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NYSE AMERICAN COMPANY GUIDE

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Sec. 801. GENERAL

In addition to the quantitative listing standards set forth in Part 1, this Part 8 specifies certain corporate governance listing standards. These standards apply to all listed companies, subject to the exceptions set forth below, to the extent not inconsistent with Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Notwithstanding the below, every listed issuer is subject to Rule 811 unless such issuer is eligible for an exemption set forth in that rule.

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Sec. 810. WRITTEN AFFIRMATIONS

(a) Each listed company CEO must certify to the Exchange each year that he or she is not aware of any violation by the listed company of Exchange corporate governance listing standards, qualifying the certification to the extent necessary. A blank copy of the CEO certification form required by this Section 810(a) will be posted on the Exchange's website.

Commentary: The CEO's annual certification regarding the Exchange's corporate governance listing standards will focus the CEO and senior management on the listed company's compliance with the listing standards.

- **(b)** Each listed company CEO must promptly notify the Exchange in writing after any executive officer of the listed company becomes aware of any non-compliance with any applicable provisions of this Part 8.
- (c) Each listed company must submit an executed written affirmation of compliance with Part 8 of the Company Guide annually to the Exchange. In addition, each listed company must promptly submit an interim written affirmation after becoming aware of any noncompliance with Part 8 of the Company Guide or in the event of any change in the composition of its board of directors or the audit, compensation or nominating committees thereof. If the interim written affirmation relates to noncompliance with Part 8 of the Company Guide and is being submitted to the Exchange to satisfy the notice requirement of Section 810(b), it must be signed by the company's CEO. Blank copies of the affirmation forms mentioned in this Section 810(c) will be posted on the Exchange's website.

Sec. 811 ERRONEOUSLY AWARDED COMPENSATION

(a) This Section 811 prohibits the initial or continued listing of any security of an issuer that is not in compliance with the requirements of any portion hereof.

(b) Implementation.

- (i) The effective date ("Effective Date") of this Section 811 is October 2, 2023.
- (ii) Each listed issuer must adopt the recovery policy required by this Section 811 ("Recovery Policy") no later than 60 days following the Effective Date.
- (iii) Each listed issuer must comply with its Recovery Policy for all incentive-based compensation Received (as such term is defined in Section 811(e) below) by executive officers on or after the Effective Date;
- (iv) Each listed issuer must provide the required disclosures in the applicable SEC filings required on or after the Effective Date.

(c) Requirements.

The requirements of this Section 811 are as follows:

- (1) Recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation. The issuer must adopt and comply with a written Recovery Policy providing that the issuer will recover reasonably promptly the amount of erroneously awarded incentive-based compensation in the event that the issuer is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to the material noncompliance of the issuer with any financial reporting requirement under the securities laws, including any required accounting restatement to correct an error in previously issued financial statements that is material to the previously issued financial statements, or that would result in a material misstatement if the error were corrected in the current period or left uncorrected in the current period.
- (i) The issuer's Recovery Policy must apply to all incentive-based compensation received by a person:
 - (A) After beginning service as an executive officer;
 - (B) Who served as an executive officer at any time during the performance period for that incentive-based compensation;
 - (C) While the issuer has a class of securities listed on a national securities exchange or a national securities association; and
 - (D) During the three completed fiscal years immediately preceding the date that the issuer is required to prepare an accounting restatement as described in paragraph (c)(1) of this Section 811. In addition to these last three completed fiscal years, the recovery policy must apply to any transition period (that results from a change in the issuer's fiscal year) within or immediately following those three completed fiscal years. However, a transition period between the last day of the issuer's previous fiscal year end and the first day of its

- new fiscal year that comprises a period of nine to 12 months would be deemed a completed fiscal year. An issuer's obligation to recover erroneously awarded compensation is not dependent on if or when the restated financial statements are filed.
- (ii) For purposes of determining the relevant recovery period, the date that an issuer is required to prepare an accounting restatement as described in paragraph (c)(1) of this Section 811 is the earlier to occur of:
 - (A) The date the issuer's board of directors, a committee of the board of directors, or the officer or officers of the issuer authorized to take such action if board action is not required, concludes, or reasonably should have concluded, that the issuer is required to prepare an accounting restatement as described in paragraph (c)(1) of this Section 811; or
 - (B) The date a court, regulator, or other legally authorized body directs the issuer to prepare an accounting restatement as described in paragraph (c)(1) of this Section 811.
- (iii) The amount of incentive-based compensation that must be subject to the issuer's recovery policy ("erroneously awarded compensation") is the amount of incentive-based compensation received that exceeds the amount of incentive-based compensation that otherwise would have been received had it been determined based on the restated amounts, and must be computed without regard to any taxes paid. For incentive-based compensation based on stock price or total shareholder return, where the amount of erroneously awarded compensation is not subject to mathematical recalculation directly from the information in an accounting restatement:
 - (A) The amount must be based on a reasonable estimate of the effect of the accounting restatement on the stock price or total shareholder return upon which the incentive-based compensation was received; and
 - (B) The issuer must maintain documentation of the determination of that reasonable estimate and provide such documentation to the Exchange.
- (iv) The issuer must recover erroneously awarded compensation in compliance with its recovery policy except to the extent that the conditions of paragraphs (c)(1)(iv)(A), (B), or (C) of this Section 811 are met, and the issuer's committee of independent directors responsible for executive compensation decisions, or in the absence of such a committee, a majority of the independent directors serving on the board, has made a determination that recovery would be impracticable.
 - (A) The direct expense paid to a third party to assist in enforcing the policy would exceed the amount to be recovered. Before concluding that it would be impracticable to recover any amount of erroneously awarded compensation based on expense of enforcement, the issuer must make a reasonable attempt to recover such erroneously awarded compensation, document such reasonable attempt(s) to recover, and provide that documentation to the Exchange.

