SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-59430; File No. SR-NYSE-2009-15)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Establishing a Fee for Its New Risk Management Gateway Service

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 12, 2009, the New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE" 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 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 Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to establish a fee for its new Risk Management Gateway ("RMG") service.

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

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.

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

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

## 1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to offer, through its wholly-owned subsidiary NYSE Euronext Advanced Trading Solutions, Inc., the Risk Management Gateway ("RMG") service to NYSE member organizations. NYSE Transact Tools, Inc, a division of the NYSE Euronext Advanced Trading Solutions Group ("NYXATS"), owns RMG.<sup>3</sup> This proposed rule change establishes fees for that service.

#### Background

On December 12, 2008, the Exchange filed with the Securities and Exchange

Commission to establish its RMG service. RMG is a service designed to facilitate the ability of

Sponsoring Member Organizations to monitor and oversee the sponsored access activity of their

Sponsored Participants. NYXATS offers an order-verification service to Sponsoring Member

Organizations that acts as a risk filter by causing the orders of Sponsored Participants to pass
through RMG prior to entering the Exchange's trading systems for execution. When a

Sponsored Participant's order passes through RMG, RMG software determines whether the order

complies with order criteria that the Sponsoring Member Organization has established for that

Sponsored Participant. The order criteria reviewed by RMG may include the size of the order or

the credit limit that the Sponsoring Member Organization has established for the Sponsored

Participant.

The establishment of fees on the NYSE Alternext for the same services was formally submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission through a separate filing, SR-NYSEALTR-2009-12.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59354 (February 3, 2009), 74 FR 6683 (February 10, 2009) (SR-NYSE-2008-101).

If the order is consistent with the parameters set by the Sponsoring Member Organization, RMG allows the order to continue along its path to the Exchange's trading systems. If the order falls outside of those parameters, then RMG returns the order to the Sponsored Participant. RMG will only return an order to the Sponsored Participant when the order fails to comply with the criteria set by the Sponsoring Member Organization.

The Exchange does not require Sponsoring Member Organizations to use RMG.

Sponsoring Member Organizations are free to use a competing risk-management service or to use none at all.

The Exchange believes that RMG will offer its member organizations another option in the efficient risk management of its Sponsored Participant's access to the NYSE.

#### Fees

NYXATS proposes to charge each Sponsoring Member Organization Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) per month for the first Connection plus One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) per month for each additional Connection.

A "Connection" is defined as up to 1000 messages per second inbound, regardless of the connection's actual capacity (i.e., if the NYXT infrastructure allows any single End User connection to support more than 1000 messages per second inbound, such connection will be deemed to be multiple Connections).

The Exchange believes that the proposed fee would be fair and reasonable and would reflect an equitable allocation of charges among members and others. The fee compares favorably with the fees that NYXATS' competitors charge for similar services. Of course, the marketplace will determine if the fee is too high relative to the value that the RMG service

provides because any market participant that feels that the fee is too high will simply elect to use the risk management services of one of NYXATS' competitors.

### 2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The basis under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "1934 Act") for this proposed rule change are the requirement under Section 6(b)(4)<sup>5</sup> that an exchange have rules that provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange believes that RMG will promote marketplace efficiency by providing security safeguards to the trading of securities by means of sponsored access and believes that the proposed fee is fair and reasonable for the reasons cited above.

## 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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act.

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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

The foregoing proposed rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>6</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder, <sup>7</sup> because it establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge applicable only to a member imposed by the Exchange.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

may summarily abrogate 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 (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NYSE-2009-15 on the subject line.

#### 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-NYSE-2009-15. 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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro/shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro/shtml</a>). 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 inspection and copying 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 will also 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 No. SR-NYSE-2009-15 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from date of publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.8

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<sup>17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).