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To: Permit Holders
From: Scott Speer
RE: Somaxen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("SOMX & adj. SOMX1")
Further Adjustment to SOMX1 Option Contracts

On October 12, 2012, option contracts in Somaxen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("SOMX & adj. SOMX1") were adjusted to relect a 1-for-8 reverse stock split. As a result of the reverse split, the Somaxen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. adjusted SOMX1 contract currently represents: (A) 12 shares of "New" Somaxen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("SOMX") Common Stock, plus (B) $0.80 cash. See CBOE Research Circular #RS12-528, dated October 11, 2012, for further information on the SOMX1 contract adjustment.

Shareholders of Somaxen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("SOMX & adj. SOMX1") will vote on Wednesday, March 6, 2013, to approve a proposed Merger between SOMX and Pernix Acquisition Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Pernix Therapeutics Holdings, Inc. ("PTX"). Pursuant to the terms of the Merger, each share of SOMX Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to the consummation of the Merger will be converted into the right to receive a number of shares of Pernix common stock (the exchange ratio) as described in the Somaxen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Pernix Therapeutics Holdings, Inc. joint proxy statement/prospectus dated February 7, 2013, per SOMX share. **The Merger is anticipated to become effective on Wednesday, March 6, 2013.**

Contract Adjustments

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 11 and 11A, of OCC's By-Laws, all outstanding SOMX1 adjusted options shall be further adjusted as follows. On the business day immediately following the Effective Time of the Merger, each further adjusted SOMX1 contract will require the receipt or delivery of: **12 times the exchange ratio of PTX Common Stock, where cash will be paid in lieu of fractional PTX shares; plus (B) $0.80 cash.** The SOMX1 option symbol will change to **PTX1**. Premiums and strike-price amounts for the further adjusted PTX1 options will continue to be calculated based on a multiplier of 100, *i.e.* for premium and strike-price extensions, 1.00 will equal $100. [Any FLEX series that may exist will be adjusted in a similar manner to the standardized option.]

GTC Order Conversion

On the Effective Date of the Merger, immediately after the CBOE close, the system will convert or cancel all resting orders in the SOMX1 order book. If your firm has requested, all booked orders (phone, wire, and electronic) and all ORS orders residing outside the book (booth or crowd routed) will be converted reflecting the adjustments. If your firm has requested, all booked orders and ORS orders residing outside of the book will be canceled. If your firm receives CXL drops, the CXL confirms will print at your booth at 3:15 p.m. ORS CXLs will also be transmitted electronically to your branches.

A report will be available at the Help Desk listing the orders that are converted or canceled. If converted, this list will also show how the new orders will be adjusted. This report will be available on request anytime during the day prior to the night of the adjustment.

Questions regarding this memo can be addressed to Options Industry Services at 1-888-OPTIONS (1-888-678-4667). CBOE contract adjustment memos can also be accessed from CBOE.com at the following web address:

http://www.cboe.com/ContractAdjustments