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Via CFTC Portal Submissions

Mr. Christopher Kirkpatrick Secretary of the Commission Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission 3 Lafayette Centre 1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 20581

### RE: Self-Certification of Rule Amendments: Nadex Amends its Membership Agreement, Endeavored Investigation Completion Time, and Amends Daily Bitcoin Strike Interval Width and Adds Strikes - Submission Pursuant to Commission Regulation §40.6(a)

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the "Act"), and §40.6(a) of the regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission") under the Act, North American Derivatives Exchange, Inc. ("Nadex") hereby submits to the Commission its intent to amend its Membership Agreement, as well as the endeavored completion time for its investigations into Member activity. The changes described herein would be effective February 8, 2016.

Nadex intends to amend its Membership Agreement to provide clear notice to its Members of the potential consequences for allowing a trading account to become negative by any means. Nadex Rule 5.19(m) states that "No Member shall deposit funds into its Nadex account from an account which does not hold sufficient funds at the time of deposit, and at the time the deposit is presented by Nadex for payment." Subsection (n) of that Rule states "No Member shall make a false representation to a third party regarding any deposit made into that Member's Nadex account which would result in a chargeback or stop payment of funds to the Member's account." In addition to Exchange disciplinary action, which is appropriate whenever a violation of these, or any, Exchange Rules occurs, Nadex would like to make it clear that it reserves the right to take action in an attempt to collect any outstanding debts of its Members. Such action includes submitting the uncollected debt to a third party collection agency, initiating civil proceedings against the Member, or referring the matter to criminal authorities in instances of suspected fraud or other misconduct. Nadex is also amending the Agreement to make it clear no Member may give control over their account to any other person or entity, and may not take control of the account of any other Member.

Nadex is also amending its Rule 9.2(b) which indicates that "The Compliance Department will endeavor to complete any investigation within four months . . ." in order to allow the Compliance Department twelve months to complete its investigation. The Exchange has grown substantially since the

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allotted four month investigation period was added to the Rulebook in early 2010, and this is no longer a practical timeframe in which the Compliance Department can thoroughly review and analyze Member activity when alerted to a potential violation. The Compliance Department will continue to work diligently and anticipates the majority of its investigations will be completed in less than the full twelve month review period, however, Nadex feels the additional review time is justified and correlates to the growth of the Exchange. Furthermore, the proposed timeframe is consistent with industry standards as Commission Regulation 38.158 identifies twelve months as an appropriate timeframe in which to complete investigations.

Finally, Nadex plans to amend the interval strike width for its Daily Bitcoin Binary contracts from 1.5 to 1. Nadex is making this change to avoid duplicate strike levels between its Weekly and Daily Bitcoin contracts. Nadex is also increasing the number of strike levels generated for this contract from twenty-one to twenty-seven to maintain consistency in the range covered once the strike width become tighter.

#### **Compliance with Core Principles: Amendments to Membership Agreement**

Nadex has identified the following Designated Contract Market Core Principle and regulation as potentially being affected by the amendments to the Membership Agreement: Core Principle 11 ("Financial Integrity of Transactions") as implemented by Regulation 38.602 ("General Financial Integrity"). This Regulation requires the DCM provide for the financial integrity of its transactions by establishing and maintaining minimum financial standards for its Members. Adding provisions to the Membership Agreement which provide notice that action outside of the Exchange may be taken against Members, including collection processes, and the pursuit of criminal or civil action, who allow their account to become negative by any means, or who cause a loss as the result of false or fraudulent actions, serves to further provide for the financial integrity of the Exchange by warning Members that such actions will not be tolerated. Therefore, changes to the Membership Agreement will not negatively affect Nadex's ability to comply with this Core Principle.

Nadex has identified the following Derivatives Clearing Organization Core Principle and regulation as potentially being affected by the amendments to the Membership Agreement: Core Principle L, implemented by Regulation 39.21 ("Public Information"). This Core Principle requires the DCO provide to market participants sufficient information to enable the market participants to identify and evaluate accurately the risks and costs associated with using the services of the derivatives clearing organization. The amendments to the Membership Agreement serve to provide clear notice to Members of certain prohibited actions, and the potential outcome for these actions. Therefore, the amendments to the Membership Agreement provide additional information to the Member regarding their use of the DCO's services and will not negatively affect Nadex's ability to comply with this Core Principle.

#### **Compliance with Core Principles: Amendment to Rule 9.2**

Nadex has identified the following Designated Contract Market Core Principle and regulation as potentially being affected by the amendment to its Rule 9.2 regarding investigations: Core Principle 2 ("Compliance with Rules") as implemented by Regulation 38.155 ("Compliance Staff and Resources"), and by Regulation 38.158 ("Investigations and Investigation Reports").

Regulation 38.155 requires the DCM monitor the compliance staff and resources to ensure both are at appropriate levels in relation to the size of the DCM and workload. As explained above, the four month investigation period provision in Rule 9.2(b) was added at a time when the Exchange was

significantly smaller. In recent years the Exchange has grown substantially, and after a review of the resources and workload of the Compliance Department, it was determined that four months is no longer a reasonable period of time during which a thorough investigation can be conducted given the increase in potential Rule violations. Commission Regulation 38.158 identifies twelve months as an appropriate timeframe in which to complete investigations. Accordingly, Nadex is amending the endeavored investigation time period in Rule 9.2 to twelve months to align with the Regulation, and this change will not negatively impact Nadex's ability to comply with this Core Principle.