- (B) Recovery would violate home country law where that law was adopted prior to November 28, 2022. Before concluding that it would be impracticable to recover any amount of erroneously awarded compensation based on violation of home country law, the issuer must obtain an opinion of home country counsel, acceptable to the Exchange, that recovery would result in such a violation, and must provide such opinion to the Exchange.
- (C) Recovery would likely cause an otherwise tax-qualified retirement plan, under which benefits are broadly available to employees of the registrant, to fail to meet the requirements of 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(13) or 26 U.S.C. 411(a) and regulations thereunder.
- (v) The issuer is prohibited from indemnifying any executive officer or former executive officer against the loss of erroneously awarded compensation.
- (2) The issuer must file all disclosures with respect to such Recovery Policy in accordance with the requirements of the Federal securities laws, including the disclosure required by the applicable Commission filings

(d) General Exemptions

The requirements of this Section 811 do not apply to the listing of:

- (1) A security futures product cleared by a clearing agency that is registered pursuant to section 17A of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78q-1) or that is exempt from the registration requirements of section 17A(b)(7)(A) (15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(7)(A));
- (2) A standardized option, as defined in 17 CFR 240.9b-1(a)(4), issued by a clearing agency that is registered pursuant to section 17A of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78q-1);
- (3) Any security issued by a unit investment trust, as defined in 15 U.S.C. 80a-4(2); (4) Any security issued by a management company, as defined in 15 U.S.C. 80a-4(3), that is registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8), if such management company has not awarded incentive-based compensation to any executive officer of the company in any of the last three fiscal years, or in the case of a company that has been listed for less than three fiscal years, since the listing of the company.
- (e) Definitions. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions apply for purposes of this Section 811:

Executive Officer. An executive officer is the issuer's president, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer (or if there is no such accounting officer, the controller), any vice-president of the issuer in charge of a principal business unit, division, or function (such as sales, administration, or finance), any other officer who performs a policy-making function, or any other person who performs similar policy-making functions for the issuer. Executive officers of the issuer's parent(s) or subsidiaries

are deemed executive officers of the issuer if they perform such policy making functions for the issuer. In addition, when the issuer is a limited partnership, officers or employees of the general partner(s) who perform policy-making functions for the limited partnership are deemed officers of the limited partnership. When the issuer is a trust, officers, or employees of the trustee(s) who perform policy-making functions for the trust are deemed officers of the trust. Policy-making function is not intended to include policy-making functions that are not significant. Identification of an executive officer for purposes of this Section 811 would include at a minimum executive officers identified pursuant to 17 CFR 229.401(b).

Financial reporting measures. Financial reporting measures are measures that are determined and presented in accordance with the accounting principles used in preparing the issuer's financial statements, and any measures that are derived wholly or in part from such measures. Stock price and total shareholder return are also financial reporting measures. A financial reporting measure need not be presented within the financial statements or included in a filing with the Commission.

<u>Incentive-based compensation</u>. Incentive-based compensation is any compensation that is granted, earned, or vested based wholly or in part upon the attainment of a financial reporting measure.

Received. Incentive-based compensation is deemed received in the issuer's fiscal period during which the financial reporting measure specified in the incentive-based compensation award is attained, even if the payment or grant of the incentive-based compensation occurs after the end of that period.

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Sec. 1003. APPLICATION OF POLICIES

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(g) Units:

- i. If any of the component parts of a unit do not meet the applicable listing standards, such component parts and the unit will be subject to the provisions of Section 1009 (Continued Listing Evaluation and Follow-Up). However, if one or more of the components is otherwise qualified for listing, that component may remain listed.
- ii. For the purposes of determining whether an individual component satisfies the applicable distribution requirements specified in the Exchange's continued listing standards in paragraph (b) above, the units that are intact and freely separable into their component parts shall be counted toward the total numbers required for continued listing of the component.

