

THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED OPERATING AGREEMENT
OF
INVESTORS' EXCHANGE LLC
(a Delaware limited liability company)

This Third Amended and Restated Operating Agreement (this “**Agreement**”) of Investors’ Exchange LLC, is made effective as of August 11, 2020, by IEX Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and amends and restates in its entirety the Second Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of the Company dated as of August 7, 2018, which amended and restated in its entirety the Operating Agreement of the Company dated May 13, 2014 (the “**Original Operating Agreement**”).

ARTICLE I

Definitions

When used in this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms set forth below shall have the following meanings:

- (a) “’34 Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (b) “Act” means Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, as amended from time to time.
- (c) An “affiliate” of, or person “affiliated” with a specific person, is a person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the person specified.
- (d) “Board” or “Board of Directors” means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (e) “broker” shall have the same meaning as in Section 3(a)(4) of the ’34 Act.
- (f) “Commission” means the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- (g) “Company” means Investors’ Exchange LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.
- (h) “day” means calendar day.
- (i) “dealer” shall have the same meaning as in Section 3(a)(5) of the ’34 Act.
- (j) “Director” means the persons elected or appointed to the Board of Directors from time to time in accordance with the Certificate of Formation and this Agreement.
- (k) “Exchange” means the national securities exchange operated by the Company.

(l) “Exchange Member” means any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the national securities exchange operated by the Company. An Exchange Member is not an equity holder of the Company by reason of being an Exchange Member and is not an LLC Member. An Exchange Member will have the status of a “member” of the Exchange as that term is defined in Section 3(a)(3) of the ’34 Act.

(m) “Executive Representative” means the person identified to the Company by an Exchange Member as the individual authorized to represent, vote, and act on behalf of the Exchange Member. An Exchange Member may change its Executive Representative or appoint a substitute for its Executive Representative upon giving notice thereof to the Secretary of the Company via electronic process or such other process as the Company may prescribe. An Executive Representative of an Exchange Member or a substitute shall be a member of senior management of the Exchange Member.

(n) “Independent Director” means a Director who has no material relationship with the Company or any affiliate of the Company, or any Exchange Member or any affiliate of any such Exchange Member; provided, however, that an individual who otherwise qualifies as an Independent Director shall not be disqualified from serving in such capacity solely because such Director is a Director of the Company or its equity holder.

(o) “Independent member” means a member of any committee who has no material relationship with the Company or any affiliate of the Company, or any Exchange Member or any affiliate of any such Exchange Member, other than as a committee member. The term Independent member may but is not required to refer to an Independent Director who serves on a committee.

(p) “Industry Director” means a Director who (i) is or has served in the prior three years as an officer, director, or employee of a broker or dealer, excluding an outside director or a director not engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (ii) is an officer, director (excluding an outside director), or employee of an entity that owns more than ten percent of the equity of a broker or dealer, and the broker or dealer accounts for more than five percent of the gross revenues received by the consolidated entity; (iii) owns more than five percent of the equity securities of any broker or dealer, whose investments in brokers or dealers exceed ten percent of his or her net worth, or whose ownership interest otherwise permits him or her to be engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (iv) provides professional services to brokers or dealers, and such services constitute 20 percent or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or 20 percent or more of the gross revenues received by the Director’s firm or partnership; (v) provides professional services to a director, officer, or employee of a broker, dealer, or corporation that owns 50 percent or more of the voting stock of a broker or dealer, and such services relate to the director’s, officer’s, or employee’s professional capacity and constitute 20 percent or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or member or 20 percent or more of the gross revenues received by the Director’s or member’s firm or partnership; or (vi) has a consulting or employment relationship with or provides professional services to the Company or any affiliate thereof or has had any such relationship or provided any such services at any time within the prior three years.

(q) “Industry member” means a member of any committee or hearing panel who (i) is or has served in the prior three years as an officer, director, or employee of a broker or dealer, excluding an outside director or a director not engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (ii) is an officer, director (excluding an outside director), or employee of an entity that owns more than ten percent of the equity of a broker or dealer, and the broker or dealer accounts for more than five percent of the gross revenues received by the consolidated entity; (iii) owns more than five percent of the equity securities of any broker or dealer, whose investments in brokers or dealers exceed ten percent of his or her net worth, or whose ownership interest otherwise permits him or her to be engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (iv) provides professional services to brokers or dealers, and such services constitute 20 percent or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or 20 percent or more of the gross revenues received by the Director’s firm or partnership; (v) provides professional services to a director, officer, or employee of a broker, dealer, or corporation that owns 50 percent or more of the voting stock of a broker or dealer, and such services relate to the director’s, officer’s, or employee’s professional capacity and constitute 20 percent or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or member or 20 percent or more of the gross revenues received by the Director’s or member’s firm or partnership; or (vi) has a consulting or employment relationship with or provides professional services to the Company or any affiliate thereof or has had any such relationship or provided any such services at any time within the prior three years.

(r) “List of Candidates” means the list of nominees for Member Representative Director positions as nominated by the Member Nominating Committee and amended by petitions filed by Exchange Members. The List of Candidates is submitted to Exchange Members for the final selection of nominees to be elected by the LLC Member to serve as Member Representative Directors.

(s) “LLC Member” means any person who maintains a direct ownership interest in the Company. The sole LLC Member of the Company shall be IEX Group, Inc.

(t) “Member Nominating Committee” means the Member Nominating Committee elected pursuant to this Operating Agreement.

(u) “Member Representative Director” means a Director who has been appointed as such to the initial Board of Directors pursuant to Article III, Section 4(g) of this Operating Agreement, or elected by the LLC Member after having been nominated by the Member Nominating Committee or by an Exchange Member pursuant to this Operating Agreement and confirmed as the nominee of Exchange Members after majority vote of Exchange Members, if applicable. A Member Representative Director must be an officer, director, employee, or agent of an Exchange Member that is not a Stockholder Exchange Member.

(v) “Member Representative member” means a member of any committee or hearing panel who is an officer, director, employee or agent of an Exchange Member that is not a Stockholder Exchange Member.

(w) “Nominating Committee” means the Nominating Committee elected pursuant to this Agreement.

(x) “Non-Industry Director” means a Director who is (i) an Independent Director; or (ii) any other individual who would not be an Industry Director.

(y) “Non-Industry member” means a member of any committee who is (i) an Independent member; or (ii) any other individual who would not be an Industry member.

(z) “person” shall mean a natural person, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, entity, government, or political subdivision, agency or instrumentality of a government.

(aa) “person associated with an Exchange Member” or “associated person of an Exchange Member” means any partner, officer, or director of an Exchange member (or person occupying a similar status or performing similar functions), any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with such Exchange member, or any employee of such Exchange member, except that any person associated with an Exchange member whose functions are solely clerical or ministerial shall not be included in the meaning of such term for purposes of this Agreement.

(bb) “Record Date” means a date at least thirty-five (35) days before the date announced as the date for the annual meeting of the LLC Member and set as the last date on which Exchange Members may petition to add to the List of Candidates and used to determine whether Exchange Members are entitled to vote on the final List of Candidates.

(z) “registered broker or dealer” means any registered broker or dealer, as defined in Section 3(a)(48) of the '34 Act, that is registered with the Commission under the '34 Act.

(zz) “Regulatory Funds” means fees, fines, or penalties derived from the regulatory operations of the Company. “Regulatory Funds” shall not be construed to include revenues derived from listing fees, market data revenues, transaction revenues, or any other aspect of the commercial operations of the Company, even if a portion of such revenues are used to pay costs associated with the regulatory operations of the Company.

(aa) “Rules” or “Exchange Rules” shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 3(a)(27) of the '34 Act.

