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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 For complete Form 19b-4 instructions please refer to the EFFS website. The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a Form 19b-4 Information * clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal Remove is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change * in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Add Remove View Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication **Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule** in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies * guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change, security-based swap submission, or advance notice being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such **Transcripts, Other Communications** documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. Remove View Add Exhibit Sent As Paper Document П Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is Add Remove View referred to by the proposed rule change. Exhibit Sent As Paper Document The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies** deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit Add Remove View the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working. **Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text** The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part Add Remove View of the proposed rule change. If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy **Partial Amendment** proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial

amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" or "Exchange"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") a proposal to modify the disclosure services provided under IM-5900-7 to certain new listings. The proposed rule change will be operative for new listings on or after April 23, 2018.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached as <u>Exhibit 1</u>. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as <u>Exhibit 5</u>.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange (the "Board") on September 19, 2017. Exchange staff will advise the Board of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to:

Arnold Golub Vice President and Deputy General Counsel Nasdaq, Inc. (301) 978-8075

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

3. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

a. <u>Purpose</u>

Nasdaq offers complimentary services under IM-5900-7 to companies listing on the Nasdaq Global and Global Select Markets in connection with an initial public offering (other than a company listed under IM-5101-2), upon emerging from bankruptcy, in connection with a spin-off or carve-out from another company, or in conjunction with a business combination that satisfies the conditions in Nasdaq IM-5101-2(b) ("Eligible New Listings") and to companies (other than a company listed under IM-5101-2) switching their listing from the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") to the Global or Global Select Markets ("Eligible Switches"). Nasdaq believes that the complimentary service program offers valuable services to newly listing companies, designed to help ease the transition of becoming a public company or switching markets, and makes listing on Nasdaq more attractive to these companies. The services offered include a whistleblower hotline, investor relations website, disclosure services for earnings or other press releases, webcasting, market analytic tools, and may include market advisory tools such as stock surveillance (collectively the "Service Package"). A

^{See Exchange Act Release No. 65963 (December 15, 2011), 76 FR 79262 (December 21, 2011) (SR-NASDAQ-2011-122) (adopting IM-5900-7); Exchange Act Release No. 72669 (July 24, 2014), 79 FR 44234 (July 30, 2014) (SR-NASDAQ-2014-058) (adopting changes to IM-5900-7); Exchange Act Release No. 78806 (September 9, 2016), 81 FR 63523 (September 15, 2016) (SR-NASDAQ-2016-098); Exchange Act Release No. 79366 (November 21, 2016), 81 FR 85663 (November 28, 2016) (SR-NASDAQ-2016-106).}

In addition, all companies listed on Nasdaq receive services from Nasdaq, including Nasdaq Online and the Market Intelligence Desk.

As part of the Service Package, Eligible New Listings and Eligible Switches with a market capitalization less than \$750 million currently receive a \$15,000 annual stipend for disclosure services; Eligible New Listings and Eligible Switches with a market capitalization of \$750 million or more currently receive a \$20,000 annual stipend for disclosure services. These stipends can be used "for disclosure services for earnings or other press releases, including photographs, and filing of EDGAR and XBRL reports." Customers have indicated that the annual stipend makes it difficult for them to know what specifically they will receive and also to compare the Nasdaq Service Package with similar offerings from competitors. Based on this feedback, Nasdaq proposes to modify the disclosure services offered so that instead of an annual stipend to spend on any disclosure services, companies instead will receive a pre-determined package of disclosure services for earnings or other press releases and the filing of related regulatory reports.⁵ The revised package of services will maintain the same approximate retail value as the amount of the stipend currently provided. All companies in the same market capitalization tier will be eligible for the same package of services.

The proposed rule change will be operative for new listings on or after April 23, 2018. Companies that list before that date will continue to receive services as described in the current rule.

Nasdaq also proposes to make non-substantive changes to the rule text to specify that the 2016 package is no longer the current package of for companies listing on or after April 23, 2018, and to clarify which package is provided to a company with exactly \$750 million market capitalization.