Nadex has not identified any Derivatives Clearing Organization Core Principles that would be impacted by the change to Rule 9.2 Investigations.

### <u>Compliance with Core Principles: Amendments to Daily Bitcoin Strike Interval Width and</u> <u>Addition of Strike Levels</u>

Nadex has identified the following Designated Contract Market ("DCM") Core Principles as potentially being impacted by the amendments to the Daily Bitcoin Binary contracts strike interval width and addition of strike levels: Core Principle 2 (Compliance with Rules: Automated Trade Surveillance System, Real-time Market Monitoring); Core Principle 3 (Contracts Not Readily Subject to Manipulation); Core Principle 4 (Prevention of Market Disruption); Core Principle 7 (Availability of General Information); and Core Principle 8 (Daily Publication of Trading Information).

Core Principle 2 (Compliance with Rules: Automated Trade Surveillance System, Real-time Market Monitoring), implemented by regulations 38.156 and 38.157, require the DCM to maintain an automated trade surveillance system capable of detecting and investigating potential trade practice violations, and to conduct real-time market monitoring of all trading activity. Nadex uses the automated SMARTS<sup>®</sup> surveillance system to aid in the ongoing monitoring of all trading activity, and has the capability of detecting potential trade practice violations based on the parameters set by the DCM. This surveillance system monitors activity in real-time and as with all contracts, day or night, the system will continue to monitor the additional Bitcoin strikes. Additionally, Nadex staff monitors trading activity, and has access to technical support from parent offices in the United Kingdom and Australia in addition to hot-line support by Nadex IT staff. Therefore, the listing of the additional strike levels and narrowing strike width will not negatively impact Nadex's ability to comply with this Core Principle.

Core Principles 3 (Contracts Not Readily Subject to Manipulation), implemented by regulation 38.200, and 4 (Prevention of Market Disruption General Requirements), implemented by regulations 38.250 and 38.251, require the DCM to list only contracts that are not readily susceptible to manipulation and to prevent market disruption. Nadex is already listing strikes in the Bitcoin Binary contracts during the time at which the additional strikes will expire and settle. Therefore Nadex has already determined that the contracts listed in the Daily Bitcoin Binary contracts are not readily susceptible to manipulation and are not likely to cause market disruption. The additional strikes in these markets will be structured in the same manner, expire at the same time, and use the same settlement process it currently uses which mitigates the possibility of manipulation. The addition of strikes merely provides participants a greater range of in-the-money trading opportunities. Like all other contracts listed on the Exchange, Nadex has designated market makers who are obligated to provide liquidity in these contracts, limiting opportunities for the market to be manipulated. Nadex also uses the SMARTS surveillance system to assist with market monitoring and has a staff dedicated to market surveillance. Therefore, Nadex's ability to comply with this Core Principle will not be negatively impacted.

Core Principles 7 (Availability of General Information), implemented by regulations 38.400 and 38.401, and 8 (Daily Publication of Trading Information), implemented by regulations 38.450 and 38.451,

require the DCM to make available to the public accurate information regarding the contract terms and conditions, as well as daily information on contracts such as settlement price, volume, open interest, and opening and closing ranges. Nadex makes available on its website the Exchange Rulebook, as well as the Daily Bulletin which contains the preceding information. The Results page on the website also publishes the Expiration Value and Settlement Value for all Nadex contracts settled during that week. Contract specifications in the Nadex Rulebook will be amended to reflect the new strike levels and width interval in the Daily Bitcoin Binary contracts and will be made available on the Nadex website. Daily settlement prices, volume, open interest, and opening and closing ranges for the new strike levels will be included on the Daily Bulletin and posted on the Nadex website. Therefore, the listing of additional strikes in the Daily Bitcoin contracts and narrowing the strike width will not negatively impact Nadex's ability to comply with this Core Principle.

Nadex has identified the following Derivatives Clearing Organization ("DCO") Core Principles as potentially being impacted by the amendments to the Daily Bitcoin Binary contracts strike interval width and addition of strike levels: Core Principle C (Participant and Product Eligibility); and Core Principle L (Public Information).

Core Principle C (Participant and Product Eligibility), implemented by regulation 39.12, requires the DCO to determine the eligibility of contracts for clearing. Nadex is already listing strikes in the Daily Bitcoin Binary contracts during the time at which the additional strikes will expire and settle. Therefore Nadex has already determined that the contracts in this product are eligible for clearing. The additional strikes in the Daily Bitcoin will be structured in the same manner, expire at the same time, and have the same settlement process which mitigates the possibility of manipulation, as those Bitcoin contracts currently being cleared by the DCO. Liquidity in these markets will not be affected by the additional strikes as Nadex has dedicated market makers who are obligated to provide a market for the contracts, including all strikes, pursuant to the Market Maker Agreement. Nadex therefore believes the additional strikes are appropriate and eligible for clearing. Finally, all trading in these strikes, like all Nadex contracts, will be conducted on a fully-collateralized basis, thereby mitigating any credit risk of a particular member to Nadex or other market participant. Therefore, the amendments discussed herein will not negatively affect Nadex's ability to comply with this Core Principle.

Core Principle L (Public Information), implemented by regulation 39.21, requires the DCO to make available to the public the terms and conditions of each contract, as well as the daily settlement prices, volume, and open interest of the contract. As stated previously, the Rulebook, which contains the terms and conditions for each contract, is made available to the public on the Nadex website. Settlement values for the additional Daily Bitcoin Binary strikes will be listed on the Nadex website on the 'Results Page', as well as the Daily Bulletin which also shows volume and open interest. Therefore, the addition of strikes and narrowing of strike width will not negatively impact Nadex's ability to comply with this Core Principle.