(bb) “statutory disqualification” shall have the same meaning as in Section 3(a)(39) of the '34 Act.

(cc) “Stockholder Exchange Member” means an Exchange Member that also maintains, directly or indirectly, an ownership interest in the Company. As of the date of this Agreement, the LLC Member is not a Stockholder Exchange Member.

ARTICLE II

Office and Agent

Section 1. Name

The name of the Company is “Investors’ Exchange LLC”.

Section 2. Formation; Term

On May 13, 2014, the Company was organized as a Delaware limited liability company upon the filing of the Company's Certificate of Formation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. The term of the Company shall be perpetual, unless sooner terminated as hereinafter provided.

Section 3. LLC Member

The mailing address of the LLC Member is set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto. IEX Group, Inc. was admitted to the Company as the LLC Member of the Company upon its execution of a counterpart signature page to the Original Operating Agreement at which time it acquired 100% of the limited liability company interests of the Company.

Section 4. Purpose

The Company is formed for the object and purpose of, and the nature of the business to be conducted and promoted by the Company is, engaging in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Act.

Section 5. Powers

In furtherance of its purposes, but subject to all of the provisions of this Agreement, the Company shall have the power and is hereby authorized to do all things and engage in all such activities as may be necessary, convenient or incidental to the conduct of the business of the Company, and have and exercise all of the powers and rights conferred upon limited liability companies formed pursuant to the Act.

Section 6. Principal Business Office

The principal business office of the Company shall be located at 3 World Trade Center, 58th Floor, New York, NY 10007, or such other location as may hereafter be determined by the Board of Directors. The Company may have such other office or offices as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate or as the purposes of the Company may require from time to time.

Section 7. Registered Office

The address of the registered office of the Company in the State of Delaware is c/o Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808, and the name of the registered agent of the Company in the State of Delaware at such address is Corporation Service Company. The Member may, upon compliance with the applicable provisions of the Act, change the Company's resident office or resident agent from time to time, all as determined by the Member.

Section 8. Registered Agent

The name and address of the registered agent of the Company for service of process on the Company in the State of Delaware is Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808.

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors

Section 1. Powers

(a) The business and affairs of the Company shall be managed by its Board, except to the extent that the authority, powers and duties of such management shall be delegated to a committee or committees of the Board pursuant to this Agreement or the Rules. The Board of Directors shall have the power to do any and all acts necessary, convenient or incidental to or for the furtherance of the purposes described herein, including all powers, statutory or otherwise. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law and this Agreement the Board may delegate any of its powers to a committee appointed pursuant to Article V of this Agreement or to any officer, employee or agent of the Company.

(b) The Board shall have the power to adopt, amend or repeal the Rules in accordance with Article X, Section 1 of this Agreement.

(c) The Board may adopt such rules, regulations, and requirements for the conduct of the business and management of the Company, not inconsistent with law, the Certificate of Formation or this Agreement, as the Board may deem proper. A Director shall, in the performance of such Director's duties, be fully protected, to the fullest extent permitted by law, in relying in good faith upon the books of account or reports made to the Company by any of its officers, by an independent certified public accountant, by an appraiser selected with reasonable care by the Board or any committee of the Board or by any agent of the Company, or in relying in good faith upon other records of the Company.

(d) In connection with managing the business and affairs of the Company, the Board and each director shall consider applicable requirements for registration as a national securities exchange under Section 6(b) of the '34 Act, including, without limitation, the requirements that (a) the Rules shall be designed to protect investors and the public interest and (b) the Exchange shall be so organized and have the capacity to carry out the purposes of the '34 Act and to enforce compliance by its "members," as that term is defined in Section 3 of the '34 Act (such statutory members being referred to in this Agreement as "Exchange Members") and persons associated with Exchange Members, with the provisions of the '34 Act, the rules and regulations under the '34 Act, and the Rules of the Exchange. In discharging his or her responsibilities as a member of the Board of Directors or as an officer or employee of the Company, each such director, officer or employee shall comply with the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder and shall cooperate with the Commission, and the Company pursuant to its regulatory authority.

(e) In light of the unique nature of the Company and its operations and in light of the Company's status as a self-regulatory organization, the Board, when evaluating any proposal,

shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, take into account all factors that the Board deems relevant, including, without limitation, to the extent deemed relevant: (i) the potential impact thereof on the integrity, continuity and stability of the national securities exchange operated by the Company and the other operations of the Company, on the ability to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices and on investors and the public, and (ii) whether such would promote just and equitable principles of trade, foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to and facilitating transactions in securities or assist in the removal of impediments to or perfection of the mechanisms for a free and open market and a national market system.

Section 2. Composition of the Board

(a) The exact number of members of the Board shall be determined by resolution adopted by the Board from time to time, and shall as of the date of this Agreement be set at ten (10), subject to the compositional requirements of the Board set forth in Article III, Section 2(b).

(b) At all times the Board of Directors shall consist of one (1) Director who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, who shall be considered an Industry Director, and sufficient numbers of Non-Industry (including Independent), Industry and Member Representative Directors to meet the following composition requirements: the number of Non-Industry Directors, including at least two Independent Directors, shall equal or exceed the sum of the number of Industry Directors and Member Representative Directors elected pursuant to Article III, Section 4 of this Agreement and the number of Member Representative Directors shall be at least twenty (20) percent of the Board. During such time as the Company operates a listings business, the Board of Directors shall consist of one (1) Director who is an officer or director of an issuer and one (1) Director who is a representative of investors, and in each case, such Director must not be associated with a Member. A majority of the Board of Directors shall be Independent Directors.

(c) The Secretary shall collect from each nominee for Director such information as is reasonably necessary to serve as the basis for a determination of the nominee's classification as a Member Representative, Non-Industry, or Independent Director, if applicable, and the Secretary shall certify to the Nominating Committee or the Member Nominating Committee each nominee's classification, if applicable. Directors shall update the information submitted under this subsection at least annually and upon request of the Secretary, and shall report immediately to the Secretary any change in such information.

(d) A Director may not be subject to a statutory disqualification.

Section 3. Terms of Office

(a) The Board term of the Chief Executive Officer shall expire when such individual ceases to be Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by law or by this Agreement, after the first meeting of the Company at which Directors are elected, Directors of the Company shall be elected each year at the annual meeting of the LLC Member, or at a special meeting called for such purpose in

lieu of the annual meeting. If the annual election of Directors is not held on the date designated therefor, the Directors shall cause such election to be held as soon thereafter as convenient.

Section 4. Nomination and Election

(a) The Nominating Committee each year shall nominate Directors for each Director position standing for election at the annual meeting of the LLC Member that year. For positions requiring persons who qualify as Member Representative Directors, the Nominating Committee shall nominate only those persons whose names have been approved and submitted by the Member Nominating Committee, and approved by, if applicable, Exchange Members pursuant to the procedures set forth below in this Section 4.

(b) The Member Nominating Committee shall consult with the Nominating Committee, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and shall solicit comments from Exchange Members for the purpose of approving and submitting names of candidates for election to the position of Member Representative Director.

(c) Not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date announced as the date for the annual or special meeting of the LLC Member, the Member Nominating Committee shall report to the Nominating Committee and the Secretary the initial nominees for Member Representative Director positions on the Board that have been approved and submitted by the Member Nominating Committee. The Secretary shall promptly notify Exchange Members of those initial nominees. Exchange Members may identify other candidates (“Petition Candidates”) for purposes of this Section 4 for the Member Representative Director positions by delivering to the Secretary, at least thirty-five (35) days before the date announced as of the date of the annual or special meeting of the LLC Member (the “Record Date” for purposes of this Section 4), a written petition, which shall designate the candidate by name and office and shall be signed by Executive Representatives of ten percent (10%) or more of the Exchange Members. An Exchange Member may endorse as many candidates as there are Member Representative Director positions to be filled. No Exchange Member, together with its affiliates, may account for more than fifty percent (50%) of the signatures endorsing a particular candidate, and any signatures of such Exchange Member, together with its affiliates, in excess of the fifty percent (50%) limitation shall be disregarded.

