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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		
Pilot ☐	Extension of Time Period for Commission Action ☐	Date Expires 	☐ 19b-4(f)(1) ☐ 19b-4(f)(2) ☐ 19b-4(f)(3)	☐ 19b-4(f)(4) ☐ 19b-4(f)(5) ☐ 19b-4(f)(6)	

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**Description**

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

Proposed rule change to adopt NASD Rule 3330 as FINRA Rule 5230 in the consolidated FINRA rulebook, with several changes to clarify the scope of the rule.

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
Title
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Telephone Fax

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 By

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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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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 NASD Rule 3330 (Payment Designed to Influence Market Prices, Other than Paid Advertising) as FINRA Rule 5230 in the consolidated FINRA rulebook, with several changes to clarify the scope of the rule.

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

(b) Upon Commission approval and implementation by FINRA of the proposed rule change, the corresponding NASD rule will be eliminated from the current FINRA rulebook.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

At its meeting on April 16, 2009, 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 90 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 a new consolidated rulebook (“Consolidated FINRA Rulebook”),² FINRA is proposing to adopt NASD Rule 3330 into the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook as FINRA Rule 5230 with several changes, which are described below.³

NASD Rule 3330 provides that no member may, “directly or indirectly, give, permit to be given, or offer to give, anything of value to any person for the purpose of influencing or rewarding the action of such person in connection with the publication or circulation in any newspaper, investment service, or similar publication, of any matter which has, or is intended to have, an effect upon the market price of any security” The rule includes an exception for any matter that is “clearly distinguishable as paid advertising.”

As part of transferring NASD Rule 3330 into the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook, FINRA is proposing two changes to the rule to modernize its terms and clarify its scope. First, the proposed rule change updates the list of media to which the rule refers. Because NASD Rule 3330 has not been amended for over 60 years, it refers only to matters published or circulated in any “newspaper, investment service, or similar

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publication.” The proposed rule change updates this language to include electronic and other types of media, including magazines, Web sites, and television programs.

Second, the proposed rule change expands the exceptions in the rule beyond paid advertising to also include compensation paid in connection with research reports and communications published in reliance on Section 17(b) of the Securities Act of 1933.⁴ FINRA is proposing these changes to clarify that the prohibitions in the rule are not intended to cover compensation paid for publications that are explicitly permitted pursuant to other rules. For example, NASD Rule 3330 could be read to prohibit a member from paying for a third-party research report if the report affected the market price of a security; however, NASD Rule 2711(h)(13) contemplates that members might pay for and distribute third-party research reports.⁵ In addition, FINRA does not believe that the rule should be read to prohibit compensation paid in connection with the publication of information that is specifically permitted pursuant to Section 17(b) of the Securities Act, provided the required disclosures are made.

⁴ Section 17(b) of the Securities Act of 1933 provides that no person may “publish, give publicity to, or circulate any . . . communication which, though not purporting to offer a security for sale, describes such security for a consideration received or to be received, directly or indirectly, from an issuer, underwriter, or dealer, without fully disclosing the receipt, whether past or prospective, of such consideration and the amount thereof.” 15 U.S.C. 77q(b).

⁵ Although the proposed rule change would exempt research reports from FINRA Rule 5230, research reports would still be subject to applicable FINRA rules and guidance governing research reports and other communications with the public. See NASD Rules 2711, 2210(d), IM-2210-1. Among other things, these rules require that research reports include certain disclosures, be fair and balanced, and not be misleading.

As noted above, FINRA will announce the implementation date of the proposed rule change in a Regulatory Notice to be published no later than 90 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,⁶ 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. FINRA believes that the proposed rule change will clarify the scope of the rule in the new Consolidated FINRA Rulebook.

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

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.⁷

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

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(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.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-FINRA-2009-048)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change to Adopt FINRA Rule 5230 (Payments Involving Publications that Influence the Market Price of a Security) 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 NASD Rule 3330 (Payment Designed to Influence Market Prices, Other than Paid Advertising) as FINRA Rule 5230 in the consolidated FINRA rulebook, with several changes to clarify the scope of the rule.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA’s Web site at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 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

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which has, or is intended to have, an effect upon the market price of any security”

The rule includes an exception for any matter that is “clearly distinguishable as paid advertising.”

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2. Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,⁷ 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. FINRA believes that the proposed rule change will clarify the scope of the rule in the new Consolidated FINRA Rulebook.

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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.

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⁷ 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-2009-048 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2009-048. 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, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. 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-2009-048 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.⁸

Florence E. Harmon

Deputy Secretary

⁸ 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 3330; NASD Rule 3330 to be Deleted in its
Entirety from the Transitional Rulebook)**

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5000. SECURITIES OFFERING AND TRADING STANDARDS AND PRACTICES

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5200. QUOTATION AND TRADING OBLIGATIONS AND PRACTICES

[3330] 5230. Payments [Designed to] Involving Publications that Influence the Market Price[s] of a Security, Other than Paid Advertising

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), [N]no member shall, directly or indirectly, give, permit to be given, or offer to give, anything of value to any person for the purpose of influencing or rewarding the action of such person in connection with the publication or circulation in any [newspaper,] electronic or other public media, including any investment service[,] or similar publication, Web site, newspaper, magazine or other periodical, radio, or television program of any matter that [which] has, or is intended to have, an effect upon the market price of any security.

(b) The prohibitions in paragraph (a) [, provided that this Rule] shall not [be construed to] apply to [matter which] compensation paid to a person in connection with the publication or circulation of:

(1) a communication that is clearly distinguishable as paid advertising;

(2) a communication that discloses the receipt of compensation and the amount thereof in accordance with Section 17(b) of the Securities Act; or

(3) a research report, as that term is defined in NASD Rule 2711.