Regulatory reports include XBRL and EDGAR filings and could also include filings with non-U.S. regulators or banking regulators.

b. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,⁶ in general, and Sections 6(b)(4),⁷ 6(b)(5),⁸ and 6(b)(8),⁹ in particular, in that the proposal is designed, among other things, to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among Exchange members and issuers and other persons using its facilities and to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between issuers, and that the rules of the Exchange do not impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Nasdaq faces competition in the market for listing services, ¹⁰ and competes, in part, by offering valuable services to companies. Nasdaq believes that it is reasonable to offer complimentary services to attract and retain listings as part of this competition. All similarly situated companies are eligible for the same package of services and the eligibility of companies for services is not changing under this proposed rule change. In addition, while under the proposed change a package of disclosure services will be offered instead of a stipend, the types of services and the approximate retail value of the

^{6 15} U.S.C. 78f.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(4).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(5).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(8).

The Justice Department has noted the intense competitive environment for exchange listings. <u>See</u> "NASDAQ OMX Group Inc. and IntercontinentalExchange Inc. Abandon Their Proposed Acquisition Of NYSE Euronext After Justice Department Threatens Lawsuit" (May 16, 2011), available at http://www.justice.gov/atr/public/press_releases/2011/271214.htm.

services offered will not change. Accordingly, Nasdaq does not believe this update has an effect on the allocation of fees nor does it permit unfair discrimination and the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b)(4) and (5) of the Act.

Nasdaq represents, and this proposed rule change will help ensure, that individual listed companies are not given specially negotiated packages of products or services to list, or remain listed, which the Commission has previously stated would raise unfair discrimination issues under the Act.¹¹

Further, the disclosure services offered in the Services Package reflect the current competitive environment for exchange listings among national securities exchanges, and is appropriate and consistent with Section 6(b)(8) in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Specifically, based on customer feedback, Nasdaq believes that the revised rule will be more transparent to customers and better enable customers to compare offerings from various exchanges. Nasdaq also believes that this enhanced transparency will promote just and equitable principles of trade as required by Section 6(b)(5) of the Act.

Finally, Nasdaq notes that the proposed non-substantive changes to the rule text to specify that the 2016 package is no longer the current package for companies listing on or after April 23, 2018, and to clarify which package is provided to a company with exactly \$750 million market capitalization are consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act because they will clarify the rule without making any substantive change.

See Exchange Act Release No. 79366, 81 FR 85663 at 85665 (citing Securities Exchange Act Release No. 65127 (August 12, 2011), 76 FR 51449, 51452 (August 18, 2011) (approving NYSE-2011-20)).

4. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. As noted above, Nasdaq faces competition in the market for listing services, and competes, in part, by offering valuable services to companies. Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change will make the rule text more transparent to customers and better enable customers to compare offerings from various exchanges, which reflects that competition, but does not impose any burden on the competition with other exchanges.

- Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others
 No written comments were either solicited or received.
- Extension of Time Period for Commission Action
 Not applicable.
- 7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)</u>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii)¹² of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder¹³ in that it effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

The proposed rule change merely replaces an annual stipend, which eligible companies can use for disclosure services, with a package of disclosure services with the same approximate retail value for the same eligible companies. The proposed rule change does not change who is eligible for services, the types of services offered, or the value of those services. Further, all similarly situated companies are eligible for the same package of services. In addition, the proposed non-substantive changes to the rule text to specify that the 2016 package is no longer the current package for companies listing on or after April 23, 2018, and to clarify which package is provided to a company with exactly \$750 million market capitalization merely clarify the rule text. As such, the proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest and it does not impose any significant burden on competition.

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file a proposed rule change under that subsection at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has provided such notice.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

8. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission</u>

Section 907.00 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual and Section 146 of the NYSE American Company Guide each describe the disclosure services offered to certain listed companies as "news distribution products and services (with a commercial value of approximately \$20,000 annually)."¹⁴

- Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act
 Not applicable.
- 10. <u>Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act</u>

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

- 1. Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>.
- 5. Text of the proposed rule change.

