within Options 3, Section 3, Minimum Trading Increments, at Supplementary Material .02, because the product is not available to be listed on GEMX.

Rulebook Harmonization

The Exchange recently harmonized its Rulebook in connection with other Nasdaq affiliated markets. The Exchange proposes to reserve sections General 9 and Options 4B and certain other rules⁴ within the GEMX Rulebook to represent the presence of rules in similar locations in other Nasdaq affiliated Rulebooks (e.g. Nasdaq Phlx LLC)⁵. The addition of these reserved sections will align the various Nasdaq affiliated market Rulebooks.

Other Non-Substantive Amendments

The Exchange proposes to delete duplicative text within Options 3, Section 15, Simple Order Risk Protections. Current Options 3, Section 15(c) appears in Section 15(a) and current Options 3, Section 15(d) appears in Options 3, Section 15(a)(1)(C).

b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act, 6 in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, 7 in particular,

Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Delete GEMX Section 22 of the Rulebook).

The Exchange proposes to reserve Options 2, Sections 11-14 and Options 6, Section 8-13.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 88213 (February 14, 2020), 85 FR 9859 (February 20, 2020) (SR-Phlx-2020-03) ("Phlx Rulebook Relocation Rule Change").

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

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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.

Mini Options

The Exchange's proposal to removal references to the listing and handling of Mini Options is consistent with the Act because Mini Options have not been listed in several years and thereby removing the references to the rules would render the rules more accurate and reduce potential investor confusion. Also, the Exchange notes that it has no open interest in Mini Options. In the event that the Exchange desires to list Mini Options in the future, it would file a rule change with the Commission to adopt rules to list Mini Options.

Foreign Currency Index

The Exchange's proposal to remove rules and references to the listing and handling of Foreign Currency Indexes is consistent with the Act because the listing rules for these products have been removed. Also, the Exchange notes that it has no open interest in Foreign Currency Indexes. In the event that the Exchange desires to list Foreign Currency Indexes in the future, it would file a rule change with the Commission.

Rulebook Harmonization

The Exchange's proposal to reserve new sections at General 9 and Options 4B within the Rulebook is a non-substantive amendment which aligns the numbering across Nasdaq affiliated Rulebooks to provide market participants with an ability to more readily locate rules.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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Other Non-Substantive Amendments

The Exchange's proposal to remove duplicative text within Options 3, Section 15 is non-substantive and is intended to reduce investor confusion.

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

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.

Mini Options

The Exchange's proposal to removal references to the listing and handling of Mini Options does not impose an undue burden on competition. Mini Options have not been listed in several years. Also, the Exchange notes that it has no open interest in Mini Options.

Foreign Currency Index

The Exchange's proposal to removal references to the listing and handling of Foreign Currency Indexes does not impose an undue burden on competition. Foreign Currency Indexes have not been listed in several years. Also, the Exchange notes that it has no open interest in Foreign Currency Indexes.

Rulebook Harmonization

The Exchange's proposal to add reserved sections General 9 and Options 4B to the Rulebook is a non-substantive amendment which aligns the numbering across Nasdaq affiliated Rulebooks to provide market participants with an ability to more readily locate rules.

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Other Non-Substantive Amendments

The Exchange's proposal to remove duplicative text within Options 3, Section 15 is a non-substantive amendment.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

Extension of Time Period for Commission Action
 Not Applicable.

7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)</u>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii)⁸ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder⁹ 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. The Exchange's proposal to remove Mini Options, and add reserved sections to the Rulebook are non-substantive rule changes. Mini Options have not been listed in several years. Removing the references to Mini Options would render the rules more accurate and reduce potential investor confusion. Also, the Exchange notes that it has no open interest in Mini Options or the other obsolete listing rules. The remainder of the rule changes are non-substantive amendments intended to provide investors with greater

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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clarity with respect to the rules.

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) 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.

- 8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission
 Not applicable.
- Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act
 Not applicable.
- 10. <u>Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act</u>

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

- 1. Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>.
- 5. Text of the proposed rule change.

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-GEMX-2020-07)

March ___, 2020

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq GEMX, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Related to the Removal of Obsolete Listing Rules

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 10, 2020, Nasdaq GEMX, LLC ("GEMX" 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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the</u>
Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend its Rules at Options 2, Options Market

Participants; Options 3, Section 2, Units of Trading and Meaning of Premium Quotes and

Orders; Options 3, Section 3, Minimum Trading Increments; and Options 3, Section 15,

Simple Order Risk Protections. Additionally, the Exchange proposes to add new sections

at General 9 and Options 4B and reserve those sections.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at http://nasdaqgemx.cchwallstreet.com/, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

1. <u>Purpose</u>

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Other Non-Substantive Amendments

The Exchange proposes to delete duplicative text within Options 3, Section 15, Simple Order Risk Protections. Current Options 3, Section 15(c) appears in Section 15(a) and current Options 3, Section 15(d) appears in Options 3, Section 15(a)(1)(C).

