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Amendment No.

Proposed Rule Change by Financial Industry Regulatory Authority

Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Initial ☒ Amendment ☐ Withdrawal ☐

Section 19(b)(2) ☒Section 19(b)(3)(A) ☐Section 19(b)(3)(B) ☐

Rule

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for Commission Action ☐ Date Expires

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Description

Provide a brief description of the proposed rule change (limit 250 characters).

Proposed Rule Change to Adopt FINRA Rule 4560 (Short-Interest Reporting) in the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook

Contact Information

Provide the name, telephone number and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the proposed rule change.

First Name Last Name
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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized officer.

Date

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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. Text of Proposed Rule Change

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) (f/k/a National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (“NASD”)) is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) a proposed rule change to adopt the short interest reporting requirements (NASD Rule 3360 and Incorporated NYSE Rules 421(1) and 421.10) as FINRA Rule 4560 in the consolidated FINRA rulebook.

The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5 to this rule filing.

(b) Upon Commission approval and implementation of the proposed rule change, the corresponding NASD and Incorporated NYSE rules, or sections thereof, will be eliminated from the current FINRA rulebook.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

At its meeting on April 17, 2008, the FINRA Board of Governors authorized the filing of the proposed rule change with the SEC. No other action by FINRA is necessary for the filing of the proposed rule change.

FINRA will announce the implementation date of the proposed rule change in a Regulatory Notice to be published no later than 60 days following Commission approval.

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

(a) Purpose

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

As part of the process of developing the new consolidated rulebook (“Consolidated FINRA Rulebook”),² FINRA is proposing to adopt the short interest reporting requirements in NASD Rule 3360 and Incorporated NYSE Rules 421(1) and 421.10 as FINRA Rule 4560 in the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook.

NASD Rule 3360 and Incorporated NYSE Rules 421(1) and 421.10 set forth FINRA’s short interest reporting requirements.³ NASD Rule 3360 requires members to report short positions⁴ in OTC Equity Securities⁵ and exchange-listed securities not otherwise reported to another self-regulatory organization (“SRO”),⁶ and Incorporated NYSE Rule 421(1) requires members to report short positions in NYSE-listed securities.⁷ Members must report total short positions in all customer and proprietary accounts as of

² The current FINRA rulebook consists of two sets of rules: (1) NASD Rules and (2) rules incorporated from NYSE (“Incorporated NYSE Rules”) (together referred to as the “Transitional Rulebook”). The Incorporated NYSE Rules apply only to those members of FINRA that are also members of the NYSE (“Dual Members”). Dual Members also must comply with NASD Rules. For more information about the rulebook consolidation process, see FINRA Information Notice, March 12, 2008 (Rulebook Consolidation Process).

³ Incorporated NYSE Rules 421(2) and 421.40 require members carrying margin accounts for customers to report certain aggregate debit and free credit balances. Those provisions will be addressed in a separate filing and therefore are not being addressed here.

⁴ Short positions required to be reported under the rules are those resulting from “short sales” as the term is defined in Rule 200(a) of Regulation SHO, subject to certain limited exceptions. See NASD Rule 3360(b)(1).

⁵ The term “OTC Equity Securities” refers to any equity security that is not listed on a national securities exchange. See NASD Rule 3360(b)(3).

⁶ It is the responsibility of each member firm to ensure that it is reporting accurate short interest data, including confirming that issue symbols are active and valid as of the designated settlement date. See Notice to Members 06-20 (April 2006).

⁷ See Incorporated NYSE Rule 421.10.

the designated settlement dates and in the manner so prescribed.⁸ Currently, the rules require such information to be reported twice a month, which in turn, is then made publicly available on an aggregate basis twice a month.⁹

Currently, firms report short interest positions in NYSE-listed securities through the NYSE's Electronic Filing Platform ("EFP") and all other securities through FINRA's Regulation Filing Applications ("RFA") system or the Securities Industry Automation Corporation ("SIAC"). As of June 30, 2008, FINRA will consolidate the collection of short interest data, and firms will be required to report short interest positions in all securities to FINRA using the RFA system; consequently, firms will no longer be able to report any of their short interest positions using EFP or SIAC.¹⁰

Given that the short interest requirements in each of the rules are substantially similar, FINRA is proposing to adopt these requirements as part of the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook, subject only to certain non-substantive changes. Most notably, because FINRA will now be the primary collector of consolidated short interest data for its members in all securities (rather than only if such positions in exchange-listed securities are not reported to another SRO), FINRA is not retaining the text in NASD Rule 3360 that limits short interest reportable to FINRA to those positions in exchange-listed securities "not otherwise reported to another self-regulatory organization."

⁸ Non-self-clearing broker-dealers generally are considered to have satisfied their reporting requirement by making appropriate arrangements with their respective clearing organizations. See Notice to Members 03-08 (January 2003).

