

ATTACHMENT A

Below is the text of the amended rules. New language is underlined; deletions are in brackets.

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5000. SECURITIES OFFERING AND TRADING STANDARDS AND PRACTICES

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5100. SECURITIES OFFERINGS, UNDERWRITING AND COMPENSATION

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5130. Restrictions on the Purchase and Sale of Initial Equity Public Offerings

(a) through (b) No Change.

(c) General Exemptions

The general prohibitions in paragraph (a) of this Rule shall not apply to sales to and purchases by the following accounts or persons, whether directly or through accounts in which such persons have a beneficial interest:

(1) through (5) No Change.

(6) An investment company organized under the laws of a foreign jurisdiction, provided that:

(A) the investment company is listed on a foreign exchange for sale to the public or authorized for sale to the public by a foreign regulatory authority; [and]

(B) no person owning more than 5% of the shares of the investment company is a restricted person[;], the investment company has 100 or more direct investors, or the investment company has 1,000 or more indirect investors; and

(C) the investment company was not formed for the specific purpose of permitting restricted persons to invest in new issues;

(7) No Change.

(8) An employee retirement benefits plan organized under and governed by the laws of the United States or of a foreign jurisdiction, provided that such plan or family of

plans:

(A) has, in aggregate, at least 10,000 plan participants and beneficiaries and \$10 billion in assets;

(B) is operated in a non-discriminatory manner insofar as a wide range of employees, regardless of income or position, are eligible to participate without further amendment or action by the plan sponsor;

(C) is administered by trustees or managers that have a fiduciary obligation to administer the funds in the best interests of the participants and beneficiaries; and

(D) is not sponsored solely by a broker-dealer;

~~[(8)]~~(9) A state or municipal government benefits plan that is subject to state [and/]or municipal regulation;

~~[(9)]~~(10) A tax exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

~~[(10)]~~(11) A church plan under Section 414(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(d) Issuer-Directed Securities

The prohibitions on the purchase and sale of new issues in this Rule shall not apply to securities that:

(1) are specifically directed in writing by the issuer, an affiliate of the issuer, or a selling shareholder, to persons that are restricted under the Rule; provided, however, that securities directed by an issuer, an affiliate of the issuer, or a selling shareholder, may not be sold to or purchased by:

(A) a broker-dealer; or

(B) an account in which any restricted person specified in paragraphs (i)(10)(B) or (i)(10)(C) of this Rule has a beneficial interest, unless such person, or a member of his or her immediate family, is an employee or director of the issuer, the issuer's parent, or a subsidiary of the issuer or the issuer's parent, or of a franchisee of any of the foregoing entities. Also, for purposes of this

paragraph (d)(1) only, a parent/subsidiary relationship is established if the parent has the right to vote 50% or more of a class of voting security of the subsidiary, or has the power to sell or direct 50% or more of a class of voting security of the subsidiary;

(2) are specifically directed in writing by the issuer, an affiliate of the issuer, or a selling shareholder, and are part of an offering in which no broker-dealer:

(A) underwrites any portion of the offering;

(B) solicits or sells any new issue securities in the offering; and

(C) has any involvement or influence, directly or indirectly, in the issuer's allocation decisions with respect to any of the new issue securities in the offering;

(3) No Change.

(4) are directed in writing to eligible purchasers who are otherwise restricted under the Rule as part of a conversion offering in accordance with the standards of the governmental agency or instrumentality having authority to regulate such conversion offering.

(e) through (h) No Change.

(i) Definitions

(1) through (3) No Change.

(4) "Family investment vehicle" means a legal entity that is beneficially owned solely by one or more of the following persons:

(A) immediate family members[.];

(B) family members, as defined under Rule 202(a)(11)(G)-1 of the Investment Advisers Act; or

(C) family clients, as defined under Rule 202(a)(11)(G)-1 of the Investment Advisers Act.

(5) through (8) No Change.

(9) “New issue” means any initial public offering of an equity security as defined in Section 3(a)(11) of the Exchange Act, made pursuant to a registration statement or offering circular. New issue shall not include:

(A) offerings made pursuant to an exemption under Section 4(a)(1), 4(a)(2) or 4(a)(5)[(6)] of the Securities Act, or Securities Act Rule 504 if the securities are “restricted securities” under Securities Act Rule 144(a)(3), or Rule 144A or Rule 505 or Rule 506 adopted thereunder, or offerings made under Regulation S of the Securities Act or otherwise made outside of the United States or its territories unless the securities offered and sold in the Regulation S offering or other offering made outside of the United States are also registered for sale in the United States under the Securities Act in connection with a concurrent initial public offering of an equity security in the United States;

(B) through (I) No Change.

(J) offerings of a special purpose acquisition company subject to Securities and Exchange Commission rules and regulations, a business development company as defined in Section 2(a)(48) of the Investment Company Act, a direct participation program as defined in Rule 2310(a) or a real estate investment trust as defined in Section 856 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(10) “Restricted person” means:

(A) through (D) No Change.

(E) Persons Owning a Broker-Dealer

(i) through (ii) No Change.