Amendments to the Membership Agreement are set forth in Exhibit A. The Rule changes have been outlined in Exhibit B. The amendments to the Rulebook are set forth in Exhibit C. Any deletions are stricken out while the amendments and/or additions are underlined.

Nadex hereby certifies that the additions contained herein comply with the Act, as amended, and the Commission Regulations adopted thereunder. No substantive opposing views were expressed to Nadex with respect to any of these actions.

Nadex hereby certifies that notice of these events was posted on its website at the time of this filing.

In accordance with the 10-day review period set forth in Commission Regulation 40.6(b), the amendments discussed herein will be effective on February 8, 2016.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at (312) 884-0927 or by email at jaime.walsh@nadex.com.

Sincerely,

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Jaime M. Walsh Legal Counsel

# **EXHIBIT** A

# MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ AND MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THIS ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ALL DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, BEFORE CLICKING "I ACCEPT" TO INDICATE YOUR AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY THIS MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT. CLICKING THE "I ACCEPT" BUTTON IS THE LEGAL EQUIVALENT OF YOU MANUALLY SIGNING THIS MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT.

#### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to North American Derivatives Exchange, Inc. ("Nadex"), the first fully electronic, retail-focused financial trading platform in the United States. Before You can become a Member and trade on Nadex, You must read and accept this Membership Agreement, including all documents incorporated by reference.

#### DEFINITIONS

Access Materials: The unique Username and Password chosen by You to enable You to access Your Nadex Account.

Account: This term refers to the relationship between You and Nadex established to provide You with access to trade on Nadex as well as to deposit funds and engage in other financial transactions associated with said relationship. The Account is in the name of the approved Member, whether it be a natural person or entity.

**Affiliates:** This includes all of Nadex's Officers, Directors, Agents, Subsidiaries, Joint Ventures and Employees.

**Nadex:** A centralized market place, designated as a contract market and derivatives clearing organization by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC"), where Nadex Members can trade certain derivative instruments with each other.

**Nadex, Inc.:** A Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Chicago, Illinois.

**Nadex System:** This is the entire Nadex System which gives authorized Members access to the Nadex electronic trading system for trading

certain derivative instruments under the terms and conditions stated in this Membership Agreement and in the Nadex Rules. This term includes the Nadex website and any services offered by Nadex, Inc. and its third party service providers.

**Member:** An individual or entity which has been approved as a Trading Member by Nadex to trade on Nadex and is bound by this Membership Agreement and subsequent amendments hereto.

Membership Agreement: This document and the following documents incorporated herein by reference: Nadex Rules, Nadex Privacy Policy, Nadex Risk Disclosure Statement, Nadex Terms of Use, and any amendments to these documents. For Members who are entities, the Membership Agreement also incorporates the applicable certification or authorization forms that authorizes certain persons to trade on the entity's behalf.

**Membership Application:** The on-line or paper form by which an applicant provides his/her/its personal information, including, but not limited to, social security number/ national identification number, name, address, date of birth, principal occupation, U.S. bank account information (if applicant is an entity), email address, and any subsequent updates or changes to said personal information. The Membership Application also includes all of the terms and conditions incorporated into this Membership Agreement.

**You, Your:** These terms refer to the individual or entity who is the Member or applicant for membership on Nadex. For entities applying for membership, each authorized representative trading on behalf of said entity is also incorporated into the definition of these terms.

Other capitalized terms are defined in the text below.

In consideration of Nadex, Inc. providing a market to enable You to trade for Your own Account, You hereby agree as follows:

# MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) You authorize Nadex to take whatever actions are necessary to execute, clear, and settle orders entered into the Nadex System for Your Account. You authorize Nadex to rely upon any instruction received through use of Your Access Materials without further inquiry, and Nadex shall not be liable to You even if such orders were not authorized by You. You accept full responsibility for monitoring Your Account to ensure that trades have been executed correctly and to ensure that no unauthorized trading is occurring in Your Account. Nadex is not responsible for any Member errors or negligent use of the Nadex System and will not cover losses relating to such improper or negligent use. You may not give control over Your account to any other person or entity and You may not control the account of any other Member. You shall maintain the confidentiality of Your Access Materials and prevent the unauthorized use of Your Access Materials at all times. If You become aware of any deliberate or inadvertent disclosure. loss, theft or unauthorized use of Your Access Materials, You must notify Nadex immediately and request a new password. You may not access or attempt to access the Nadex System using the Access Materials of any other Member, or permit any other person or entity to access or attempt to access the Nadex System using Your Access Materials. Any and all materials that Nadex provides to You in connection with the Nadex System are the property of Nadex and are intended for Your sole and individual use.

(b) You agree that any amounts owed to You by Nadex will be deemed to have been paid when deposited by any form of electronic payment or wire transfer into the bank account on file with Your Account.

(c) You agree that all communications with Nadex, including keystrokes entered by You on the Nadex System and any telephone calls between You and Nadex may be recorded without further notice, and such recordings may be provided to regulatory authorities (in conformance with applicable laws and regulations) and used as evidence in the event of any dispute. Such recordings will be and remain the sole property of Nadex and will, in the absence of manifest error, be accepted by You as evidence of the communications so recorded. The period of retention of such recordings shall be at the sole discretion of Nadex, which will act in conformity with applicable laws and regulations.