See Exchange Act Release No. 65127 (August 12, 2011), 76 FR 51449 (August 18, 2011) (SR-NYSE-2011-20) (adopting Section 907.00 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual); Exchange Act Release No. 77401 (March 17, 2016), 81 FR 15585 (March 23, 2016) (adopting Section 146 of the NYSE American Company Guide).

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2018-023)

March ___, 2018

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Modify the Disclosure Services Offered to Certain New Listings

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), ¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, ² notice is hereby given that on March 20, 2018, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III, below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to modify the disclosure services provided under IM-5900-7 to certain new listings. While these amendments are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the proposed amendments to be operative for new listings on or after April 23, 2018.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory</u> <u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

1. <u>Purpose</u>

Nasdaq offers complimentary services under IM-5900-7 to companies listing on the Nasdaq Global and Global Select Markets in connection with an initial public offering (other than a company listed under IM-5101-2), upon emerging from bankruptcy, in connection with a spin-off or carve-out from another company, or in conjunction with a business combination that satisfies the conditions in Nasdaq IM-5101-2(b) ("Eligible New Listings") and to companies (other than a company listed under IM-5101-2) switching their listing from the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") to the Global or Global Select Markets ("Eligible Switches"). Nasdaq believes that the complimentary service program offers valuable services to newly listing companies, designed to help ease the transition of becoming a public company or switching markets,

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and makes listing on Nasdaq more attractive to these companies. The services offered include a whistleblower hotline, investor relations website, disclosure services for earnings or other press releases, webcasting, market analytic tools, and may include market advisory tools such as stock surveillance (collectively the "Service Package").⁴

As part of the Service Package, Eligible New Listings and Eligible Switches with a market capitalization less than \$750 million currently receive a \$15,000 annual stipend for disclosure services; Eligible New Listings and Eligible Switches with a market capitalization of \$750 million or more currently receive a \$20,000 annual stipend for disclosure services. These stipends can be used "for disclosure services for earnings or other press releases, including photographs, and filing of EDGAR and XBRL reports." Customers have indicated that the annual stipend makes it difficult for them to know what specifically they will receive and also to compare the Nasdaq Service Package with similar offerings from competitors. Based on this feedback, Nasdaq proposes to modify the disclosure services offered so that instead of an annual stipend to spend on any disclosure services, companies instead will receive a pre-determined package of disclosure services for earnings or other press releases and the filing of related regulatory reports.⁵ The revised package of services will maintain the same approximate retail value as the amount of the stipend currently provided. All companies in the same market capitalization tier will be eligible for the same package of services.

In addition, all companies listed on Nasdaq receive services from Nasdaq, including Nasdaq Online and the Market Intelligence Desk.

Regulatory reports include XBRL and EDGAR filings and could also include filings with non-U.S. regulators or banking regulators.

The proposed rule change will be operative for new listings on or after April 23, 2018. Companies that list before that date will continue to receive services as described in the current rule.

Nasdaq also proposes to make non-substantive changes to the rule text to specify that the 2016 package is no longer the current package of for companies listing on or after April 23, 2018, and to clarify which package is provided to a company with exactly \$750 million market capitalization.

2. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,⁶ in general, and Sections 6(b)(4),⁷ 6(b)(5),⁸ and 6(b)(8),⁹ in particular, in that the proposal is designed, among other things, to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among Exchange members and issuers and other persons using its facilities and to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between issuers, and that the rules of the Exchange do not impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

^{6 15} U.S.C. 78f.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(4).