- iii. Notwithstanding paragraph (g)(ii) above, the Exchange will consider the suspension of trading in, or removal from listing of, any individual component or unit when, in the opinion of the Exchange, it appears that the extent of public distribution or the aggregate market value of such component or unit has become so reduced as to make continued listing on the Exchange inadvisable. In its review of the advisability of the continued listing of an individual component or unit, the Exchange will consider the trading characteristics of such component or unit and whether it would be in the public interest for trading to continue.
- (h) Noncompliance with Section 811 (Erroneously Awarded Compensation).

(i) Suspension of Trading in the Event of Noncompliance with Section 811

In the event that the Exchange determines that a listed issuer is non-compliant with any of the provisions of Section 811 (Erroneously Awarded Compensation) and such listed issuer does not regain compliance with such provision within any compliance period provided by the Exchange under Section 1003(h)(iii) below, all the listed securities of such issuer will be immediately suspended and the Exchange will immediately commence delisting procedures with respect to all such listed securities. A listed issuer will not be eligible to follow the procedures outlined in Section 1009 with respect to such a delisting determination, and any such listed issuer will be subject to delisting procedures as set forth in Section 1010.

(ii) Events of Noncompliance with Section 811

A listed issuer will be deemed to be below standards in the event of any failure by such listed issuer to comply with any requirement of Section 811 (a "Clawback Requirement Delinquency"). The listed issuer would be required to notify the Exchange in writing within five days of any type of Clawback Requirement Delinquency.

When the Exchange determines that a Clawback Requirement Delinquency has occurred, the Exchange will promptly send written notification (the "Clawback Requirement Delinquency Notification") to a listed issuer of the procedures set forth below. Within five days of the date of receipt of a Clawback Requirement Delinquency Notification, the listed issuer will be required to (a) contact the Exchange to discuss the status of resolution of the Clawback Requirement Delinquency and (b) issue a press release disclosing the occurrence of the Clawback Requirement Delinquency, the reason for the Clawback Requirement Delinquency and, if known, the anticipated date the Clawback Requirement Delinquency will be cured. If the listed issuer has not issued the required press release within five days of the date of the Clawback Requirement Delinquency Notification, the Exchange will issue a press release stating that the issuer has incurred a Clawback Requirement Delinquency and providing a description thereof.

(iii) Cure Periods for Events of Noncompliance with Section 811

During the six-month period from the date of the Clawback Requirement Delinquency (the "Initial Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period"), the Exchange will monitor the listed issuer and the status of resolution of the Clawback Requirement Delinquency, including through

contact with the listed issuer, until the Clawback Requirement Delinquency is cured. If the listed issuer fails to cure the Clawback Requirement Delinquency within the Initial Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period, the Exchange may, in its sole discretion, allow the listed issuer's securities to be traded for up to an additional six-month period (the "Additional Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period") depending on the listed issuer's specific circumstances and as described below. If the Exchange determines that an Additional Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period is not appropriate, suspension and delisting procedures will commence in accordance with the procedures set out in Section 1010 of the Company Guide. A listed issuer is not eligible to follow the procedures outlined in Section 1009 with respect to these criteria. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, the Exchange may in its sole discretion decide (i) not to afford a listed issuer any Initial Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period or Additional Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period, as the case may be, at all, or (ii) at any time during the Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period or Additional Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period, to truncate the cure period and immediately commence suspension and delisting procedures if the listed issuer is subject to delisting pursuant to any other provision of the Company Guide, including if the Exchange believes, in the Exchange's sole discretion, that continued listing and trading of a listed issuer's securities on the Exchange is inadvisable or unwarranted in accordance with Sections 1001-1007 of the Company Guide. In determining whether an Initial Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period or Additional Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period is appropriate, or whether such period should be truncated, the Exchange will consider the likelihood that the Clawback Requirement Delinquency can be cured during such period. The Exchange may also commence suspension and delisting procedures without affording any cure period at all or at any time during the Initial Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period or Additional Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period if the Exchange believes, in the Exchange's sole discretion, that it is advisable to do so on the basis of an analysis of all relevant factors.

(iv) Additional Cure Period for Events of Noncompliance with Section 811

In determining whether an Additional Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period after the expiration of the Initial Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period is appropriate, the Exchange will consider the likelihood that the Clawback Requirement Delinquency can be cured during the Additional Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period. If the Exchange determines that an Additional Clawback Requirement Delinquency Cure Period is appropriate and the listed issuer fails to cure its Clawback Requirement Delinquency by the end of that period, suspension and delisting procedures will commence immediately in accordance with the procedures set out in Section 1010. In no event will the Exchange continue to trade a listed issuer's securities if that listed issuer has failed to cure its Clawback Requirement Delinquency on the date that is twelve months after the date of sending of the Clawback Requirement Delinquency Notification.

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