(d) Each petition for a Petition Candidate must include a completed questionnaire used to gather information concerning Member Representative Director candidates and must be filed with the Company (the Company shall provide the form of questionnaire upon the request of any Exchange Member).

(e) If no valid petitions from Exchange Members are received by the Record Date, the initial nominees approved and submitted by the Member Nominating Committee shall be nominated as Member Representative Directors by the Nominating Committee. If one or more valid petitions from Exchange Members are received by the Record Date, the Secretary shall include such additional nominees, along with the initial nominees nominated by the Member Nominating Committee, on a list of nominees (the “List of Candidates”). Upon completion, the List of Candidates shall be sent by the Secretary to all Exchange Members that were Exchange

Members on the Record Date, by any means, including electronic transmission, to confirm the nominees for the Member Representative Director positions. The List of Candidates shall be accompanied by a notice regarding the time and date of an election to be held at least twenty (20) days prior to the annual or special LLC Member's meeting to confirm the Exchange Members' selections of nominees for Member Representative Directors.

(f) With respect to the election held to determine the final nomination of Member Representative Directors, each Exchange Member shall have the right to cast one (1) vote for each available Member Representative Director nomination; provided, however, that any such vote must be cast for a person on the List of Candidates and that no Exchange Member, together with its affiliates, may account for more than twenty percent (20%) of the votes cast for a candidate, and any votes cast by such Exchange Member, together with its affiliates, in excess of such twenty percent (20%) limitation shall be disregarded. The votes shall be cast by written ballot, electronic transmission or any other means as set forth in a notice to the Exchange Members sent by the Company prior to such election. Only votes received prior to 4:00 pm Eastern Time on the date of the election shall count for the nomination of a Member Representative Director. The persons on the List of Candidates who receive the most votes shall be selected as the nominees for the Member Representative Director positions to be elected by the LLC Member.

(g) The initial Directors of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the LLC Member and shall serve until the first annual meeting of the LLC Member, which would take place within ninety (90) days after the Approval Date, as defined in Article XI, Section 1 of this Operating Agreement.

Section 5. Chairman of the Board

The Chief Executive Officer shall be the Chairman of the Board ("Chairman"). The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which the Chairman is present; provided, however, that he or she shall not participate in executive sessions of the Board. The Chairman shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Chairman from time to time by the Board. The Board of Directors shall designate a Lead Director from among the Board's Independent Directors to preside over executive sessions of the Board. The Board shall publicly disclose the identity of the Lead Director and the means by which interested parties may communicate with the Lead Director.

Section 6. Vacancies

(a) Whenever any Director position, other than a Member Representative Director, becomes vacant prior to the election of a successor at the end of such Director's term, whether because of death, disability, disqualification, removal, or resignation, and whenever any newly-created Director position, other than a Member Representative Director position, becomes available because of an increase in the number of Directors, the Nominating Committee shall nominate, and the LLC Member shall elect, a person satisfying the classification (Industry, Non-Industry, or Independent Director), if applicable, for the directorship) to fill such vacancy until the expiration of such position's designated term or to fill such newly-created Director position

until the expiration of such position's designated term; *provided, however*, that if the remaining term of office of a Director at the time of such Director's vacancy is not more than six months, during the period of vacancy the Board shall not be deemed to be in violation of Article III, Section 2(b) of this Agreement by virtue of such vacancy.

(b) Whenever any Member Representative Director position becomes vacant prior to the election of a successor at the end of such Member Representative Director's term, whether because of death, disability, disqualification, removal, or resignation, and whenever any newly-created Member Representative Director position becomes available because of an increase in the number of Directors, then the LLC Member shall follow the procedures set forth in this Article III Section 6(b). In such an event, the Member Nominating Committee shall either (i) recommend an individual to the LLC Member to be elected to fill such vacancy or (ii) provide a list of recommended individuals to the LLC Member from which the LLC Member shall elect the individual to fill such vacancy. A Member Representative Director elected pursuant to this Article III Section 6(b) shall serve until the expiration of the remaining term or until the expiration of such position's designated term; *provided, however*, that if the remaining term of office of a Member Representative Director at the time of such Director's vacancy is not more than six (6) months, during the period of vacancy the Board shall not be deemed to be in violation of Article III Section 2(b) of this Agreement by virtue of such vacancy. The LLC Member shall elect to any Member Representative Director position, pursuant to this Article III, Section 6, only individuals recommended by the Member Nominating Committee.

Section 7. Removal and Resignation

(a) Except as hereinafter provided, any Director may be removed or expelled with or without cause by the LLC Member, and may be removed by the Board of Directors in the manner provided by Article III, Section 7(b) of this Agreement; *provided, however*, that any Member Representative Director may only be removed for cause, which shall include, without limitation, such Director being subject to a statutory disqualification.

(b) A Director shall be removed immediately upon a determination by the Board, by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, (a) that the Director no longer satisfies the classification for which the Director was elected; and (b) that the Director's continued service as such would violate the compositional requirements of the Board set forth in Article III, Section 2(b) of this Agreement.

(c) Any Director may resign at any time either upon notice of resignation to the Chairman of the Board, the President or the Secretary. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if the time is not specified, upon receipt thereof, and the acceptance of such resignation, unless required by the terms thereof, shall not be necessary to make such resignation effective.

Section 8. Place of Meetings; Mode

Any meeting of the Board may be held at such place, within or without the State of Delaware, as shall be designated in the notice of such meeting, but if no such designation is made, then the

meeting will be held at the principal business office of the Company. Members of the Board or any committee of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and such participation in a meeting shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

Section 9. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board may be held, with or without notice, at such time or place as may from time to time be specified in a resolution adopted by the Board.

Section 10. Special Meetings

(a) Special meetings of the Board may be called on a minimum of two (2) days' notice to each Director by the Chairman or the President, and shall be called by the Secretary upon the written request of three (3) Directors then in office.

(b) The person or persons calling a special meeting of the Board shall fix the time and place at which the meeting shall be held, and such time and place shall be specified in the notice of such meeting. Notice of any special meeting shall be given to each Director at his or her business address or such other address as he or she may have advised the Secretary to use for such purpose. If delivered, notice shall be deemed to be given when delivered to such address or to the Director to be notified. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be given five (5) business days after deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, of a letter addressed to the appropriate location. Notice may also be given by telephone, electronic transmission or other means not specified in this section, and in each such case shall be deemed to be given when actually received by the Director to be notified.

Section 11. Exchange Member Meetings

The Company shall not be required to hold meetings of the Exchange Members.

Section 12. Voting, Quorum and Action by the Board

Each Director shall be entitled to one (1) vote. At all meetings of the Board, the presence of a majority of the number of Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the Board, the Directors present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present. The act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board except as may be otherwise specifically provided by statute or this Agreement.

Section 13. Presumption of Assent

A Director of the Company who is present at a duly convened meeting of the Board or of a committee of the Board at which action on any corporate matter is taken shall be conclusively presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his or her dissent or election to abstain shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless he or she shall file his or her written dissent or

election to abstain to such action with the person acting as the secretary of the meeting before the adjournment of the meeting or shall forward such dissent or election to abstain by registered or certified mail to the Secretary of the Company immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent or abstain shall not apply to a Director who voted in favor of such action.