[(iii) Any person listed, or required to be listed, in Schedule C of a Form BD that meets the criteria of subparagraphs (E)(i) and (E)(ii) above;]

[(iv)] iii Any person that directly or indirectly owns 10% or more of a public reporting company listed, or required to be listed, in Schedule A of a Form BD (other than a reporting company that is listed on a national

securities exchange or other than with respect to a limited business broker-dealer);

[(v)] (iv) Any person that directly or indirectly owns 25% or more of a public reporting company listed, or required to be listed, in Schedule B of a Form BD (other than a reporting company that is listed on a national securities exchange or other than with respect to a limited business broker-dealer);

[(vi)] (v) An immediate family member of a person specified in subparagraphs (E)(i) through [(v)] (iv) unless the person owning the broker-dealer:

a. does not materially support, or receive material support from, the immediate family member;

b. is not an owner of the member, or an affiliate of the member, selling the new issue to the immediate family member; and

c. has no ability to control the allocation of the new issue.

(vi) Subparagraphs (E)(i) through (iv) shall not apply to a sovereign entity.

(11) "Sovereign entity" means a sovereign nation or a pool of capital or an investment fund or other vehicle owned or controlled by a sovereign nation and created for the purpose of making investments on behalf or for the benefit of the sovereign nation.

(12) "Sovereign nation" means a sovereign nation or its political subdivisions, agencies or instrumentalities.

(j) No Change.

••• Supplementary Material: -----

.01 Application to Foreign Non-Member Broker-Dealers Participating in an Underwriting Syndicate. The prohibitions on the purchase and sale of new issues in this Rule shall not apply

to a foreign non-member broker-dealer that is participating in an underwriting syndicate for the sale of a new issue (which underwriting syndicate may include a member affiliate of the non-member broker-dealer) and allocating new issue securities to a non-U.S. person, provided that such allocation decision is not made at the direction or request of a member or an associated person of a member.

5131. New Issue Allocations and Distributions

(a) No Change.

(b) Spinning

(1) No Change.

(2) The prohibitions in this paragraph shall not apply to allocations of shares of a new issue to any account described in Rule 5130(c)(1) through (3) and (5) through [(10)] (11), or to any other account in which the beneficial interests of executive officers and directors of the company and persons materially supported by such executive officers and directors in the aggregate do not exceed 25% of such account.

(c) No Change.

(d) New Issue Pricing and Trading Practices

In a new issue:

(1) No Change.

(2) Lock-Up Agreements. Any lock-up agreement or other restriction on the transfer of the issuer's shares by officers and directors of the issuer entered into in connection with a new issue shall provide that:

(A) Any lock-up agreement or other restriction on the transfer of the issuer's shares by officers and directors of the issuer shall provide that such restrictions will apply to their issuer-directed shares; and

(B) At least two business days before the release or waiver of any lock-up or other restriction on the transfer of the issuer's shares, the book-running lead manager will notify the issuer of the impending release or waiver and announce the impending release or waiver through a major news service, except

where the release or waiver is effected solely to permit a transfer of securities that is not for consideration or that is to an immediate family member as defined in Rule 5130(i)(5) and where the transferee has agreed in writing to be bound by the same lock-up agreement terms in place for the transferor;

(3) through (4) No Change.

(e) Definitions

(1) through (2) No Change.

(3) "Covered non-public company" means any non-public company, except for an unaffiliated charitable organization, satisfying the following criteria: (i) income of at least \$1 million in the last fiscal year or in two of the last three fiscal years and shareholders' equity of at least \$15 million; (ii) shareholders' equity of at least \$30 million and a two-year operating history; or (iii) total assets and total revenue of at least \$75 million in the latest fiscal year or in two of the last three fiscal years.

(4) through (9) No Change.

(f) No Change.

••• Supplementary Material: -----

.01 Issuer Directed Allocations. The prohibitions of paragraph (b) above shall not apply to allocations of securities that are directed in writing by the issuer, [its] an affiliate[s] of the issuer, or a selling shareholder[s], so long as the member has no involvement or influence, directly or indirectly, in the allocation decisions of the issuer, [its] an affiliate[s], or a selling shareholder[s] with respect to such issuer-directed securities.

.02 No Change.

.03 Lock-up Announcements. For the purposes of this Rule, the requirement that the book-running lead manager announce the impending release or waiver of a lock-up or other restriction on the transfer of the issuer's shares shall be deemed satisfied where such announcement is made by the book-running lead manager, another member or the issuer, so long as such announcement otherwise complies with the requirements of paragraph (d)(2) of this Rule. In addition, the disclosure of a release or waiver in a publicly filed registration statement in

connection with a secondary offering satisfies the requirement for an announcement through a major news service.

.04 Anti-Dilution Provisions. The prohibitions of paragraph (b) above shall not apply to an account in which an executive officer or director of a public company or a covered non-public company, or a person materially supported by such executive officer or director, has a beneficial interest that meets the following conditions:

(a) the account has held an equity ownership interest in the issuer, or a company that has been acquired by the issuer in the past year, for a period of one year prior to the effective date of the offering;

(b) the allocation of the new issue to the account shall not increase the account's percentage equity ownership in the issuer above the ownership level as of three months prior to the filing of the registration statement in connection with the offering;

(c) the allocation of the new issue to the account shall not include any special terms; and

(d) the new issue allocated pursuant to this Supplementary Material .04 shall not be sold, transferred, assigned, pledged or hypothecated for a period of three months following the effective date of the offering.

.05 Application to Foreign Non-Member Broker-Dealers Participating in an Underwriting Syndicate. The prohibitions of paragraph (b) above shall not apply to a foreign non-member broker-dealer that is participating in an underwriting syndicate for the sale of a new issue (which underwriting syndicate may include a member affiliate of the non-member broker-dealer) and allocating new issue securities to a non-U.S. person, provided that such allocation decision is not made at the direction or request of a member or an associated person of a member.

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