

PACE and non-PACE and both proprietary and customer commitments.

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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 III 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 purpose of the proposed rule change is to adopt a license fee that will apply to trading SPDRs on the Exchange. The Exchange recently determined to begin trading SPDRs. The license fees should help off-set licensing fees payable to Standard & Poor's⁸ associated with the trading of these products on the Exchange.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act,⁹ in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(4) of the Act,¹⁰ in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among Exchange members. The Exchange believes that charging members that trade these products a licensing fee is an equitable means of recovering a portion of the licensing fees incurred by the Exchange.¹¹

⁸ See *supra* note 6.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

¹¹ With regard to the distinction between Customer PACE and Non-PACE license fees, the Exchange states that it is consistent with its current practice to not impose customer charges for equity transactions delivered through PACE, but to impose customer charges for Non-PACE executions. See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 47385 (February 20, 2003), 68 FR 10295 (March 4, 2003) (SR-Phlx-2003-06); 44381 (June 1, 2001), 66 FR 31264 (June 11, 2001) (SR-Phlx-2001-57); and 43776 (December 28, 2000), 66 FR 1166 (January 5, 2001) (SR-Phlx-00-103). Also, consistent with its current practice, the Exchange charges customer transaction fees and specialist transaction fees at different rates. See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 44381 (June 1, 2001), 66 FR 31264 (June 11, 2001) (SR-Phlx-2001-57); 47109 (December 30, 2002), 68 FR 841 (January 7, 2003)

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

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

The foregoing rule change establishes or changes a due, fee, or charge imposed by the Exchange and, therefore, has become effective upon filing pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act¹² and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder.¹³ At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission 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 purpose 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, as amended, is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-2003-17 and should be submitted by April 28, 2003.

(SR-Phlx-2002-78); and 42332 (January 12, 2000), 65 FR 3517 (January 21, 2000) (SR-Phlx-00-59).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will hold a public Advisory Committee Meeting on Veterans Business Affairs on Tuesday, April 22, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting will be held at the U.S. Small Business Administration located at 409 3rd Street, SW., 2nd Floor in the Eisenhower Conference Room and will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to establish the structure of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs and to carry out its mission in accordance with the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-50). Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the meeting or who wishes to submit oral or written comments, should contact Cheryl Clark in the Office of Veterans Business Development (OVBD) at the SBA located at 409 3rd Street SW., Washington, DC 20460 or fax at (202) 205-7292. Requests for oral comments must be in writing and be received no later than noon Eastern Time on Friday, April 11, 2003.

Candace H. Stoltz,

Director of Advisory Councils, Office of Communications.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4329]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Max Beckmann"

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 [79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459], Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Restructuring Act of 1998 [112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*], Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999 [64 FR 56014], and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999 [64 FR 57920], as amended, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition, "Max Beckmann," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Museum of Modern Art, Long Island City, Queens, New York, from on or about June 26, 2003, to on or about September 29, 2003, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of exhibit objects, contact Paul W. Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, 202/619-5997, and the address is United States Department of State, SA-44, Room 700, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: March 31, 2003.

Patricia S. Harrison,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4330]

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Call for Statements of Interest: Democracy, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law in the People's Republic of China

SUMMARY: The Office for the Promotion of Human Rights and Democracy of the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) announces a call for statements of interest from organizations interested in being invited to submit proposals for projects on promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law in China. This is an initial solicitation to ascertain organizations that may be interested in doing projects in China and does not constitute a request for proposals. Organizations invited to submit proposals will have an opportunity to expand on their statements at a later date.

Statements of Interest

The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) invites organizations to submit statements of interest of no more than two pages outlining program concepts and capacity to manage projects that will foster democracy, human rights, freedom of information, judicial independence, criminal and civil rule of law, and civil society in the People's Republic of China. Statements should include the following information:

- (1) Brief description of the organization;
- (2) Project objectives, activities and the desired outcomes.

Recipients should not submit a budget at this time, but responses should indicate approximate project totals.

Additional Information

The Bureau's Human Rights and Democracy Fund (HRDF) supports innovative, cutting-edge programs which uphold democratic principles, support and strengthen democratic institutions, promote human rights, and build civil society in countries and regions of the world that are geo-strategically important to the U.S. HRDF funds projects that have an immediate impact but that have potential for continued funding beyond HRDF resources. HRDF projects must not duplicate or simply add to efforts by other entities.

DRL is interested in funding projects to begin no earlier than late summer 2003 and not to exceed two years in duration. Twelve-eighteen months programs will be the preferred award period. The bulk of project activities must take place in-country; U.S.-based activities or exchange projects are not encouraged. Projects that draw on resources from greater China will be considered, but the majority of activities should address the PRC directly. Projects that have a strong academic or research focus will not be highly considered. DRL will not fund health, technology, environmental, or scientific projects unless they have an explicit democracy, human rights, or rule of law component. Projects that focus on commercial law or economic development will not be highly considered.

Pending availability of funds, approximately 8,500,000 is expected to be available under the Economic Support Funds through the Bureau's Human Rights and Democracy Fund (HRDF) for projects that address Bureau objectives in China. The Bureau anticipates making awards in amounts of \$250,000-\$1,000,000 to support

program and administrative costs required to implement these programs.

Applicant/Organization Criteria

Organizations submitting statements should meet the following criteria:

- Be a U.S. public or private non-profit organization. For-profit organizations may submit statements of interest. Foreign organizations may be sub-recipients of U.S. organizations or they may submit statements directly. Direct submissions should indicate the organization's ability to comply with U.S. government accounting and auditing standards.
- Have demonstrated experience administering successful projects in China or in similar challenging program environments.
- Have existing, or the capacity to develop, active partnerships with in-country organization(s).
- Organizations may form consortia and submit a combined statement of interest.

Review Process

The Bureau will acknowledge receipt of all submissions. Following a review of all submissions, organizations may be invited to submit full proposals. Invitations will be based on subjective evaluation of how the project meets the criteria outlined, United States foreign policy objectives, and priority needs of DRL.

Deadline and Submission Instructions

Applicants should submit statements of interest by overnight express courier services such as Federal Express or DHL, or by local courier service to: the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Room 7802, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520. Proposals delivered by local courier should be delivered to the "Jogger's Entrance" on 21st street between C and D streets. Due to slow mail processing within the Department of State, we do not recommend submitting proposals via the U.S. postal system. Faxed documents will not be accepted at any time. All submissions must be received at the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Wednesday, April 23, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office for the Promotion of Human Rights and Democracy of the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, DRL/PHD. Please specify Amy Gadsden, 202-647-2551, on all inquiries and correspondence.