Section 14. Action in Lieu of Meeting

Unless otherwise restricted by statute or this Agreement, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board or committee, as the case may be, consent thereto in writing or by electronic transmission, and such writing(s) or electronic transmission(s) are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board or the committee.

Section 15. Waiver of Notice

(a) Whenever notice is required to be given by law or this Agreement, a waiver thereof by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to notice. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board, or members of a committee, need be specified in any waiver of notice.

(b) Attendance of a person at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when the person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

Section 16. Compensation of Board and Committee Members

The Board may provide for reasonable compensation of the Chairman, the Directors and the members of committees. The Board may also provide for reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred by such persons in connection with the business of the Company.

Section 17. Interpretation of Operating Agreement

The Board shall have the power to interpret this Agreement and any interpretation made by it shall be final and conclusive.

Section 18. Conflicts of Interest; Contracts and Transactions Involving Directors

(a) A Director or a member of any committee may not participate in the consideration or decision of any matter relating to a particular Exchange Member, company, or individual if such Director or committee member has a material interest in, or a professional, business, or personal relationship with, that Exchange Member, company, or individual, or if such participation shall create an appearance of impropriety. In any such case, the Director or committee member shall recuse himself or herself or shall be disqualified. If a member of the Board or any committee is recused from consideration of a matter, any decision on the matter shall be by a vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board or applicable committee.

(b) No contract or transaction between the Company and one or more of its Directors or officers, or between the Company and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one or more of its Directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be void or voidable solely for this reason if: (i) the material facts pertaining to such Director's or officer's relationship or interest and the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board or the committee, and the Board or committee in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Directors, even though the disinterested Directors be less than a quorum; or (ii) the material facts are disclosed or become known to the Board or committee after the contract or transaction is entered into, and the Board or committee in good faith ratifies the contract or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Directors, even though the disinterested Directors be less than a quorum.

ARTICLE IV

LLC Member

Section 1. Annual Meeting; Election of Directors and Other Matters

(a) The annual meeting of the LLC Member shall be held at such place and time as determined by the Board for the purpose of electing Directors and members of the Nominating Committee and Member Nominating Committee, and for conducting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Written notice of the annual meeting stating the place, date and hour of the meeting shall be given to the LLC Member at such meeting not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting.

(b) The first annual meeting of the LLC Member shall be held within ninety (90) days after the Approval Date, as defined in Article XI, Section 1 of this Operating Agreement.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the LLC Member, for any purpose or purposes, may be called by the Chairman, the Board or the President, or shall be called by the Secretary at the request in writing of the LLC Member. Written notice of a special meeting stating the place, date and hour of the meeting and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be given to the LLC Member entitled to vote at such meeting not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting. Business transacted at any special meeting of the LLC Member shall be limited to the purpose(s) stated in the notice of the meeting.

Section 3. Action in Lieu of Meeting

Any action upon which a vote of the LLC Member is required or permitted, may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by the LLC Member.

Section 4. Assignment

The LLC Member may not transfer or assign, in whole or in part, its ownership interest(s) in the Company to any entity, unless such transfer or assignment shall be filed with and approved by the Commission under Section 19 of the '34 Act and the rules promulgated thereunder.

ARTICLE V

Committees of the Board

Section 1. Number of Committees

The committees of the Board shall consist of an Appeals Committee, a Nominating Committee, a Member Nominating Committee, a Regulatory Oversight Committee, and such other committees as may be from time to time established by the Board or requested in writing to the Secretary by the LLC Member. Committees shall have such authority as is vested in them by this Agreement or the Rules, or as is delegated to them by the Board. All committees are subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

Section 2. Appointment and Removal; Vacancies; Term

(a) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint, consistent with this Agreement, the members of all committees of the Board, and the Chairman may, at any time, with or without cause, remove any member of a committee so appointed, with the approval of the Board. Each committee shall be comprised of at least two (2) people and may include persons who are not members of the Board; provided, however, that such committee members who are not also members of the Board shall only participate in committee actions to the extent permitted by law. In appointing members to committees of the Board, the Chairman is responsible for determining that any such committee meets the composition requirements set forth in this Article V.

(b) Upon request of the Secretary, each prospective committee member who is not a Director shall provide to the Secretary such information as is reasonably necessary to serve as the basis for a determination of the prospective committee member's classification as an Industry, Non-Industry, or Independent member. The Secretary shall certify to the Board each prospective committee member's classification. Such committee members shall update the information submitted under this subsection at least annually and upon request of the Secretary, and shall report immediately to the Secretary any change in such information.

(c) The term of office of a committee member shall terminate immediately upon a determination by the Board, by a majority vote of the Directors, (i) that the committee member no longer satisfies the classification for which the committee member was selected; and (ii) that the committee member's continued service as such would violate the compositional requirements of such committee set forth in this Article V.

(d) Any vacancy occurring in a committee shall be filled by the Chairman for the remainder of the term, with the approval of the Board.

(e) Except as otherwise provided by this Agreement, members of a committee shall hold office for a one-year period.

Section 3. Powers and Duties of Committees

To the extent provided in the resolution of the Board, any committee that consists solely of one or more Directors shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the Board in the management of the business and affairs of the Company.

Section 4. Conduct of Proceedings

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement or by the Board, each committee may adopt its own rules of procedure and may meet at stated times or on such notice as such committee may determine. Each committee shall keep regular minutes of its meetings and report the same to the Board when required.

Section 5. Voting, Quorum and Action by Committees

Each committee member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Unless otherwise required by this Agreement, the presence of a majority of the number of committee members serving on a committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of such committee. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of a committee, the committee members present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present. The act of a majority of the committee members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of such committee except as may be otherwise specifically provided by statute or this Agreement.

Section 6. Specified Committees

(a) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, may appoint a Compensation Committee, and if not so appointed, references to the Compensation Committee herein shall refer to the entire Board. The Compensation Committee shall consider and recommend compensation policies, programs, and practices for officers and other employees of the Company, in each case if and to the extent that such officers or employees are paid by the Company. Each voting member of the Compensation Committee shall be a Non-Industry Director.

(b) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, may appoint an Audit Committee consisting of Directors, and if not so appointed, references to the Audit Committee herein shall refer to the entire Board. A majority of the Audit Committee members shall be Non-Industry Directors. A Non-Industry Director shall serve as Chairman of the Audit Committee. All Audit Committee Directors shall be Independent Directors. The Audit Committee shall perform the following primary functions, as well as such other functions as may be specified in the charter of the Audit Committee: (A) provide oversight over the Company's financial reporting process and the financial information that is provided to the LLC Member and others; (B) provide oversight over the systems of internal controls established by management and the Board and the Company's legal and compliance process; (C) select, evaluate and, where appropriate, replace the Company's independent auditors (or nominate the independent auditors to be proposed for

ratification by the LLC Member); and (D) direct and oversee all the activities of the Company's internal audit function, including but not limited to management's responsiveness to internal audit recommendations. The Audit Committee shall have exclusive authority to: (A) hire or terminate the head of the Company's Internal Audit Department; (B) determine the compensation of the head of the Internal Audit Department; and (C) determine the budget for the Internal Audit Department. The Internal Audit Department and its head shall report directly to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee may, in its discretion, direct that the Internal Audit Department also report to senior management of the Company on matters the Audit Committee deems appropriate and may request that senior management of the Company perform such operational oversight as necessary and proper, consistent with preservation of the independence of the internal audit function.

