It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Biostem U.S. Corp. (CIK No. 1455380), a revoked Nevada corporation with its principal place of business listed as Clearwater, Florida, with stock quoted on OTC Link under the ticker symbol HAIR, because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended November 30, 2012. On November 7, 2014, the Division of Corporation Finance sent Biostem U.S. a delinquency letter requesting compliance with their periodic filing obligations, but the letter was returned because of Biostem U.S.’s failure to maintain a valid address on file with the Commission, as required by Commission rules (Rule 301 of Regulation S–T, 17 CFR 232.301 and Section 5.4 of EDGAR Filer Manual).

The Commission is of the opinion that the public interest and the protection of investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of the above-listed companies. Therefore, it is ordered, pursuant to Section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that trading in the securities of the above-listed companies is suspended for the period from 9:30 a.m. EDT on October 16, 2015, through 11:59 p.m. EDT on October 29, 2015.

By the Commission.

Brent J. Fields
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Mini Options

October 14, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on October 8, 2015, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“NASDAQ” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by NASDAQ. 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

NASDAQ proposes to amend Supplementary Material .08 to Chapter IV, Section 6 (Series of Options Contracts Open for Trading), entitled “Mini Options Contracts.” Specifically, the Exchange proposes to replace the name “Google Inc.” with “Alphabet Inc.”

The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay period contained in Exchange Act Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii).³


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

The Exchange proposes to amend Supplementary Material .08 to Chapter IV, Section 6, regarding Mini Options traded on Nasdaq, to replace the name “Google Inc.” with “Alphabet Inc.” Google Inc. (“Google”) recently announced plans to reorganize and create a new public holding company, which will be called Alphabet Inc. (“Alphabet”). As a result of the holding company reorganization, each share of Class A Common Stock (“GOOG”), which the Exchange has listed as a Mini Option, will automatically convert into an equivalent corresponding share of Alphabet Inc. stock.⁴ The symbol “GOOG” remains unchanged.

The Exchange is proposing to make this change to Supplementary Material .08 to Chapter IV, Section 6 to enable the continued trading of Mini Options on Google’s, now Alphabet’s Class A shares. The Exchange is proposing to make this change because, on October 5, 2015 Google reorganized and as a result underwent a name change.

The purpose of this change is to ensure that Supplementary Material .08 to Chapter IV, Section 6 reflects the intention and practice of the Exchange to trade Mini Options on only an exhaustive list of underlying securities outlined in Supplementary Material .08. This change is meant to continue the inclusion of Class A shares of Google in the current list of underlying securities that Mini Options can be traded on, while continuing to make clear that class C shares of Google are not part of that list as that class of options has not been approved for Mini Options trading.

As a result, the proposed change will help avoid confusion.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁵ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁶ requirements that the rules of an exchange be 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 regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and 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.

Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁷ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, the proposed rule change to change the name Google to Alphabet to reflect the new ownership structure is consistent with the Act because the proposed change is merely updating the current name associated
to be listed as Mini Options on the Exchange, only the Class A Common Stock.

⁴ The Class C Capital Stock (“GOOG”) which is also impacted by the reorganization are not eligible to be listed as Mini Options on the Exchange, only the Class A Common Stock.
⁷ Id.
with the stock symbol GOOGL to allow for continued mini option trading on Google’s class A shares. The proposed change will allow for continued benefit to investors by providing them with additional investment alternatives.

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

NASDAQ does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed change does not impose any burden on intra-market competition because it applies to all members and member organizations uniformly. There is no burden on inter-market competition because the Exchange is merely requesting to continue to permit trading of GOOGL as a Mini Options, as is the case today. As a result, there will be no substantive changes to the Exchange’s operations or its rules.

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 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, such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.9

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b–4(f)(6) 10 normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) 11 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 Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, as it will allow the Exchange to continue to list mini options on the Google Class A shares, now Alphabet’s Class A shares, following Google’s reorganization. For this reason, the Commission designates the proposed rule change to be operative upon filing.12

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.

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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–NASDAQ–2015–116 on the subject line.

Paper Comments


SEcurities and Exchange COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270–641, OMB Control No. 3235–0685]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request


Extension:

Rules 3a68–2 and 3a68–4(c).

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) a request for approval of extension of the previously approved collection of information provided for the following rules: Rules 3a68–2 and 3a68–4(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.).

Rule 3a68–2 creates a process for interested persons to request a joint interpretation by the SEC and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) (together with

9 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of the Exchange’s 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, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Commission deems this requirement to have been met.
12 For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).