(d) You acknowledge that any amounts owed to Nadex that remain unpaid in excess of 30 days may be submitted to a third party collection agency. Nadex reserves the right to pursue any and all allowable legal action, whether criminal or civil, against You to recover losses incurred as the result of fraud or misconduct, including attorneys fees and other legal expenses, and any other remedies permitted by law.

(e)(d)-You acknowledge and agree that Nadex does not and will not provide You with any legal, tax, estate planning or accounting advice or advice regarding the suitability, profitability or appropriateness for You of any investment, financial product, investment strategy or other matter. Specifically, You acknowledge and agree that Nadex has not undertaken and will not undertake an independent evaluation of whether derivatives trading or each transaction entered into by You is appropriate for You. You are solely responsible for all determinations in this regard.

(f)(e)-You acknowledge that any information provided by Nadex will not be used or considered by You as a recommendation, offer or a solicitation of an offer, to buy, sell or hold a particular investment or pursue any investment strategy.

(g)(f)-You acknowledge that Nadex neither assumes responsibility for nor guarantees the accuracy, completeness or usefulness of information, commentary, recommendations, advice, investment ideas or other materials that may be accessed by You through the Nadex System. This includes, but is not limited to, bulletin boards, website links, quotes, message boards, chat services or other online conference or telecast by third-party providers through the Nadex System. If You rely on such information, You do so solely at Your own risk.

(h)(g)-You acknowledge and agree that You will, following a request by Nadex, promptly provide to Nadex financial or other information as Nadex may reasonably request or as may be required for Nadex to respond to a request for information from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") or other regulatory or judicial bodies.

(i)(h) You acknowledge and agree that all activity on the Nadex System and all services performed by Nadex, including but not limited to any clearing service, take place in the United States and are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(i)(i)-Before clicking "I Accept", You will have read and understood all Nadex Rules.

(k)(j)-Before clicking "I Accept", You will have read and understood the website Terms of Use governing the use of the Nadex System.

(I)(k) Before clicking I Accept, You will have read and understood Nadex's Privacy Policy. The Privacy Policy can be found here. If You object to Your information being transferred or used in any of the ways stated in the Privacy Policy, please do not apply for membership on Nadex.

(m)(I)-Before clicking "I Accept", You will have read and understood Nadex's Risk Disclosure Statement. The Risk Disclosure Statement can be found here.

(n)(m)-You acknowledge and agree that once you have completed the online Membership Application, click "I accept" to all of the documentation contained therein, you will have electronically signed the entire Membership Application and are legally bound by all of the terms and conditions contained therein.

#### FEES AND OTHER CHARGES

You agree to pay, and authorize Nadex to withdraw from Your Account: (a) any fees or charges associated with any transactions executed on the Nadex System for Your Account at such rate as is posted on Nadex's website or as incorporated into the Nadex Rules at the time the transaction is executed; (b) any costs or expenses incurred by Nadex in connection with Your Account, including, but not limited to, any non-sufficient funds charges or charges imposed by Nadex's settlement bank; and (c) any other charges agreed upon between You and Nadex.

NADEX INVESTMENT OF MEMBER'S FUNDS Except as prohibited by the regulations of the CFTC, all cash and other property in Your Account or otherwise held by Nadex on Your behalf may, from time to time, without notice to You, be co-mingled with the property of other Members or be invested by Nadex, separately or with any other property, consistent with Commission Regulation 1.25.

# THE NADEX ELECTRONIC TRADING SYSTEM

(a) Nadex is making available to You access to the Nadex System for trading certain derivative instruments under the terms and conditions stated in this Membership Agreement and in the Nadex Rules.

(b) You understand that the Nadex System may be accessed only electronically.

(c) No Liability. You understand that while electronic access generally is dependable, technical problems or other conditions may delay or prevent You from accessing Your Account or entering or canceling an order on the Nadex System, or may delay or prevent an order transmitted to the Nadex System from being executed, NADEX, ITS AFFILIATES, AND ITS SOFTWARE, HARDWARE, AND SERVICE PROVIDERS SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO YOU FOR. AND YOU AGREE NOT TO HOLD OR SEEK TO HOLD ANY OF THEM LIABLE FOR, ANY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS; NADEX SYSTEM FAILURES OR MALFUNCTIONS: NADEX SYSTEM ACCESS OR CAPACITY PROBLEMS; HIGH INTERNET TRAFFIC; INTERRUPTIONS DUE TO SCHEDULED OR UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE, UPGRADING OR REPAIRS; SECURITY BREACHES OR UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS BEYOND THE REASONABLE CONTROL OF NADEX; ANY FORCE MAJEURE EVENT; AND OTHER SIMILAR PROBLEMS AND DEFECTS. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION IS INTENDED TO LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF ANY PERSON AS MAY BE PROVIDED IN THE COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT, THE REGULATIONS OF THE CFTC, OR ARISING FROM ACTS OF WILLFUL OR WANTON MISCONDUCT.

(d) Some of the information available on the Nadex System is produced by Nadex, and some is provided by various independent sources believed by Nadex to be reliable ("Information Providers"). You acknowledge that the accuracy, completeness, timeliness, and correct sequencing of the information concerning Your trading and Account activity, the quotes, market and trading news, charts, trading analysis and strategies, and other information that may be provided from time to time, (collectively referred to as the "Information,") is the property of Nadex and/or the Information Providers or others and may be protected by copyright. You agree not to reproduce, retransmit, disseminate, sell or

distribute the Information in any manner without the express written consent of Nadex and the relevant Information Provider(s) and not to use the Information for any unlawful purpose. Although Nadex believes the Information provided by the Information Providers through the Nadex System is complete and correct, the accuracy of the Information cannot be guaranteed and any reliance by You on such information is done solely at Your own risk.