(c) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint a Regulatory Oversight Committee. The Regulatory Oversight Committee shall oversee the adequacy and effectiveness of the Exchange's regulatory and self-regulatory organization responsibilities, assess the Exchange's regulatory performance, and assist the Board and committees of the Board in reviewing the regulatory plan and the overall effectiveness of the Exchange's regulatory functions. In furtherance of its functions, the Regulatory Oversight Committee (i) shall review the Exchange's regulatory budget, which shall be approved by the Board of Directors, and shall specifically inquire into the adequacy of resources available in the budget for regulatory activities; and (ii) shall meet regularly with the Chief Regulatory Officer in executive session. The Regulatory Oversight Committee shall also, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, be responsible for establishing the goals, assessing the performance, and fixing the compensation of the Chief Regulatory Officer and for recommending personnel actions involving the Chief Regulatory Officer and senior regulatory personnel. To the extent that the Chief Executive Officer of the Company has any indirect supervisory responsibility for the role or function of the Chief Regulatory Officer, including but not limited to, implementation of the budget for the regulatory function or regulatory personnel matters, the Regulatory Oversight Committee shall take all steps reasonably necessary to ensure that the Chief Executive Officer does not compromise the regulatory autonomy and independence of the Chief Regulatory Officer or the regulatory function. Each member of the Regulatory Oversight Committee shall be an Independent Director.

(d) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint an Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee shall preside over all appeals related to disciplinary and adverse action determinations in accordance with the Exchange Rules. The Appeals Committee shall consist of two Independent Directors, and one Member Representative Director. If the Independent Director recuses himself or herself from an appeal, due to a conflict of interest or otherwise, such Independent Director may be replaced by a Non-Industry Director for purposes of the applicable appeal if there is no other Independent Director able to serve as the replacement.

(e) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, may appoint an Executive Committee, which shall, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law and other applicable

law, have and be permitted to exercise all the powers and authority of the Board in the management of the business and affairs of the Company between meetings of the Board. The number of Non-Industry Directors on the Executive Committee shall equal or exceed the number of Industry Directors on the Executive Committee. The percentage of Independent Directors on the Executive Committee shall be at least as great as the percentage of Independent Directors on the whole Board, and the percentage of Member Representative Directors on the Executive Committee shall be at least as great as the percentage of Member Representative Directors on the whole Board.

(f) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, may appoint a Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall advise the Board with respect to the oversight of the financial operations and conditions of the Company, including recommendations for Company's annual operating and capital budgets.

ARTICLE VI

Nominating Committees

Section 1. Election of Nominating Committee and Member Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee and the Member Nominating Committee shall each be elected on an annual basis by vote of the LLC Member. The LLC Member shall appoint the initial Nominating Committee and Member Nominating Committee consistent with the compositional requirements of this Article VI. In each subsequent year, each of the Nominating Committee and Member Nominating Committee, after completion of its respective duties for nominating Directors for election to the Board for that year, shall nominate candidates to serve on the succeeding year's Nominating Committee or Member Nominating Committee, as applicable, such candidates to be voted on by the LLC Member at the annual meeting of the LLC Member. Additional candidates for the Member Nominating Committee may be nominated and elected pursuant to the same process as provided for in Article III, Section 4 of this Agreement.

Section 2. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for election to the Board at the annual meeting of the LLC Member and all other vacant or new Director positions on the Board. The Nominating Committee, in making such nominations, is responsible for ensuring that candidates meet the compositional requirements of Article III, Section 2(b) of this Agreement. The number of Non-Industry members on the Nominating Committee shall equal or exceed the number of Industry members on the Nominating Committee. All Nominating Committee members shall be Independent Directors. A Nominating Committee member may simultaneously serve on the Nominating Committee and the Board.

Section 3. Member Nominating Committee

The Member Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for each Member Representative Director position on the Board that is to be elected by Exchange Members or the

LLC Member under the terms of this Agreement. Each member of the Member Nominating Committee shall be a Member Representative member.

ARTICLE VII

Officers, Agents and Employees

Section 1. General

The officers of the Company shall include a Chief Executive Officer, a President, a Chief Regulatory Officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as in the Board's opinion are desirable for the conduct of the business of the Company. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except that the offices of the President and Secretary may not be held by the same person.

Section 2. Appointment and Tenure

Each officer of the Company shall be appointed by the Board on an annual basis, and shall hold office until his or her successor is appointed and qualified or until his or her earlier death, disability, disqualification, removal, or resignation. An officer may serve for any number of terms, consecutive or otherwise.

Section 3. Resignation and Removal of Officers; Vacancies

(a) Any officer may resign at any time upon notice of resignation to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, the President, or the Secretary. Any such resignation shall take effect upon receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, or if the time is not specified, upon receipt thereof, and the acceptance of such resignation, unless required by the terms thereof, shall not be necessary to make such resignation effective.

(b) Any officer of the Company may be removed, with or without cause, by the Board. Such removal shall be without prejudice to the contractual rights of the affected officer, if any, with the Company.

(c) Vacancies in any office of the Company may be filled for the unexpired term by the Board.

Section 4. Compensation

The compensation of all officers and agents of the Company shall be set by the LLC Member, with the exception of the Chief Regulatory Officer, whose compensation shall be set by the Regulatory Oversight Committee as set forth in Article V, Section 6(c) of this Agreement. As of the date hereof, the Company and the LLC Member have entered into a tri-party Expense Sharing Agreement with IEX Services LLC (the "ESA"), which governs among other things, the allocation methodology for compensation expenses to the Company. The Board from time to time may review the reasonableness of the allocation methodology contained in the ESA.

Section 5. Powers and Duties; Delegation

Each of the officers of the Company shall, unless otherwise ordered by the Board, have such powers and duties as customarily pertain to the respective office, and such further powers and duties as from time to time may be conferred by the Board, or by an officer delegated such authority by the Board. The Board may delegate the duties and powers of any officer of the Company to any other officer or to any Director for a specified period of time and for any reason that the Board may deem sufficient.

Section 6. Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer shall be the Chairman of the Board and shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which the Chief Executive Officer is present; provided, however, that he or she shall not participate in executive sessions of the Board. The Chief Executive Officer shall be the chief executive officer of the Company, shall have general supervision over the business and affairs of the Company, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Chief Executive Officer shall have all powers and duties usually incident to the office of the Chief Executive Officer, except as specifically limited by a resolution of the Board. The Chief Executive Officer shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Chief Executive Officer from time to time by the Board.

Section 7. President

The President shall, in the absence of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, preside at all meetings of the Board at which the President is present. The President shall have general supervision over the operations of the Company. The President shall have all powers and duties usually incident to the office of the President, except as specifically limited by a resolution of the Board. The President shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the President from time to time by the Board.

Section 8. Vice President

The Board shall appoint one or more Vice Presidents. In the absence or disability of the President or if the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice Presidents in the order determined by the Board, or if no such determination has been made, in the order of their seniority, shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, subject to the right of the Board at any time to extend or restrict such powers and duties or to assign them to others. Any Vice President may have such additional designations in such Vice President's title as the Board may determine. The Vice Presidents shall generally assist the President in such manner as the President shall direct. Each Vice President shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to such Vice President from time to time by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the President. The term "Vice President" used in this Section 8 shall include the positions of Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President, and Vice President.

Section 9. Chief Regulatory Officer

An officer of the Company with the position of Executive Vice President or Senior Vice President shall be designated as the Chief Regulatory Officer of the Company. The Chief Regulatory Officer shall have general supervision of the regulatory operations of the Company,

including responsibility for overseeing the Company's surveillance, examination, and enforcement functions and for administering any regulatory services agreements with another self-regulatory organization to which the Company is a party. The Chief Regulatory Officer shall meet with the Regulatory Oversight Committee of the Company in executive session at regularly scheduled meetings of such committee, and at any time upon request of the Chief Regulatory Officer or any member of the Regulatory Oversight Committee. The Chief Regulatory Officer may, but is not required to, also serve as the General Counsel of the Company.