⁹ A schedule of FINRA's designated settlement dates can be found on its Web site at www.finra.org. See also Notice to Members 07-24 (July 2007).

¹⁰ See Regulatory Notice 08-13 (March 2008).

As noted above, FINRA will announce the implementation date of the proposed rule change in a Regulatory Notice to be published no later than 60 days following Commission approval.

(b) Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,¹¹ which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The short interest reporting requirements, which are proposed to be transferred to the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook, previously have been found to meet the statutory requirements, and FINRA believes such requirements have since proven effective in achieving the statutory mandates.

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

FINRA does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

5. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

FINRA does not consent at this time to an extension of the time period for Commission action specified in Section 19(b)(2) of the Act.¹²

7. **Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)**

Not applicable.

8. **Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission**

Not applicable.

9. **Exhibits**

Exhibit 1. Completed notice of proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register.

Exhibit 5. Text of the proposed rule change.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-FINRA-2008-033)

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change to Adopt FINRA Rule 4560 (Short-Interest Reporting) in the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook

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 , Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) (f/k/a National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (“NASD”)) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. 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

FINRA is proposing to adopt the short interest reporting requirements (NASD Rule 3360 and Incorporated NYSE Rules 421(1) and 421.10) as FINRA Rule 4560 in the consolidated FINRA rulebook.

The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5 to this rule filing.

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

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. FINRA 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

As part of the process of developing the new consolidated rulebook ("Consolidated FINRA Rulebook"),³ FINRA is proposing to adopt the short interest reporting requirements in NASD Rule 3360 and Incorporated NYSE Rules 421(1) and 421.10 as FINRA Rule 4560 in the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook.

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otherwise reported to another self-regulatory organization (“SRO”),⁷ and Incorporated NYSE Rule 421(1) requires members to report short positions in NYSE-listed securities.⁸ Members must report total short positions in all customer and proprietary accounts as of the designated settlement dates and in the manner so prescribed.⁹ Currently, the rules require such information to be reported twice a month, which in turn, is then made publicly available on an aggregate basis twice a month.¹⁰

Currently, firms report short interest positions in NYSE-listed securities through the NYSE’s Electronic Filing Platform (“EFP”) and all other securities through FINRA’s Regulation Filing Applications (“RFA”) system or the Securities Industry Automation Corporation (“SIAC”). As of June 30, 2008, FINRA will consolidate the collection of short interest data, and firms will be required to report short interest positions in all securities to FINRA using the RFA system; consequently, firms will no longer be able to report any of their short interest positions using EFP or SIAC.¹¹

Given that the short interest requirements in each of the rules are substantially similar, FINRA is proposing to adopt these requirements as part of the Consolidated

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FINRA Rulebook, subject only to certain non-substantive changes. Most notably, because FINRA will now be the primary collector of consolidated short interest data for its members in all securities (rather than only if such positions in exchange-listed securities are not reported to another SRO), FINRA is not retaining the text in NASD Rule 3360 that limits short interest reportable to FINRA to those positions in exchange-listed securities “not otherwise reported to another self-regulatory organization.”

As noted above, FINRA will announce the implementation date of the proposed rule change in a Regulatory Notice to be published no later than 60 days following Commission approval.

2. Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,¹² which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The short interest reporting requirements, which are proposed to be transferred to the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook, previously have been found to meet the statutory requirements, and FINRA believes such requirements have since proven effective in achieving the statutory mandates.

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

FINRA does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. **Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) by order approve such proposed rule change, or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

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 e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-FINRA-2008-033 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2008-033. 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). 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. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FINRA.

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 Number SR-FINRA-2008-033 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹³

Secretary

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

Exhibit 5 shows the text of the proposed rule change. Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in brackets.

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Text of Proposed New FINRA Rule, marked to show changes from NASD Rule 3360; NASD Rule 3360 to be deleted in its entirety from the Transitional Rulebook.

[3360.]4560. Short-Interest Reporting

(a) Each member shall maintain a record of total “short” positions in all customer and proprietary firm accounts in OTC Equity Securities[,] and securities listed on a national securities exchange [and not otherwise reported to another self-regulatory organization] and shall regularly report such information to FINRA[NASD] in such a manner as may be prescribed by FINRA[NASD]. Reports shall be made as of the close of the settlement date designated by FINRA[NASD]. Reports shall be received by FINRA[NASD] no later than the second business day after the reporting settlement date designated by FINRA[NASD].

