

distribution (or, a special distribution, corrective distribution, or net income distribution) will continue to provide at least three business days' advance notice (or longer advance notice as may be required by the Exchange)¹⁶ of such an event, as currently required.¹⁷

With respect to the proposed changes to the Underlying Benchmarks for the AccuShares S&P® GSCI® Crude Oil Spot Fund and the AccuShares S&P® GSCI® Natural Gas Spot Fund, the Commission agrees that the excess return variant—which, in contrast to the spot variant, captures the cost or benefit of transacting out of the current or front-month expiry contract and into the next or following futures contract—is not a novel or unique index variant and is one that is employed by other types of exchange-traded products.¹⁸ The Commission believes that the proposed changes to the Underlying Benchmarks for the AccuShares S&P® GSCI® Crude Oil Spot Fund and the AccuShares S&P® GSCI® Natural Gas Spot Fund are reasonable because the excess return variant for these Underlying Benchmarks, which contains the cost or benefit of the roll forward, is reasonably designed to permit more efficient hedging with conventional futures contracts.¹⁹

With respect to the proposal to reset the Share Index Factors of the VIX Fund more frequently (*i.e.*, weekly), the Commission believes that more frequent resets of the Share Index Factors for the VIX Fund are reasonably designed to benefit market participants that trade shares of the VIX Fund because the increased frequency may improve the arbitrage function of the shares by aligning the setting of the Share Index Factors with the expiry of each weekly VIX futures contract, and because the Share Index Factor will reset with a frequency closer to the daily measurements of spot VIX. The changes to the VIX Fund support the prospect of improved and simplified arbitrage and hedging of VIX Fund shares because the settlement of the shorter VIX futures will coincide with each Share Index Factor reset. In addition, the potentially improved hedgeability of the VIX Fund shares as a result of the proposed

changes is expected to bring the share trading prices closer aligned with the corresponding share Class Values, which are tied directly to changes in spot VIX values.

The Commission notes that it received two comments regarding the proposed rule change: one comment supporting the proposal; and another comment addressing exchange-traded funds generally. The Commission notes that the issue raised by the latter comment does not squarely address the Paired Class Shares, which are the subject of this proposed rule change.²⁰

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act²¹ and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (SR-NASDAQ-2016-034) be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²²

Robert W. Errett,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-2736.

Extension:

Form SD, SEC File No. 270-647, OMB Control No. 3235-0697.

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 (“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget this request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form SD (17 CFR 249b-400) under Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) (“Exchange Act”) pursuant to Section 13(p)(15 U.S.C. 78m(p)) of the Exchange Act is filed by

issuers to provide disclosures regarding the source and chain of custody of certain minerals used in their products. The information provided is mandatory and all information is made available to the public upon request. We estimate that Form SD takes approximately 480.61 hours per response to prepare and is filed by approximately 864 issuers. We estimate that 75% of the 480.61 hours per response (360.46 hours) is prepared by the issuer internally for a total annual burden of 311,437 hours (360.46 hours per response × 864 responses).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

The public may view the background documentation for this information collection at the following Web site, www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: ShaguftaAhmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA-Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: April 27, 2016.

Robert W. Errett,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 500-1]

Order of Suspension of Trading; In the Matter of Pioneer Exploration, Inc., Premier Brands, Inc., and Private Media Group, Inc.

April 29, 2016.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Pioneer Exploration, Inc. (CIK No. 1364123), a revoked Nevada corporation with its principal place of business listed as Newport Beach, California, with stock quoted on OTC Link (previously, “Pink Sheets”) operated by OTC Markets Group Inc. (“OTC Link”) under the ticker symbol PIEX, because it has not

¹⁶ The Exchange may determine that longer notice is advisable in some circumstances (*e.g.*, an extended market break).

¹⁷ See Notice, *supra* note 3, 81 FR at 14492.

¹⁸ See *id.*, 81 FR at 14492 n.25 and accompanying text.