Section 10. Secretary

The Secretary shall act as Secretary of all meetings of the Board at which the Secretary is present, shall record all the proceedings of all such meetings in a book to be kept for that purpose, shall have supervision over the giving and service of notices of the Company, and shall have supervision over the care and custody of the books and records of the Company. The Secretary shall be empowered to affix the Company's seal, if any, to documents, the execution of which on behalf of the Company under its seal is duly authorized, and when so affixed, may attest the same. The Secretary shall have all powers and duties usually incident to the office of Secretary, except as specifically limited by a resolution of the Board. The Secretary shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Secretary from time to time by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the President.

Section 11. Assistant Secretary

In the absence of the Secretary or in the event of the Secretary's inability or refusal to act, any Assistant Secretary, approved by the Board, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties of the Secretary. An Assistant Secretary shall also exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to such Assistant Secretary from time to time by the Board or the Secretary.

Section 12. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have general supervision over the care and custody of the funds and over the receipts and disbursements of the Company and shall cause the funds of the Company to be deposited in the name of the Company in such banks or other depositories as the Board may designate. The Treasurer shall have supervision over the care and safekeeping of the securities of the Company. The Treasurer shall have all powers and duties usually incident to the office of Treasurer except as specifically limited by a resolution of the Board. The Treasurer shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Treasurer from time to time by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the President.

Section 13. Assistant Treasurer

In the absence of the Treasurer or in the event of the Treasurer's inability or refusal to act, any Assistant Treasurer, approved by the Board, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties of the Treasurer. An Assistant Treasurer shall also exercise such other powers and

perform such other duties as may be assigned to such Assistant Treasurer from time to time by the Board or the Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII

Indemnification

Section 1. Indemnification of Directors, Officers, Employees And Other Agents.

The Company shall indemnify its directors and executive officers to the fullest extent not prohibited by the Delaware General Corporation Law; provided, however, that the Company may limit the extent of such indemnification by individual contracts with its directors and executive officers; and, provided, further, that the Company shall not be required to indemnify any director or executive officer in connection with any proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person or any proceeding by such person against the Company or its directors, officers, employees or other agents unless (i) such indemnification is expressly required to be made by law, (ii) the proceeding was authorized by the Board of Directors of the Company or (iii) such indemnification is provided by the Company, in its sole discretion, pursuant to the powers vested in the Company under the Delaware General Corporation Law.

(a) Other Officers, Employees and Other Agents.

The Company shall have the power to indemnify its other officers, employees and other agents as set forth in the Delaware General Corporation Law.

(b) Expenses.

The Company shall advance to any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or executive officer, of the Company, or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director or executive officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, prior to the final disposition of the proceeding, promptly following request therefor, all expenses incurred by any director or executive officer in connection with such proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such person to repay said amounts if it should be determined ultimately that such person is not entitled to be indemnified under this Article VIII or otherwise.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise determined pursuant to paragraph (e) of this Article VIII, Section 1, no advance shall be made by the Company to an executive officer of the Company (except by reason of the fact that such executive officer is or was a director of the Company in which event this paragraph shall not apply) in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, if a determination is reasonably and promptly made (i) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to the proceeding, or (ii) if such quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, that the facts known to the decision-making party at the time such determination

is made demonstrate clearly and convincingly that such person acted in bad faith or in a manner that such person did not believe to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company.

(b) Enforcement.

Without the necessity of entering into an express contract, all rights to indemnification and advances to directors and executive officers under this Article VIII shall be deemed to be contractual rights and be effective to the same extent and as if provided for in a contract between the Company and the director or executive officer. Any right to indemnification or advances granted by this Article VIII to a director or executive officer shall be enforceable by or on behalf of the person holding such right in the forum in which the proceeding is or was pending or, if such forum is not available or a determination is made that such forum is not convenient, in any court of competent jurisdiction if (i) the claim for indemnification or advances is denied, in whole or in part, or (ii) no disposition of such claim is made within ninety (90) days of request therefor. The claimant in such enforcement action, if successful in whole or in part, shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting his claim. The Company shall be entitled to raise as a defense to any such action that the claimant has not met the standards of conduct that make it permissible under the Delaware General Corporation Law for the Company to indemnify the claimant for the amount claimed. Neither the failure of the Company (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel or the LLC Member) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of the claimant is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the Delaware General Corporation Law, nor an actual determination by the Company (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel or the LLC Member) that the claimant has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that claimant has not met the applicable standard of conduct.

(c) Non Exclusivity of Rights.

To the fullest extent permitted by the Act, the rights conferred on any person by this Article VIII shall not be exclusive of any other right which such person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, this Agreement, agreement, vote of the LLC Member or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding office. The Company is specifically authorized to enter into individual contracts with any or all of its directors, officers, employees or agents respecting indemnification and advances, to the fullest extent permitted by the Act and this Agreement.

(d) Survival of Rights.

The rights conferred on any person by this Article VIII shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or executive officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

(e) Insurance.

The Company, upon approval by the Board of Directors, may purchase insurance on behalf of any person required or permitted to be indemnified pursuant to this Article VIII.

(f) *Amendments.*

Any repeal or modification of this Article VIII shall only be prospective and shall not affect the rights under this Article VIII in effect at the time of the alleged occurrence of any action or omission to act that is the cause of any proceeding against any agent of the Company.

(g) *Saving Clause.*

If this Article VIII or any portion hereof shall be invalidated on any ground by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the Company shall nevertheless indemnify each director and executive officer to the fullest extent permitted by any applicable portion of this Article VIII that shall not have been invalidated, or by any other applicable law.

(h) *Certain Definitions.*

For the purposes of this Article VIII, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) The term “proceeding” shall be broadly construed and shall include, without limitation, the investigation, preparation, prosecution, defense, settlement and appeal of any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitratative or investigative.

(ii) The term “expenses” shall be broadly construed and shall include, without limitation, court costs, attorneys’ fees, witness fees, fines, amounts paid in settlement or judgment and any other costs and expenses of any nature or kind incurred in connection with any proceeding, including expenses of establishing a right to indemnification under this Article VIII or any applicable law.

(iii) The term the “Company” shall include, in addition to the resulting corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its directors, officers, and employees or agents, so that any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of such constituent corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Article VIII with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as he would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued.

(iv) References to a “director,” “officer,” “employee,” or “agent” of the Company shall include, without limitation, situations where such person is serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee, trustee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

Section 2. Exchange Not Liable

Except as provided in the Exchange Rules, the Company shall not be liable for any loss or damage sustained by any current or former Exchange Member growing out of the use or enjoyment by such Exchange Member of the facilities afforded by the Company (or any predecessor or successor thereof) or its subsidiaries.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments; Emergency Operating Agreement

Section 1. By the LLC Member or Board

(a) This Agreement may be altered, amended, or repealed, or a new Operating Agreement may be adopted, (i) by the written consent of the LLC Member, or (ii) at any regular or special meeting of the Board or by a resolution adopted by the Board.

(b) Before any amendment to, or repeal of, any provision of this Agreement shall be effective, those changes shall be submitted to the Board of Directors of the Company and if such amendment or repeal must be filed with or filed with and approved by the Commission, then the proposed changes to this Agreement shall not become effective until filed with or filed with and approved by the Commission as set forth in Article IX, Section 4 of this Agreement.

Section 2. Emergency Operating Agreement

The Board may adopt emergency Operating Agreement subject to repeal or change by action of the LLC Member which shall, notwithstanding any different provision of law, the Certificate of Formation, or this Agreement, be operative during any emergency resulting from any nuclear or atomic disaster, an attack on the United States or on a locality in which the Company conducts its business or customarily holds meetings of the Board, any catastrophe, or other emergency condition, as a result of which a quorum of the Board or a committee thereof cannot readily be convened for action. Such emergency Operating Agreement may make any provision that may be practicable and necessary under the circumstances of the emergency.