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2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁷ 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.

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^{6 15} U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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Rulebook Harmonization

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Other Non-Substantive Amendments

The Exchange's proposal to remove duplicative text within Options 3, Section 15 is non-substantive and is intended to reduce investor confusion.

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

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.

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Rulebook Harmonization

The Exchange's proposal to add reserved sections General 9 and Options 4B to the Rulebook is a non-substantive amendment which aligns the numbering across Nasdaq affiliated Rulebooks to provide market participants with an ability to more readily locate rules.

Other Non-Substantive Amendments

The Exchange's proposal to remove duplicative text within Options 3, Section 15 is a non-substantive amendment.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

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 Act⁸ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁹

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

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

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.

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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 <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-GEMX-2020-07 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-GEMX-2020-07. 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

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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-GEMX-2020-07 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

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

J. Matthew DeLesDernier Assistant Secretary

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EXHIBIT 5

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Nasdaq GEMX, LLC Rules

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General 9 Reserved

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Options 2 Options Market Participants

Section 11. Reserved

Section 12. Reserved

Section 13. Reserved

Section 14. Reserved

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Options 3 Options Trading Rules

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Section 2. Units of Trading and Meaning of Premium Quotes and Orders

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([b]c) Special Cases. Orders and quotations for an options contract for which the Exchange has established an adjusted unit of trading in accordance with this Rule shall be expressed in terms of dollars per 1/100 part of the total securities and/or other property constituting such adjusted unit of trading. For example, an offer of "3" shall represent an offer of \$300 for an options contract having a unit of trading consisting of 100 shares of an underlying security plus ten (10) rights.

[(c) *Mini Options*. Bids and offers for an option contract overlying 10 shares shall be expressed in terms of dollars per 1/10th part of the total value of the contract. An offer of ".50" shall represent an offer of \$5.00 on an option contract having a unit of trading consisting of 10 shares.]

Section 3. Minimum Trading Increments

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Supplementary Material to Options 3, Section 3

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.02 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Rule, the Exchange will permit foreign currency options [and options on a Foreign Currency Index] to be quoted and traded in one-cent increments.

[.03 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Rule, the minimum trading increment for Mini Options shall be determined in accordance with Supplementary Material .13(d) to Options 4, Section 5.]

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Section 15. Simple Order Risk Protections

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- [(c) In the event of unusual market conditions and in the interest of a fair and orderly market, the Exchange may temporarily establish the levels at which the order protections contained in paragraph (b) are trigged as necessary and appropriate.
- (d) Market Wide Risk Protection. All Members must provide parameters for the order entry and execution rate protections described in this Rule. The Exchange will also establish default values for each of these parameters that apply to Members that do not submit the required parameters, and will announce these default values in an Options Trader Alert to be distributed to Members. The System will maintain one or more counting programs for each Member that count orders entered and contracts traded on Nasdaq GEMX or across both Nasdaq GEMX and Nasdaq ISE. Members can use multiple counting programs to separate risk protections for different groups established within the Member. The counting programs will maintain separate counts, over rolling time periods specified by the Member for each count, of: (1) the total number of orders entered; and (2) the total number of contracts traded. The minimum and maximum duration of the applicable time period will be established by the Exchange and announced via an Options Trader Alert
 - (1) If, during the applicable time period, the Member exceeds thresholds that it has set for any of the order entry or execution counts described above on Nasdaq GEMX, or across both Nasdaq GEMX and Nasdaq ISE, in either case as set by the Member, the System will automatically reject all subsequent incoming orders entered by the Member on Nasdaq GEMX or, if applicable, across both Nasdaq GEMX and Nasdaq ISE.
 - (2) Members may also choose to have the System automatically cancel all of their existing orders on Nasdaq GEMX, or across both Nasdaq GEMX and Nasdaq ISE, in either case as set by the Member, when the Market Wide Risk Protection is triggered.
 - (3) The Market Wide Risk Protection will remain engaged until the Member manually notifies the Exchange to enable the acceptance of new orders. For

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Members that still have open orders on the book that have not been cancelled pursuant to Options 3, Section 15(d)(2) above, the System will continue to allow those Members to interact with existing orders entered before the protection was triggered, including sending cancel order messages and receiving trade executions for those orders]

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Options 4B Reserved

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Options 6 Options Trade Administration

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Section 8. Reserved

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