

Regulatory Circular RG14-116

Date: July 22, 2014

To: Trading Permit Holders

From: Market Operations Department

RE: Restrictions on Transactions in Adjusted Geron Corporation (GERN1)

Effective July 22, 2014, Geron Corporation (GERN) announced a distribution of shares in which part of the deliverable, Asterias Biotherapeutics, Inc. Series A Common Shares, is listed on the Over the Counter Market under the trading symbol AHRB. Therefore, adjusted Geron Corporation (GERN1) will be subject to restrictions.

Trading on CBOE in existing series of GERN1 options will be subject to the following restrictions. Only closing transactions may be affected in any series of GERN1 options except for (i) opening transactions by Market-Makers executed to accommodate closing transactions of other market participants and (ii) opening transactions by CBOE TPH organizations to facilitate the closing transactions of public customers executed as crosses pursuant to and in accordance with CBOE Rule 6.74(b) or (d).

The execution of opening transactions in GERN1 options, except as permitted above, and/or the misrepresentation as to whether an order is opening or closing, will constitute a violation of CBOE rules, and may result in disciplinary action. TPH organizations should ensure that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent their customers from entering opening orders in this restricted option class. In addition, transactions in contravention of this restriction may be subject to nullification pursuant to Exchange Rule 6.25.

There are no restrictions in place with respect to the exercise of GERN1 options.

Any questions regarding this circular may be directed to Kerry Winters at helpdesk@cboe.com and (312) 786-7312 or the Regulatory Interpretations and Guidance team at RegInterps@cboe.com and by telephone at (312) 786-8141.

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