Section 3. Authority to Take Action Under Extraordinary Market Conditions

The Board, or such person or persons as may be designated by the Board, in the event of extraordinary market conditions, shall have the authority to take any action regarding:

(a) the trading in or operation of the national securities exchange operated by the Company or any other organized securities markets that may be operated by the Company, the operation of any automated system owned or operated by the Company, and the participation in any such system of any or all persons or the trading therein of any or all securities; and

(b) the operation of any or all offices or systems of Exchange Members, if, in the opinion of the Board or the person or persons hereby designated, such action is necessary or appropriate for the protection of investors or the public interest or for the orderly operation of the marketplace or the system.

Section 4. Commission Approval

Before any amendment to, alteration or repeal of any provision of this Agreement under this Article IX shall be effective, those changes shall be submitted to the Board and if the same must be filed with and approved by the Commission under Section 19 of the '34 Act and the rules promulgated thereunder, then the proposed changes to this Agreement shall not become effective until filed with or filed with and approved by the Commission under Section 19 of the '34 Act and the rules promulgated thereunder, as the case may be.

ARTICLE X

Exchange Authorities

Section 1. Rules

(a) The Board, acting in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Rules, shall be vested with all powers necessary for the government of the Company as an “exchange” within the meaning of the '34 Act. To promote and enforce just and equitable principles of trade and business, to maintain high standards of commercial honor and integrity among Exchange Members, to collaborate with governmental and other agencies in the promotion of fair practices and the elimination of fraud, and in general to carry out the purposes of the Company and of the '34 Act, the Board is hereby authorized to adopt such rules and such amendments thereto as it may, from time to time, deem necessary or appropriate. If any such rules or amendments thereto are approved by the Commission or otherwise become effective as provided in the '34 Act, they shall become operative Exchange Rules as of the date of Commission approval or effectiveness under the '34 Act unless a later operative date is declared by the Company. The Board is hereby authorized, subject to the provisions of this Agreement and the '34 Act, to administer, enforce, interpret, issue exemptions from, suspend, or cancel any Rules adopted hereunder.

Section 2. Disciplinary Proceedings

(a) The Board is authorized to establish procedures relating to disciplinary proceedings involving Exchange Members and their associated persons.

(b) The Board is authorized to impose appropriate sanctions applicable to Exchange Members, including censure, fine, suspension, or expulsion from membership, suspension or bar from being associated with all Exchange Members, limitation of activities, functions, and operations of an Exchange Member, or any other fitting sanction, and to impose appropriate sanctions applicable to persons associated with Exchange Members, including censure, fine, suspension, or barring a person associated with an Exchange Member from being associated with all Exchange Members, limitation of activities, functions, and operations of a person associated with an Exchange Member, or any other fitting sanction, for:

(i) a breach by an Exchange Member or a person associated with an Exchange Member of any covenant with the Company or the LLC Member;

(ii) violation by an Exchange Member or a person associated with an Exchange Member of any of the terms, conditions, covenants, and provisions of the this

Agreement, the Rules, or the federal securities laws, including the rules and regulations adopted thereunder;

(iii) failure by an Exchange Member or person associated with an Exchange Member to: (A) submit a dispute for arbitration as may be required by the Rules; (B) appear or produce any document in the Exchange Member's or person's possession or control as directed pursuant to the Rules; (C) comply with an award of arbitrators properly rendered, where a timely motion to vacate or modify such award has not been made pursuant to applicable law or where such a motion has been denied; or (D) comply with a written and executed settlement agreement obtained in connection with an arbitration or mediation submitted for disposition; or

(iv) failure by an Exchange Member or person associated with an Exchange Member to adhere to any ruling, order, direction, or decision of or to pay any sanction, fine, or costs imposed by the Board or any entity to which the Board has delegated its powers.

Section 3. Membership Qualifications

(a) The Board shall have authority to adopt rules and regulations applicable to Exchange Members, applicants seeking to become Exchange Members, and persons associated with applicants or Exchange Members, establishing specified and appropriate standards with respect to the training, experience, competence, financial responsibility, operational capability, and such other qualifications as the Board finds necessary or desirable.

(b) The Board may from time to time make such changes in such rules, regulations, and standards as it deems necessary or appropriate.

(c) Uniform standards for regulatory and other access issues, such as admission to membership and conditions to becoming an Exchange market maker, shall be promulgated and applied on a consistent basis, and the Company shall institute safeguards to ensure fair and evenhanded access to all of its services and facilities.

Section 4. Fees, Dues, Assessments, and Other Charges

The Board shall have authority to fix and levy the amount of fees, dues, assessments, and other charges to be paid by Exchange Members and issuers and any other persons using any facility or system that the Company operates or controls; provided, however, that such fees, dues, assessments, and other charges shall be equitably allocated among Exchange Members and issuers and any other persons using any facility or system that the Company operates or controls. Any Regulatory Funds will not be used for non-regulatory purposes or distributed to the LLC Member, but rather, shall be applied to fund regulatory operations of the Company (including surveillance and enforcement activities), or, as the case may be, shall be used to pay restitution and disgorgement of funds intended for customers.

ARTICLE XI

Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. Operational Date of Exchange

The Company has been formed in anticipation of its registration by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a national securities exchange (such date of approval by the Commission, the “**Approval Date**”). During the period between formation and the first date on which the Company commences operating a national securities exchange (the “Operational Date”):

(a) references in this Agreement to “the national securities exchange operated by the Company” shall be construed as references to “the national securities exchange to be operated by the Company”; and

(b) the Board of Directors of the Company may appoint members of the committees to be established under this Agreement, but shall not be required to appoint all such committee members until the date immediately prior to the Operational Date.

Section 2. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Company shall be as determined from time to time by the Board.

Section 3. Participation in Board and Committee Meetings

All meetings of the Board (and any committees of the Board) pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company (including disciplinary matters) shall be closed to all persons other than members of the Board and officers, staff, counsel or other advisors whose participation is necessary or appropriate to the proper discharge of such regulatory functions and any representatives of the Commission. In no event shall members of the Board of Directors of the LLC Member who are not also members of the Board, or any officers, staff, counsel or advisors of the LLC Member who are not also officers, staff, counsel or advisors of the Company (or any committees of the Board), be allowed to participate in any meetings of the Board (or any committee of the Board) pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company (including disciplinary matters).

Section 4. Books and Records; Confidentiality of Information and Records Relating to SRO Function

The books and records of the Company shall be maintained at a location within the United States. All books and records of the Company reflecting confidential information pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company (including but not limited to disciplinary matters, trading data, trading practices, and audit information) shall be retained in confidence by the Company and its personnel, including its directors, officers, employees and agents, and will not be used by the Company for any non-regulatory purposes and shall not be made available to any person (including, without limitation, any Exchange Member) other than to personnel of the Commission, and those personnel of the Company, members of committees of the Board, members of the Board, hearing officers and other agents of the Company to the extent necessary or appropriate to properly discharge the self-regulatory responsibilities of the Company. Nothing in this Article XI shall be interpreted as to limit or impede the rights of the

Commission to access and examine such confidential information pursuant to the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder, or to limit or impede the ability of any officers, directors, employees or agents of the Company to disclose such confidential information to the Commission.

Section 5. Distributions

Subject to any provisions of any applicable statute or other provisions of this Agreement, distributions may be declared upon the profits of the Company by, and in the absolute discretion of, the Board; and any such distributions may be paid in cash, property or units of membership interests of the Company, as determined by the Board, and shall be declared and paid on such dates and in such amounts as are determined by the Board. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in this Agreement, (i) the Company shall not be required to make a distribution to the LLC Member on account of its interest in the Company if such distribution would violate the Act or any other applicable law, and (ii) the Company shall not make a distribution to the LLC Member using Regulatory Funds or in violation of Article X, Section 4 of this Agreement.