(e) You shall be responsible for providing and maintaining the means by which You will access the Nadex System, which may include a personal computer, modem and telephone or other access line. You are responsible for all access and service fees necessary for You to connect to the Nadex System and You are responsible for all charges incurred by You in accessing the Nadex System.

## ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS

All communications between You and Nadex shall be via electronic mail ("email") to the email address registered with Your Account. In addition, Nadex may communicate with You by posting information on the Nadex website. You consent to receive all communications from Nadex by email or through the Nadex website, including confirmations, amendments to this Membership Agreement, amendments to the Nadex Rules and policies, notices, and any correspondence relating to Your Nadex Account or membership and You agree to be bound by all communications contained therein.

You shall be deemed to have received any such communications sent to Your current email address and/or posted on the Nadex website under the "Nadex Notices" section of the website. It is your responsibility to check the "Nadex Notices" section of the website on a regular basis while maintaining a membership on Nadex. Confirmations of transactions sent to your email address shall be conclusive and final unless You notify Nadex of an error within five (5) days of Nadex sending the email confirmation.

In order to maintain membership on the Nadex System, You are required to maintain an active email account and You may not share said email account with anyone. (For clarification, You must be the only person able to access the email address given to Nadex.) You agree to protect the password and user identification of such email account in order to protect the confidentiality of any correspondence between You and Nadex.

You must inform Nadex of any changes to Your email address within 24 hours of said change.

#### ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

Your intentional action in electronically signing this Membership Application is valid evidence of your consent to be legally bound by this Membership Application or governing your relationship with Nadex, Inc. The use of an electronic version of the Membership Application fully satisfies any requirement that such Membership Application be provided to You in writing. You acknowledge that You may access and retain a record of the documents that You electronically sign through the Nadex System. You are solely responsible for reviewing and understanding all of the terms and conditions contained in the Membership Application. You accept as reasonable and proper notice, for the purpose of any and all laws, rules and regulations, notice by electronic means, including, the posting of modifications to this Agreement on the Nadex website. You acknowledge and agree that Nadex may modify this Membership Application, in whole or in part, from time to time and You agree to consult the Nadex website from time to time for the most upto-date Membership Agreement. The electronically stored copy of this Membership Application is considered to be the true, complete, valid and authentic and enforceable record of the Membership Application. admissible in judicial or administrative proceedings to the same extent as if the documents and records were originally generated and maintained in printed form. You agree not to contest the admissibility or enforceability of Nadex electronically stored copy of the Membership Application in any proceeding arising out of the terms and conditions of the Membership Application. market and trading news, charts, trading analysis and strategies, and other information that may be provided from time to time, (collectively referred to as the "Information,") is the property of Nadex and/or the Information Providers or others and may be protected by copyright. You agree not to reproduce, retransmit, disseminate, sell or distribute the Information in any manner without the express written consent of Nadex and the relevant Information Provider(s) and not to use the

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#### SUBMISSION OF IDEAS

Nadex allows Members to submit ideas, concepts, designs or inventions for instruments or any other relevant topic (collectively "Ideas"). However, Members should not reveal to Nadex any Ideas for which a Member wants to receive any compensation or credit. By submitting Ideas to Nadex, You expressly agree to give up any and all rights You may have to such Ideas and You agree to transfer to Nadex all of Your rights pertaining to such Ideas. By submitting any Ideas to Nadex, You expressly authorize Nadex to use and benefit from the Ideas as Nadex may decide. Nadex will not provide You with any

compensation or credit for any Ideas You submit. By submitting an Idea to Nadex, You give up all control You might otherwise have concerning such Ideas.

#### MEMBER REPRESENTATIONS

Member hereby represents and warrants as follows:

(a) If You are a natural person, You (i) reside in the United States or one of the acceptable regions identified on the Nadex website, (ii) maintain a bank account in your name that you will use to fund your Nadex account, and (iii)are at least the age of majority if you reside in the United States or its territories, or 21 if you reside in a region other than the United States;

(b) If You are anything other than a natural person (e.g., a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or trust), You are duly organized in the United States, in good standing, maintain a United States bank account in the name of the entity applicant, and have the legal authority and are duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver this Membership Agreement on behalf of such entity and to open accounts and effect transactions in commodities, futures, options, and swaps on the Nadex System on behalf of such entity;

(c) Placing orders on the Nadex System does not and will not violate any governing documents, applicable law, or any judgment, decree, order or agreement to which You or Your property is subject, and this Membership Agreement is binding on and enforceable against You in accordance with its terms;

(d) You and, if relevant, Your employees and agents will not trade or otherwise act on behalf of any other person or entity (whether or not a Member) in placing orders on the Nadex System, including by allowing any person not disclosed on the Membership Application to have an economic interest in the trades placed by the Member;

(e) You have determined that the trading of commodities, futures, options, and swaps is appropriate for You; and

(f) You shall promptly notify Nadex in writing if any of the representations in this Agreement materially change or cease to be true and correct.