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Nasdaq represents, and this proposed rule change will help ensure, that individual listed companies are not given specially negotiated packages of products or services to list, or remain listed, which the Commission has previously stated would raise unfair discrimination issues under the Act.¹¹

Further, the disclosure services offered in the Services Package reflect the current competitive environment for exchange listings among national securities exchanges, and is appropriate and consistent with Section 6(b)(8) in furtherance of the purposes of the

The Justice Department has noted the intense competitive environment for exchange listings. See "NASDAQ OMX Group Inc. and IntercontinentalExchange Inc. Abandon Their Proposed Acquisition Of NYSE Euronext After Justice Department Threatens Lawsuit" (May 16, 2011), available at http://www.justice.gov/atr/public/press_releases/2011/271214.htm.

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Finally, Nasdaq notes that the proposed non-substantive changes to the rule text to specify that the 2016 package is no longer the current package for companies listing on or after April 23, 2018, and to clarify which package is provided to a company with exactly \$750 million market capitalization are consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act because they will clarify the rule without making any substantive change.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. As noted above, Nasdaq faces competition in the market for listing services, and competes, in part, by offering valuable services to companies. Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change will make the rule text more transparent to customers and better enable customers to compare offerings from various exchanges, which reflects that competition, but does not impose any burden on the competition with other exchanges.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed,

or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act¹² and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹³

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2018-023 on the subject line.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹⁷ CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2018-023. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml).

Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2018-023 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 14

Eduardo A. Aleman Assistant Secretary

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

Deleted text is [bracketed]. New text is underlined.

The Nasdaq Stock Market Rules

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IM-5900-7. Services Offered to Certain Newly Listing Companies

INTRODUCTORY NOTE: Nasdaq offers certain newly listing companies complimentary services to help them satisfy their obligations as public companies related to governance and communications, and to provide intelligence about their securities. These services are offered to companies listing on the Global or Global Select Market in connection with their initial public offering (other than a company listed under IM-5101-2), upon emerging from bankruptcy, in connection with a spin-off or carve-out from another company, or in conjunction with a business combination that satisfies the conditions in IM-5101-2(b) ("Eligible New Listings"). They are also offered to companies (other than a company listed under IM-5101-2) switching their listing from the New York Stock Exchange to the Global or Global Select Markets ("Eligible Switches").

Nasdaq initially adopted a rule providing Eligible New Listings and Eligible Switches with services effective December 15, 2011 (the "Original Service Package"). The Original Service Package is described in the rule text available at http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com/Nasdaq/pdf/nasdaq-filings/2011/SR-Nasdaq-2011-122.pdf.

Nasdaq modified the service package effective for new listings after July 24, 2014 (the "2014 Service Package"). If, however, a Company submitted its Nasdaq listing application before July 31, 2014, and listed before September 30, 2014, then the Company was still eligible to receive the Original Service Package. The 2014 Service Package is described in the rule text available at http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com/Nasdaq/pdf/nasdaq-filings/2014/SR-Nasdaq-2014-058.pdf.

[The current service package was proposed in July 2016 in SR-NASDAQ-2016-098 (the "2016 Service Package") and is described in paragraphs (a) - (d) below. Any Company that lists] Nasdaq also modified the service package effective for new listings after September 9, 2016[, the approval date of] (the "2016 Service Package").[, is eligible to receive the services described in the 2016 Service Package.

JAny Company receiving services under the Original Service Package or the 2014 Service Package on September 9, 2016, the approval date of the 2016 Service Package, was allowed to continue to receive services under the terms of the Original Service Package or the 2014 Service Package, as applicable, or elect to receive services under the 2016 Service Package (even if those services were not available at the time the company

listed on Nasdaq). If a Company elected to receive the 2016 Service Package, the services that the Company is eligible to receive will be determined based on its status and market capitalization at the time of its original listing. The length of time that services are available to the Company under the 2016 Service Package will be calculated from the Company's original listing date. For example, if an Eligible Switch listed on July 22, 2015, when its market capitalization was \$4 billion, that Company would receive services for four years from date of its listing (or until July 22, 2019), as provided in paragraph (c)(2) of the 2016 Service Package, instead of for three years, as provided in paragraph (c) of the 2014 Service Package. The 2016 Service Package is described in the rule text available at http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com/NASDAQ/pdf/nasdaq-filings/2016/SR-NASDAQ-2016-098.pdf.