Section 6. Reserves

Before payment of any dividends, there may be set aside out of any funds of the Company available for dividends such sum or sums as the Board from time to time, in its absolute discretion, determines to be proper as a reserve or reserves to meet contingencies, or for equalizing dividends, or for repairing or maintaining any property of the Company, or for such other purpose as the Board shall determine to be conducive to the interests of the Company, and the Board may modify or abolish any such reserve in the manner in which it was created.

Section 7. Execution of Instruments, Contracts, etc.

(a) All checks, drafts, bills of exchange, notes, or other obligations or orders for the payment of money shall be signed in the name of the Company by such officer or officers or person or persons as the Board, or a duly authorized committee thereof, may from time to time designate. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Board, any committee given specific authority in the premises by the Board, or any committee given authority to exercise generally the powers of the Board during intervals between meetings of the Board may authorize any officer, employee, or agent, in the name of and on behalf of the Company, to enter into or execute and deliver deeds, bonds, mortgages, contracts, and other obligations or instruments, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

(b) All applications, written instruments, and papers required by any department of the United States government or by any state, county, municipal, or other governmental authority may be executed in the name of the Company by any officer of the Company, or, to the extent designated for such purpose from time to time by the Board, by an employee or agent of the Company. Such designation may contain the power to substitute, in the discretion of the person named, one or more other persons.

Section 8. Power to Vote Stock

Unless otherwise instructed by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company shall have the power and authority on behalf of the Company to attend and to vote at any meeting of stockholders, partners or equity holders of any corporation, partnership or any other entity in which the Company may hold stock, partnership or other equity interests, as the case may be, and may exercise on behalf of the Company any and all of the rights and powers incident to the ownership of such stock, partnership or other equity interest at such meeting, and shall have the power and authority to execute and deliver proxies, waivers and consents on behalf of the Company in connection with the exercise by the Company of the rights and powers incident to the ownership of such stock, partnership or other equity interest. The Board and the Chief Executive Officer may from time to time confer like powers upon any other person or persons.

Section 9. Severability

If any provision of this Agreement, or the application of any provision of this Agreement to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 10. Tax Classification

The Member intends that the Company shall be treated as a "disregarded entity" within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 301.7701-2(c)(2) for federal and applicable state income tax purposes and will file its tax returns consistent with such treatment.

Section 11. Ownership of Company Property

All assets owned by the Company shall be owned by the Company as an entity, and held in the name of the Company. The Member shall not hold any ownership interest in any Company property in its own name or right.

Section 12. Transfer of Rights

The LLC Member may not transfer or assign in whole or in part its limited liability company interest in the Company to any entity, unless such transfer or assignment shall be filed with and approved by the Commission under Section 19 of the '34 Act and the rules promulgated thereunder.

Section 13. Indemnification

(a) The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the State of Delaware, as if the Company were a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, the Member and any officer and any affiliate thereof (individually, in each case, an "Indemnitee"), from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs damages, expenses, fines, settlements and causes of action of any nature whatsoever ("Losses") arising out of or incidental to the business, activities or operations of, or relating to, the Company, regardless of whether the Indemnitee continues to be a Member, officer or affiliate thereof at the

time any such liability or expense is paid or incurred; *provided, however*, that no Member, officer or affiliate may be indemnified by the Company from and against any Losses which result from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such person.

(b) The indemnification provided by this Section 14 shall be in addition to any other rights to which an Indemnitee may be entitled under any other agreement, by vote of the Member, as a matter of law or equity, or otherwise, both as to an action in the Indemnitee's capacity as a Member, officer or affiliate thereof, and as to an action in another capacity, and shall continue as to an Indemnitee who has ceased to serve in such capacity and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors, assigns and administrators of the Indemnitee.

Section 14. Limited Liability Except as otherwise expressly provided by the Act, the debts, obligations and liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise (including, without limitation, those arising as member, owner or shareholder of another company, partnership or entity), shall be the debts, obligations and liabilities solely of the Company, and neither any LLC Member nor any Director or Officer shall be obligated personally for any such debt, obligation or liability of the Company solely by reason of being an LLC Member or Director or Officer of the Company.

Section 15. Capital Contributions

The LLC Member has contributed to the Company the amounts set forth in the books and records of the Company.

Section 16. Additional Contributions

The LLC Member is not required to make any additional capital contribution to the Company. However, the LLC Member may make additional capital contributions to the Company at any time upon the consent of such LLC Member. To the extent that the LLC Member makes an additional capital contribution to the Company, the LLC Member shall revise the books and records of the Company. The provisions of this Agreement, including this Section 16, are intended to benefit the LLC Member and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall not be construed as conferring any benefit upon any creditor of the Company (and no such creditor of the Company shall be a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement), and the LLC Member shall not have any duty or obligation to any creditor of the Company to make any contribution to the Company or to issue any call for capital pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 17. Allocation of Profits and Losses

Subject to the restrictions of Article X Section 4, the Company's profits and losses shall be allocated to the LLC Member.

Section 18. Dissolution

(a) The Company shall dissolve, and its affairs shall be wound up upon the first to occur of the following: (i) the occurrence of any dissolution event set forth in this Agreement,

as the same may be amended from time to time, (ii) the written consent of the LLC Member, (iii) the withdrawal or dissolution of the LLC Member or the occurrence of any other event which terminates the continued membership of the LLC Member in the Company unless the business of the Company is continued in a manner permitted by the Act, or (iv) the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution under Section 18-802 of the Act.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the bankruptcy of the LLC Member will not cause the LLC Member to cease to be a member of the Company, and upon the occurrence of such an event the business of the Company shall continue without dissolution.

(c) In the event of dissolution, the LLC Member shall conduct only such activities as are necessary to wind up the affairs of the Company (including the sale of the assets of the Company in an orderly manner), and the assets of the Company shall be applied in the manner, and in the order of priority, provided under the Act and applicable law.

(d) The Company shall terminate when (i) all of the assets of the Company, after payment of or due provision for all debts, liabilities and obligations of the Company, shall have been distributed to the LLC Member in the manner provided for in this Agreement and (ii) the Certificate of Formation shall have been canceled in the manner required by the Act.

Section 19. Severability of Provisions

Each provision of this Agreement shall be considered separable and if for any reason any provision or provisions herein are determined to be invalid, unenforceable or illegal under any existing or future law, such invalidity, unenforceability or illegality shall not impair the operation of or affect those portions of this Agreement which are valid, enforceable and legal.

Section 20. Entire Agreement

Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes and replaces any other written or oral agreement relating to the subject matter hereof, including any prior operating agreement of the Company.

Section 21. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed under, the laws of the State of Delaware (without regard to conflict of laws principles), all rights and remedies being governed by said laws.

Section 22. No Third-Party Beneficiary

Any agreement to pay any amount and any assumption of liability in this Agreement contained, express or implied, shall be only for the benefit of the Member and his respective heirs, successors, and permitted assigns, and such agreements and assumptions shall not inure to the

benefit of the obligees of any indebtedness of any other party, whomsoever, deemed to be a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the LLC Member has executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

LLC MEMBER:

IEX Group, Inc.

/s/ Bradley Katsuyama

Name: Bradley Katsuyama

Title: Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT A
SCHEDULE OF LLC MEMBER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Capital Contribution</u>	<u>Membership Interest</u>
IEX Group, Inc. 3 World Trade Center 58 th Floor New York, NY 10007	\$1.00	100%