(b) For purposes of this Rule:

(1) “short” positions to be reported are those resulting from “short sales” as that term is defined in [SEC]SEA Rule 200(a) of Regulation SHO, with the exception of positions that meet the following requirements:

(A) any sale by any person, for an account in which he has an interest, if such person owns the security sold and intends to deliver such security as soon as is possible without undue inconvenience or expense;

(B) any sale of a security (except a sale to a stabilizing bid complying with SEA Rule 104 of Regulation M) effected with the approval

of an exchange which is necessary to equalize the price of such security thereon with the current price of such security on another national securities exchange which is the principal exchange market for such security;

(C) any sale of a security for a special arbitrage account by a person who then owns another security by virtue of which he is, or presently will be, entitled to acquire an equivalent number of securities of the same class the securities sold; provided such sale, or the purchase which such sale offsets, is effected for the bona fide purpose of profit[t]ing from a current difference between the price of the security sold and the security owned and that such right of acquisition was originally attached to or represented by another security or was issued to all the holders of any such class of securities of the issuer;

(D) any sale of a security registered on, or admitted to unlisted trading privileges on, a national securities exchange effected for a special international arbitrage account for the bona fide purpose of profit[t]ing from a current difference between the price of such security on a securities market not within or subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and on a securities market subject to the jurisdiction of the United States; provided the seller at the time of such sale knows or, by virtue of information currently received, has reasonable grounds to believe that an offer enabling him to cover such sale is then available to him in such foreign securities market and intends to accept such offer immediately; and

(E) any sale by an underwriter, or any member of a syndicate or group participating in the distribution of a security, in connection with an over-allotment of securities, or any lay-off sale by such a person in connection with a distribution of securities through rights or a standby underwriting commitment.

(2) the term “customer” includes a broker-dealer; and

(3) the term “OTC Equity Securities” shall mean any equity security that is not listed on a national securities exchange.

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**Text of Incorporated NYSE Rule to Remain
in Transitional Rulebook.**

Incorporated NYSE Rules

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Rule 421. Periodic Reports

Member organizations shall submit, as required by the Exchange, periodic reports with respect to

(1) Reserved. [Short positions in securities;]

(2) Customers’ debit and credit balances.

• • • **Supplementary Material:** -----

.10 Reserved. [**Short positions.**—Member organizations for which the Exchange is the designated examining authority are required to report “short” positions, including odd lots, in each stock or warrant listed on the Exchange, and in each other stock or warrant not listed on the Exchange which is not otherwise reported to another United States securities exchange or securities association, using such automated format and methods

as prescribed by the Exchange. Such reports must include customer and proprietary positions and must be made at such times and covering such time period as may be designated by the Exchange.

Member organizations for which the Exchange is not the designated examining authority must report “short” positions to the self-regulatory organization which is its designated examining authority (“DEA”) if such DEA has a requirement for such reports. If the DEA does not have such a reporting requirement, then such member organization must comply with the provisions of Rule 421.

The term “designated examining authority” means the self-regulatory organization which has been assigned responsibility for examining a member organization for compliance with applicable financial responsibility rules. (See Rule 17d-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”).)

“Short” positions to be reported are those resulting from “short” sales as defined in Rule 200(a) of the Securities and Exchange Commission’s Regulation SHO, but excluding positions that meet the following requirements:

- (1) any sale by any person, for an account in which he has an interest, if such person owns the security sold and intends to deliver such security as soon as is possible without undue inconvenience or expense;

- (2) any sale of a security covered by a short sale rule on a national securities exchange (except a sale to a stabilizing bid complying with Rule 104 of Regulation M) effected with the approval of such exchange which is necessary to equalize the price of such security thereon with the current price of such security

on another national securities exchange which is the principal exchange market for such security;

(3) any sale of a security for a special arbitrage account by a person who then owns another security by virtue of which he is, or presently will be, entitled to acquire an equivalent number of securities of the same class as the securities sold; provided such sale, or the purchase which such sale offsets, is effected for the bona fide purpose of profiting from a current difference between the price of security sold and the security owned and that such right of acquisition was originally attached to or represented by another security or was issued to all the holders of any such class of securities of the issuer;

(4) any sale of a security registered on, or admitted to unlisted trading privileges on, a national securities exchange effected for a special international arbitrage account for the bona fide purpose of profiting from a current difference between the price of such security on a securities market not within or subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and on a securities market subject to the jurisdiction of the United States; provided the seller at the time of such sale knows or, by virtue of information currently received, has reasonable grounds to believe that an offer enabling him to cover such sale is then available to him in such foreign securities market and intends to accept such offer immediately; and

(5) any sale by an underwriter, or any member of a syndicate or group participating in the distribution of a security, in connection with an over-allotment of securities, or any lay-off sale by such a person in connection with a distribution of securities through rights or a standby underwriting commitment.

Also to be excluded are “short” positions carried for other member organizations reporting for themselves.

Only one report should be made for each stock or warrant in which there is a short position. If more than one “account” has a short position in the same stock or warrant, the combined aggregate should be reported.

NOTE: A member organization which does not carry customers’ margin accounts and does not clear its own transactions may obtain an exemption from reporting by notifying the Exchange in writing.]

.20 through .50 No change.

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