

NASD
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT
20050000116-01

TO: Department of Market Regulation
NASD

RE: NYFIX Millennium LLC, Respondent
CRD No. 103843

Pursuant to Rule 9216 of NASD Code of Procedure, NYFIX Millennium LLC (the "firm") submits this Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent ("AWC") for the purpose of proposing a settlement of the alleged rule violations described in Part II below. This AWC is submitted on the condition that, if accepted, NASD will not bring any future actions against the firm alleging violations based on the same factual findings.

The firm understands that:

1. Submission of this AWC is voluntary and will not resolve this matter unless and until it has been reviewed and accepted by NASD's Department of Market Regulation and National Adjudicatory Council ("NAC") Review Subcommittee or Office of Disciplinary Affairs ("ODA"), pursuant to NASD Rule 9216;
2. If this AWC is not accepted, its submission will not be used as evidence to prove any of the allegations against the firm; and
3. If accepted:
 - a. this AWC will become part of the firm's permanent disciplinary record and may be considered in any future actions brought by NASD or any other regulator against the firm;
 - b. this AWC will be made available through NASD's public disclosure program in response to public inquiries about the firm's disciplinary record;
 - c. NASD may make a public announcement concerning this agreement and the subject matter thereof in accordance with NASD Rule 8310 and IM-8310-2; and
 - d. The firm may not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement, including in regulatory filings or otherwise, denying, directly or indirectly, any finding in this AWC or create the impression that the AWC is without factual basis. Nothing in this provision affects the firm's testimonial obligations or right to

take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which NASD is not a party.

The firm also understands that its experience in the securities industry and disciplinary history may be factors that will be considered in deciding whether to accept this AWC. That experience and history are as follows:

The firm has been a member of NASD since July 18, 2000, and its registration remains in effect. It has no relevant disciplinary history.

I.

WAIVER OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

The firm specifically and voluntarily waives the following rights granted under NASD's Code of Procedure:

- A. To have a Formal Complaint issued specifying the allegations against the firm;
- B. To be notified of the Formal Complaint and have the opportunity to answer the allegations in writing;
- C. To defend against the allegations in a disciplinary hearing before a hearing panel, to have a written record of the hearing made and to have a written decision issued; and
- D. To appeal any such decision to the NAC and then to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and a U.S. Court of Appeals.

Further, the firm specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim bias or prejudgment of the General Counsel, the NAC, or any member of the NAC, in connection with such person's or body's participation in discussions regarding the terms and conditions of this AWC, or other consideration of this AWC, including acceptance or rejection of this AWC.

The firm further specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim that a person violated the ex parte prohibitions of Rule 9143 or the separation of functions prohibitions of Rule 9144, in connection with such person's or body's participation in discussions regarding the terms and conditions of this AWC, or other consideration of this AWC, including its acceptance or rejection.

II.

ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT

In connection with 20050000116/MRD200448113, the staff of NASD's Department of Market Regulation (the "staff") conducted a review of the firm's compliance with the Order Audit Trail System ("OATS") Rules (NASD Rules 6950 through 6957) during the period April 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004 (the "review period"). In connection with 20050035522, the staff conducted a review of the firm's compliance with the OATS Rules during the period July 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005 (the "subsequent review period").

- A. The firm hereby accepts and consents, without admitting or denying the findings, and solely for the purposes of this proceeding and any other proceeding brought by or on behalf of NASD, or to which NASD is a party, prior to a hearing and without an adjudication of any issue of law or fact, to the entry of the following findings by NASD:
1. During the review period, the firm reported to OATS 840 execution reports that contained inaccurate, incomplete, or improperly formatted data. Because of the inaccurate, missing, or improperly formatted data, the OATS system was unable to link the execution reports to the related trade reports in an NASD trade reporting system. These inaccurate and/or incomplete execution reports represented 100 percent of all match-eligible execution reports (840) transmitted by the firm to OATS during the review period. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of NASD Rule 6955(a).
 2. The firm's supervisory system during the review period did not provide for supervision reasonably designed to achieve compliance with respect to the applicable securities laws and regulations, and the Rules of NASD, concerning OATS. Specifically, the firm's supervisory system did not include written supervisory procedures providing for reviews for compliance with NASD Rule 6955, with particular respect to the occurrence of unmatched execution reports, that included: (a) the identification of the person(s) responsible for supervision with respect to the applicable rule; (b) a statement of the supervisory step(s) to be taken by the identified person(s); (c) a statement as to how often such person(s) should take such step(s); and (d) a statement as to how the completion of the step(s) included in the written supervisory procedures should be documented. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes a violation of NASD Conduct Rules 2110 and 3010.
 3. During the subsequent review period, the firm reported to OATS 2,258 execution reports that contained inaccurate, incomplete, or

improperly formatted data. Because of the inaccurate, missing, or improperly formatted data, the OATS system was unable to link the execution reports to the related trade reports in an NASD trade reporting system. These inaccurate and/or incomplete execution reports represented 51 percent of all match-eligible execution reports (4,390) transmitted by the firm to OATS during the review period. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of NASD Rule 6955(a).

- B. The firm also consents to the imposition, at a maximum, of the following sanctions:

A censure; a fine of \$17,500 (consisting of \$12,500 for the OATS-reporting violations and \$5,000 for the supervision violations); and an undertaking to revise the firm's written supervisory procedures with respect to the areas described in paragraph II.A.2 above. Within 30 business days of acceptance of this AWC by the NAC, a registered principal of the Respondent firm shall submit to the COMPLIANCE ASSISTANT, LEGAL SECTION, MARKET REGULATION DEPARTMENT, 9509 KEY WEST AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, a signed, dated letter, providing the following information: (1) a reference to this matter; (2) a representation that the firm has revised its written supervisory procedures to address the deficiencies described in paragraph II.A.2 above; and (3) the date on which such revised written supervisory procedures were implemented.

The sanctions imposed herein shall be effective on a date set by NASD staff.

III.

OTHER MATTERS

- A. The firm understands that it may attach a Corrective Action Statement to this AWC that is a statement of demonstrable corrective steps taken to prevent future misconduct. The firm understands that it may not deny the charges or make any statement that is inconsistent with the AWC in this Statement. This Statement does not constitute factual or legal findings by NASD, nor does it reflect the views of NASD or its staff.
- B. The firm agrees to pay any monetary sanctions imposed on it upon notice that this AWC has been accepted and that such payments are due and payable, and has attached an Election of Payment form showing the method by which the firm proposes to pay any fine imposed.
- C. The firm specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim that it is unable to pay, now or at any time hereafter, any monetary sanction imposed in this matter.