#### NO WARRANTY

YOU UNDERSTAND THAT NADEX, ITS AFFILIATES, AND ITS SOFTWARE, HARDWARE, AND SERVICE PROVIDERS PROVIDE THE NADEX SYSTEM "AS IS" AND WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY OR CONDITION, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY. NADEX, ITS AFFILIATES AND ITS SOFTWARE, HARDWARE AND SERVICE PROVIDERS SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIM ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF TITLE, MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AND NON-INFRINGEMENT.

#### MANDATORY ARBITRATION

Any controversy or claim arising out of or in connection with this Membership Agreement or the performance or breach hereof, or relating to Your Account, including any claim against Nadex, a Nadex settlement bank, or any other Nadex Member, shall be settled by arbitration as set forth in the Nadex Rules.

#### TERMINATION

This Membership Agreement may be terminated by You or Nadex at any time by giving written notice to the other party. In the event of such termination, Nadex will immediately liquidate all outstanding positions in Your Account in such manner as Nadex sees fit and instruct Nadex's settlement bank to remit the proceeds from such liquidation along with all other funds in Your Account to Your bank account identified in Your Nadex account by means of electronic payment or wire transfer. The termination of this Agreement will not prejudice any accrued rights or obligations relating to any transaction effected prior to termination, or any right or remedy available to Nadex. If, at the time of termination of this Membership Agreement, You owe any amount to Nadex. Nadex may retain or keep possession of the portion of any balances or instruments in Your Account in satisfaction of such amounts owed by You to Nadex or until You otherwise pay all amounts owing to Nadex. The obligations of confidentiality, the warranty exclusions, the limitations of liability, the assignment of Ideas provision, the mandatory arbitration provision, and choice of law provision stated in this Agreement will survive termination.

Nadex reserves the right to terminate Your Account or block access to Nadex for any reason allowable under applicable law.

#### CHOICE OF LAW

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, AND ALL DISPUTES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AS APPLIED TO CONTRACTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED IN ILLINOIS, WITHOUT APPLYING CONFLICT OF LAW RULES.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Order of Precedence. In the event of any conflict among this Membership Agreement and any of the documents incorporated herein by reference, the following order of precedence will apply: Nadex Rules; entity certification or authorization that is supplemental to this Membership Agreement; this Membership Agreement itself (excluding documents incorporated herein by reference); Terms of Use; and the Privacy Policy.

(b) Assignment. Member may not assign (directly, by operation of law, or otherwise) this Membership Agreement or any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement. Subject to the foregoing, this Membership Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of Nadex, its successors and assigns, You and Your legal representatives, executors, trustees, administrators, and (if an assignment cannot be prohibited) Your successors and assigns.

(c) Severability. If any part, term, or provision of this Membership Agreement is held by any body of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any laws or regulations, a modified provision shall be substituted which carries out as nearly as possible the original intent of the parties and the validity of the remaining portions or provisions shall not be affected or impaired.

(d) Entire Agreement. This Membership Agreement, including all documents incorporated herein by reference, is intended as the complete, final and exclusive statement of the terms of the agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior understandings, writings, proposals, representations or communications, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. There are no terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein and those incorporated by reference. Notwithstanding the above, You acknowledge that from time to time, You may enter into certain additional agreements with, or receive certain disclosure documents from, Nadex, and such other agreements or documents shall be valid and binding upon You as a Member of Nadex.

(e) Amendment. This Membership Agreement may be amended unilaterally by Nadex upon written notice to You. You will be deemed to agree to each such amendment if You do not terminate this Membership Agreement prior to the effective date of the amendment.

(f) Waiver. Failure of either party to enforce compliance with any provision of this Membership Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of such provision unless accompanied by a clear written statement that such provision is waived. A waiver of any default hereunder or of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a continuing waiver or a waiver of any other default or of any other term or condition, but shall apply solely to the instance to which such waiver is directed.

(g) Cumulative Remedies. The rights and remedies conferred upon Nadex herein shall be cumulative, and the exervise of any right or remedy provided herein or at law or equity shall not preclude the exercise of additional rights and remedies provided by law or equity.

BY CLICKING "I ACCEPT" YOU HEREBY AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THIS MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT AND EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED, READ AND UNDERSTOOD ALL DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

# **EXHIBIT B**

Rule	Asset	Duration/Close Time	Action	Effective Date
9.2(b)	Investigations, Hearings, and Appeals	N/A	Amend endeavored investigation closed period from four months to twelve months	2/8/16
12.20	Bitcoin Binary Contracts	Daily contracts, 3:00PM ET expiration time.	Amend strike interval width from 1.5 to 1 and add strikes	2/8/16

# **EXHIBIT C**

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### Amendment of Rules 9.2

(The following Rule amendments are underlined and deletions are stricken out)