Nasdaq again modified the service package for new listings on or after April 23, 2018 and the current service package is described in paragraphs (a) - (e) below. The only change in this modification was to the Disclosure Services offered in the package, which was previously an annual stipend of either \$15,000 or \$20,000 for use by the Company on Disclosure Services.

(a) The services offered to certain newly listing Companies, which are offered through Nasdaq Corporate Solutions, LLC, an affiliate of Nasdaq, or a third-party provider selected by Nasdaq, are the following, as more specifically set forth in paragraphs (b) and (c) below:

Whistleblower Hotline: No change.

Investor Relations Website: No change.

Disclosure Services: Companies will be provided [an annual stipend in the amount listed below to use with Nasdaq Corporate Solutions (or a third-party provider selected by Nasdaq) for]disclosure services for earnings or other press releases, [including photographs, and filing of EDGAR and XBRL reports]and the filing of related regulatory reports, with an approximate annual retail value in the amount listed below.

Audio Webcasting: No change.

Market Analytic Tools: No change.

Market Advisory Tools: No change.

(b) Eligible New Listings

(1) An Eligible New Listing that has a market capitalization [of up to]less than \$750 million will receive the following complimentary services for two years: Whistleblower Hotline, Investor Relations Website, \$15,000 per year of

Disclosure Services, Audio Webcasting and Market Analytic Tools for two users. The total retail value of these services is approximately \$75,000 per year. In addition, one-time development fees of approximately \$5,000 to establish the services in the first year will be waived.

- (2) An Eligible New Listing that has a market capitalization of \$750 million or more but less than \$5 billion will receive the following complimentary services for two years: Whistleblower Hotline, Investor Relations Website, \$20,000 per year of Disclosure Services, Audio Webcasting, Market Analytic Tools for two users and the choice of one Market Advisory Tool. The total retail value of these services is up to approximately \$136,000 per year. In addition, one-time development fees of approximately \$5,000 to establish the services in the first year will be waived.
- (3) An Eligible New Listing that has a market capitalization of \$5 billion or more will receive the following complimentary services for two years: Whistleblower Hotline, Investor Relations Website, \$20,000 per year of Disclosure Services, Audio Webcasting, Market Analytic Tools for two users and the choice of two Market Advisory Tools. The total retail value of these services is up to approximately \$180,000 per year. In addition, one-time development fees of approximately \$5,000 to establish the services in the first year will be waived.

(c) Eligible Switches

- (1) An Eligible Switch that has a market capitalization [of up to]less than \$750 million will receive the following complimentary services for two years: Whistleblower Hotline, Investor Relations Website, \$15,000 per year of Disclosure Services, Audio Webcasting and Market Analytic Tools for two users. The total retail value of these services is approximately \$75,000 per year. In addition, one-time development fees of approximately \$5,000 to establish the services in the first year will be waived.
- (2) An Eligible Switch that has a market capitalization of \$750 million or more but less than \$5 billion will receive the following complimentary services for four years: Whistleblower Hotline, Investor Relations Website, \$20,000 per year of Disclosure Services, Audio Webcasting, Market Analytic Tools for three users and the choice of one Market Advisory Tool. The total retail value of these services is up to approximately \$149,000 per year. In addition, one-time development fees of approximately \$5,000 to establish the services in the first year will be waived.
- (3) An Eligible Switch that has a market capitalization of \$5 billion or more will receive the following complimentary services for four years: Whistleblower Hotline, Investor Relations Website, \$20,000 per year of Disclosure Services, Audio Webcasting, Market Analytic Tools for four users and the choice of two Market Advisory Tools. The total retail value of these services is up to

approximately \$206,000 per year. In addition, one-time development fees of approximately \$5,000 to establish the services in the first year will be waived.

(d) – (e) No change.