¹⁹ The Exchange represents that the excess return variant is an index variant that (1) has been used by and is familiar to market makers and other market participants; and (2) is directly hedgeable with conventional futures contracts, which contain the cost or benefit of the roll forward. See *id.*, 81 FR at 14492.

²⁰ See *supra* note 4.

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

²² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

filed any periodic reports since the period ended May 31, 2013. On August 19, 2015, a delinquency letter was sent by the Division of Corporation Finance to Pioneer Exploration requesting compliance with its periodic filing obligations, but it did not receive the delinquency letter due to its 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).

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Premier Brands, Inc. (CIK No. 1502777), a Wyoming corporation with its principal place of business listed as Bonita, California, with stock quoted on OTC Link under the ticker symbol BRND, because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended May 31, 2013. On August 19, 2015, a delinquency letter was sent by the Division of Corporation Finance to Premier Brands, Inc. requesting compliance with its periodic filing obligations, and Premier Brands, Inc. received the delinquency letter on August 22, 2015, but failed to cure its delinquencies.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Private Media Group, Inc. (CIK No. 1068084), a Nevada corporation with its principal place of business listed as Barcelona, Spain, with stock quoted on OTC Link under the ticker symbol PRVT, because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended June 30, 2013. On August 18, 2015, a delinquency letter was sent by the Division of Corporation Finance to Private Media Group, Inc. requesting compliance with its periodic filing obligations, but it did not receive the delinquency letter due to its 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 April 29, 2016, through 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 12, 2016.

By the Commission.

Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–77734; File No. SR–NYSEMKT–2016–49]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE MKT LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Amending the Definition of “Block” for Purposes of Rule 72(d)—Equities and the Size of a Proposed Cross Transaction Eligible for the Cross Function in Rule 76—Equities

April 27, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)² and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on April 22, 2016, NYSE MKT LLC (the “Exchange” or “NYSE MKT”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II, below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 the definition of “block” for purposes of Rule 72(d)—Equities and the size of a proposed cross transaction eligible for the Cross Function in Rule 76—Equities. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at www.nyse.com, 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 self-regulatory organization 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 those 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 parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the definition of “block” for purposes of Rule 72(d)—Equities and the size of a proposed cross transaction eligible for the Cross Function in Rule 76—Equities. Under Rule 72(d)—Equities, when a member⁴ has an order to buy and an order to sell an equivalent amount of the same security, and both orders are “block” orders, the member may cross those orders at a price at or within the Exchange best bid or offer and does not have to break up the cross transaction to trade with any bids or offers previously displayed at the Exchange best bid or offer, including any interest with priority. For purposes of Rule 72(d)—Equities, a “block” is at least 10,000 shares or a quantity of stock having a market value of \$200,000 or more, whichever is less.

Further, Rule 76—Equities governs the execution of “cross” or “crossing” orders by Floor Brokers. Rule 76—Equities applies only to manual transactions executed at the point of sale on the trading floor and provides that when a member has an order to buy and an order to sell the same security that can be crossed at the same price, the member is required to announce to the trading crowd the proposed cross by offering the security at a price that is higher than his or her bid by a minimum variation permitted in the security before crossing the orders. Any other member, including the DMM, can break up the announced bid and offer by trading with either side of the proposed cross transaction. Supplementary [sic] .10 to Rule 76—Equities provides for a “Cross Function” that Floor brokers may use to monitor compliance with Rule 611 of Regulation NMS. To be eligible for this Cross Function, the proposed cross transaction must be for at least 10,000 shares or a quantity of stock having a market value of \$200,000 or more.

The Exchange proposes to amend the permissible size of a crossing transaction permitted under Rule 72(d)—Equities and Supplementary Material .10 to Rule 76—Equities to be

⁴ The reference to “member” in Rule 72(d)—Equities and this rule proposal means only Floor Broker members. Designated Market Makers (“DMMs”), while members of the Exchange, do not have any agency relationships, and are therefore not able to effect this type of transaction.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b–4.