## RULES 1.1 – 9.1 [UNCHANGED]

## RULE 9.2 INVESTIGATIONS, HEARINGS, AND APPEALS

- (a) Nadex has a compliance department consisting of one or more compliance staff. The Chief Regulatory Officer is responsible for overseeing the compliance department. The Compliance Department shall investigate unusual trading activity or other activity that the Compliance Department has reasonable cause to believe could constitute a violation of these Rules. Nadex retains hearing officers, who adjudicate findings by the Compliance Department that are disputed by Members. Hearing officers and the Compliance Department may not communicate regarding the merits of a matter brought before the hearing officer without informing the Member who is the subject of the communication of its substance and allowing the Member an opportunity to respond. The Compliance Department and hearing officers may compel testimony, subpoena documents, and require statements under oath from any Member or its authorized representative. Hearing officers, Compliance Department staff and other employees or agents of Nadex working under their supervision, may not be a Member or an authorized representative of a Member or trade, directly or indirectly, in any commodity interest traded on or subject to the rules of any registered contract market.
- (b) The Compliance Department will endeavor to complete any investigation within <u>twelve four</u> months, unless there exists significant reason to extend it beyond such period. Upon the conclusion of any investigation, the Compliance Department will draft a document detailing the facts that led to the opening of the investigation, the facts that were found during the investigation, and the Compliance Department's analysis and conclusion. If the Compliance Department concludes that there is reasonable cause to believe a Member has violated Nadex's Rules or other applicable statutes or regulations, the Compliance Department will submit by to the Member whose activity is the subject of the investigation a report, by electronic mail and U.S. Postal mail to that Member's last known address, that will include:
  - (i) the reason the investigation was begun;
  - (ii) the charges or a summary of the charges, including the rule or rules alleged to have been violated;
  - (iii) the response, if any, or a summary of the response;
  - (iv) a summary of the investigation conducted;

- (v) findings of fact and the Compliance Department's conclusions as to each charge, including which of these Rules the Member or its authorized representative violated, if any;
- (vi) a summary of the Member's, and any relevant authorized representative's, disciplinary history, if any; and
- (vii) the penalty, if any, proposed by the Compliance Department.
- (c) If the Compliance Department institutes an investigation in which any affiliate of Nadex is a subject, Nadex's Chief Regulatory Officer shall notify the Commission's Division of Market Oversight of that fact. At the conclusion any such investigation, the Chief Regulatory Officer shall provide the Commission's Division of Market Oversight with a copy of the documentation specified in subparagraph (b) of this Rule.
- (d) The Member whose activity is the subject of the investigation may contest the Compliance Department's findings by forwarding a response to those findings by electronic mail to the Compliance Department within 15 days. The Member has a right to examine all relevant books, documents, or other evidence in the possession or under the control of Nadex, except that Nadex may withhold from inspection any documents that (i) are privileged or that constitute attorney work product, (ii) were prepared by any employee of Nadex but which will not be offered in evidence in the disciplinary proceedings, (iii) may disclose a technique or guideline used in examinations, investigations, or enforcement proceedings, or (iv) disclose the identity of a confidential source. The Member's response must contain a detailed response to the findings and conclusions as to each charge and any other information the Member thinks is relevant.
- (e) The Member whose activity is the subject of the investigation may request to enter settlement negotiations by forwarding a response to the Compliance Department's findings by electronic mail to the Compliance Department within 15 days. The Member has a right to examine all relevant books, documents, or other evidence in the possession or under the control of Nadex, except that Nadex may withhold from inspection any documents that (i) are privileged or that constitute attorney work product, (ii) were prepared by any employee of Nadex but which will not be offered in evidence in the disciplinary proceedings, (iii) may disclose a technique or guideline used in examinations, investigations, or enforcement proceedings, or (iv) disclose the identity of a confidential source. The Member's response must contain a response to each charge and the Member may provide any other information the Member thinks is relevant. The outcome of settlement negotiations between the Member and the Compliance Department may include, but is not limited to, a letter of warning.
- (f) If the findings of the Compliance Department are not contested by the Member, Nadex will deem those findings admitted by the Member, the findings of fact and the

Compliance Department's conclusions as to each charge shall become final and the Compliance Department shall impose the penalty (if any) proposed by the Compliance Department. The Member will be notified of the imposition of any penalty and sent a copy of the notice of disciplinary action by electronic mail and U.S. Postal mail to that Member's last known address.

- (g) If the findings of the Compliance Department are contested, the Compliance Department's report and the Member's response will be submitted to a Nadex hearing officer. The hearing officer may not have a financial, personal or other direct interest in the matter under consideration.
  - (i) The hearing officer will conduct a hearing with the Compliance Department and the Member within 20 business days of receipt of the Member's response contesting the compliance officer's finding and/or proposed sanction which the parties may attend telephonically. The formal rules of evidence shall not apply, but the hearing must be fair.
  - (ii) Prior to the hearing, the parties may (but need not) submit proposed findings, briefs, and exhibits (including affidavits), and during the hearing the parties may present witnesses.
  - (iii) Within 20 business days after that hearing, the hearing officer will issue findings, which will be delivered to the Member by electronic mail and U.S. Postal mail to the Member's last known address. The findings of the hearing officer will contain the following information:
- (1) a summary of the charges and any answer to the charges;
- (2) a summary of the evidence received;
- (3) findings and conclusions with respect to each charge;
- (4) an indication of each specific rule that the member was found to have violated;
- (5) a declaration of any penalty to be imposed on the Member as the result of the findings and conclusions;
- (6) the effective date and duration of that penalty; and
- (7) a statement that the Member has the right to appeal any adverse decision by the hearing officer to the Nadex board of directors, but must do so within 15 days.
  - (iv) (i) The hearing officer's decision shall be final on the date it is signed by the hearing officer. The hearing officer's decision shall become the final decision of Nadex after the appeal period has lapsed.

- (v) (ii)The hearing will be recorded, and all information submitted by the parties (including the Compliance Department's report and the Member's response) as well as the recording of the hearing, will be preserved by the Compliance Department, along with the hearing officer's findings, as the record of the proceedings (the "hearing record").
- (h) Either the Member or the Compliance Department may appeal the decision of the hearing officer within 15 days by filing an appeal by electronic mail with the Nadex board of directors and forwarding a copy to the other parties to the appeal. Any penalties will be stayed pending appeal unless the hearing officer determines that a stay pending appeal would likely be detrimental to the exchange, other Members, or the public. The board of directors will review the hearing record and any information submitted by the Compliance Department and the Member on appeal and issue its decision, which shall be final on the date of such issuance. The Member shall be notified of the decision by electronic mail and by U.S. Postal mail to the Member's last known address. The hearing record, any information submitted on appeal, and the board's decisions shall be preserved as the record on appeal. The decision will contain the information listed in paragraph (f) of this Rule, except for (f)(vi), and will also contain:

(i) a statement that any person aggrieved by the action may have a right to appeal the action pursuant to Part 9 of the Commission's Regulations, within 30 days of service; and

(ii) a statement that any person aggrieved by the action may petition the Commission for a stay pursuant to Part 9 of the Commission's Regulations, within 10 days of service.

## RULES 9.2 - 12.19 [UNCHANGED]

## RULE 12.20 BITCOIN BINARY CONTRACTS

- (a) SCOPE These Rules shall apply to the Class of Contracts referred to as the Bitcoin Binary Contracts issued by Nadex.
- (b) UNDERLYING The Underlying for this Class of Contracts is the value of the bitcoin digital currency as indicated by the Tera<sup>®</sup> Bitcoin Price Index, calculated by the TeraExchange<sup>®1</sup>.
- (c) SOURCE AGENCY The Source Agency is TeraExchange.
- (d) TYPE The Type of Contract is a Binary Contract.

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- (e) ISSUANCE For each planned release by the Source Agency of the Underlying, Nadex will issue various Contracts, each of a different Series. A new issuance of Contracts will commence no later than two (2) business days following the Expiration Date.
- (f) PAYOUT CRITERION The Payout Criterion for each Contract will be set by Nadex at the time the Binary Contracts are initially issued. For the Bitcoin Binary Contract, the Payout Criteria for the Contracts will be set as follows:
  - (i) WEEKLY BITCOIN BINARY CONTRACTS
  - (1) EXPIRATION TIME 3:00PM ET CLOSE
  - (2) STRIKE INTERVAL WIDTH The interval width between each strike level shall be 8.
  - (3) NUMBER OF STRIKE LEVELS LISTED Fifteen (15) strike levels will be listed for the Weekly Bitcoin Binary Contract Series.
  - (4) STRIKE LEVELS GENERATED Strike levels will be generated such that Binary Contract "W" is valued 'at-the-money' in relation to the Underlying market as determined by the Source Agency, immediately before the issuance of these Contracts, and shall be measured in U.S. cents rounded to the nearest one (1). Seven (7) strike levels will be generated above Binary Contract W at an interval of eight (8), and seven (7) strike levels will be generated below Binary Contract W at an interval of 8 (e.g. W - 8; W; W + 8). The Contract will have a Payout Criterion of greater than the strike level value.
    - (ii) DAILY BITCOIN BINARY CONTRACTS
  - (1) EXPIRATION TIME 3:00PM ET CLOSE
  - (2) STRIKE INTERVAL WIDTH The interval width between each strike level shall be <u>1.51</u>.
  - (3) NUMBER OF STRIKE LEVELS LISTED Twenty-one (21)Twenty-seven (27) strike levels will be listed for the Daily Bitcoin Binary Contract Series.
  - (4) STRIKE LEVELS GENERATED Strike levels will be generated such that Binary Contract "X" is valued 'at-the-money' in relation to the Underlying market as determined by the Source Agency, immediately before the issuance of these Contracts, and shall be measured in U.S. cents rounded to the nearest 0.5. Ten (10)Thirteen (13) strike levels will be generated above Binary Contract X at an interval of 1.51, and ten (10)thirteen (13) strike levels will be generated below Binary Contract X at an interval of 1.51 (e.g. X - 1.51; X; X + 1.51). The Contract will have a Payout Criterion of greater than the strike level value.

(iii) Nadex may list additional Bitcoin Binary Contracts with different ranges of Payout Criteria on a discretionary basis in accordance with the CEA and Commission Regulations.

(g) MINIMUM TICK – The Minimum Tick size for the Bitcoin Binary Contracts shall be \$0.25.

(i) POSITION LIMIT – The Position Limit for the Bitcoin Binary Contracts shall be 2,500 Contracts.

(j) LAST TRADING DATE – The Last Trading Date in a Series is the same date as the Expiration Date.

(k) SETTLEMENT DATE – The Settlement Date in a Series is the same date as the Expiration Date.

(l) EXPIRATION DATE – The Expiration Date of the Contract will be the date on which the Bitcoin Expiration Value is released by the Source Agency.

(m) SETTLEMENT VALUE – The Settlement Value is the amount paid to the holder of the in-the-money Contract on the Settlement Date. The Settlement Value of an in-the-money Bitcoin Binary Contract is \$100.

(n) EXPIRATION VALUE – The Expiration Value is the price or value of the bitcoin released by the Source Agency on the Expiration Date. The Expiration Value will be the last bitcoin value just prior to the close of trading of the Bitcoin Binary Contract as reported by the Tera Bitcoin Price Index, calculated by TeraExchange.

(o) CONTINGENCIES – If no daily settlement price of the relevant Tera Bitcoin Price Index is announced by the Source Agency, the Settlement Date will be delayed until such settlement price for that Series is released and publicly available.

RULES 12.21 – 12.78 [UNCHANGED]

End of Rulebook.