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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 Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to Add Remove View 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. Add Remove View 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 View Remove 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. <u>Text of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

(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 amend Listing Rule IM-5900-4 to waive the All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee for any company not listed on a national securities exchange that is listing upon closing of its acquisition of a special purpose acquisition company listed on another national securities exchange.

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 (the "Board") on September 25, 2019. 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:

Nikolai Utochkin Counsel Listing and Governance Nasdaq, Inc. (301) 978-8029

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 proposes to amend Listing Rule IM-5900-4 to waive the All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee for any company not listed on a national securities exchange that is listing upon closing of its acquisition of a special purpose acquisition company ("Acquisition Company") listed on another national securities exchange.

When an Acquisition consummates its business combination, it may choose a new listing venue for its post-business combination existence as an operating company. In most such cases, the Acquisition Company is the legal acquirer in the business combination transaction and thus the company transferring its listing to Nasdaq is the same entity as was listed on the other national securities exchange prior to the acquisition (i.e., the Acquisition Company). When an Acquisition Company that is the legal acquirer transfers its listing to Nasdaq following the business combination, the first All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee is waived. Specifically, Listing Rule IM-5900-4 provides that "Nasdaq has determined to waive for the year of transfer the All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee applicable to the year such transfer is made in the case of securities that ... are listed on a national securities exchange but not listed on Nasdaq, if the issuer of such securities transfers their listing exclusively to Nasdaq."

However, in fulfilling the requirements for an Acquisition Company to complete an acquisition under applicable exchange rules, occasionally the Acquisition Company is not the legal acquirer in the business combination and, instead, the business combination is structured so that the Acquisition Company is acquired by the operating company.

Under the current Nasdaq rules, a company listing in connection with its acquisition of an

Acquisition Company listed on another national securities exchange would not benefit from a similar waiver of listing fees.

To address this disparity, Nasdaq proposes to amend the fee waiver provisions of Listing Rule IM-5900-4. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to extend to any company that is not listed immediately prior to listing its class of primary equity securities upon closing of its acquisition of an Acquisition Company the benefits of the provision in Listing Rule IM-5900-4 that waives for companies transferring their class of primary equity securities from another exchange the requirement to pay the All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee with respect to that class of primary equity securities or any other class of securities transferred in conjunction therewith for the remainder of the calendar year in which the transfer occurs. The decision whether to structure a business combination with the Acquisition Company as the legal acquirer rather than the other party does not result in the listing of a substantively different entity. Accordingly, the Exchange believes there is no basis for charging fees purely on the basis of the structure of the business combination chosen by the parties. The Exchange does not expect there to be a significant number of listings in which this proposed fee waiver will be applicable. Consequently, the proposed rule change would not affect the Exchange's commitment of resources to its regulatory oversight of the listing process or its regulatory programs.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,³ in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁴ in

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

As a preliminary matter, Nasdaq competes for listings with other national securities exchanges and companies can easily choose to list on, or transfer to, those alternative venues. As a result, the fees Nasdaq can charge listed companies are constrained by the fees charged by its competitors and Nasdaq cannot charge prices in a manner that would be unreasonable, inequitable, or unfairly discriminatory.

The Exchange believes that the proposed fee waivers are equitable as it being implemented to avoid an anomalous fee outcome arising from the manner in which an Acquisition Company business combination has been structured.

The Exchange believes that the proposal is not unfairly discriminatory, because the proposed waivers are intended to avoid the impact on a small group of issuers of an anomalous fee outcome arising from the manner in which an Acquisition Company business combination has been structured. An Acquisition Company is a shell company with no business operations. Consequently, the parties to a business combination between an Acquisition Company and an operating company have significant flexibility in how they choose to structure the business combination, including in determining which entity will be the legal acquirer.

Accordingly, the Exchange is proposing to amend its fee structure to reflect the incidental nature of the resulting Acquisition Company business combination and to avoid treating companies undergoing similar business combinations disparately.

By contrast to an Acquisition Company business combination, there are typically more significant limitations on the ability of the parties to a merger between two operating companies to make decisions about which entity will be the acquirer, including, for example, the desire to maintain the acquirer's SEC registration and concerns about how to present the combined entity to the market. As such, it is much more likely that the listing fee implications of how the transaction is structured would be a major consideration for the parties to an Acquisition Company business combination than would be the case in a merger between two operating companies. As the implications of the proposed fee waivers for decisions relating to the transaction structures utilized by unlisted companies listing in connection with the acquisition of an Acquisition Company are typically greater than for other companies listing in conjunction with merger transactions, the proposed waivers are not unfairly discriminatory.

For the foregoing reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act.

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.

The proposed waiver will be available to all similarly situated issuers on the same basis. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed waivers will have any meaningful effect on the competition among issuers listed on the Exchange.

The Exchange operates in a highly competitive market in which issuers can readily choose to list new securities on other exchanges and transfer listings to other exchanges if they deem fee levels at those other venues to be more favorable. Because

competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, and because issuers may change their listing venue, the Exchange does not believe its proposed fee change can impose any burden on intermarket competition.

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

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>

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,⁵ the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the self-regulatory organization on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the self-regulatory organization, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing.

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>

The proposed rule change is based on SR-NYSE-2020-15.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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

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.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2020-039)

June , 2020

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend Listing Rule IM-5900-4 to Waive the All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee

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 June 25, 2020, 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</u>
Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend to amend Listing Rule IM-5900-4 to waive the All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee for any company not listed on a national securities exchange that is listing upon closing of its acquisition of a special purpose acquisition company listed on another national securities exchange.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/nasdaq/rules, 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> Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. <u>Purpose</u>

Nasdaq proposes to amend Listing Rule IM-5900-4 to waive the All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee for any company not listed on a national securities exchange that is listing upon closing of its acquisition of a special purpose acquisition company ("Acquisition Company") listed on another national securities exchange.

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However, in fulfilling the requirements for an Acquisition Company to complete an acquisition under applicable exchange rules, occasionally the Acquisition Company is not the legal acquirer in the business combination and, instead, the business combination is structured so that the Acquisition Company is acquired by the operating company.

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To address this disparity, Nasdaq proposes to amend the fee waiver provisions of Listing Rule IM-5900-4. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to extend to any company that is not listed immediately prior to listing its class of primary equity securities upon closing of its acquisition of an Acquisition Company the benefits of the provision in Listing Rule IM-5900-4 that waives for companies transferring their class of primary equity securities from another exchange the requirement to pay the All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee with respect to that class of primary equity securities or any other class of securities transferred in conjunction therewith for the remainder of the calendar year in which the transfer occurs. The decision whether to structure a business combination with the Acquisition Company as the legal acquirer rather than the other party does not result in the listing of a substantively different entity. Accordingly, the Exchange believes there is no basis for charging fees purely on the basis of the structure of the business combination chosen by the parties. The Exchange does not expect there to be a significant number of listings in which this proposed fee waiver will be applicable.

Consequently, the proposed rule change could not affect the Exchange's commitment of resources to its regulatory oversight of the listing process or its regulatory programs.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,³ in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁴ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

As a preliminary matter, Nasdaq competes for listings with other national securities exchanges and companies can easily choose to list on, or transfer to, those alternative venues. As a result, the fees Nasdaq can charge listed companies are constrained by the fees charged by its competitors and Nasdaq cannot charge prices in a manner that would be unreasonable, inequitable, or unfairly discriminatory.

The Exchange believes that the proposed fee waivers are equitable as it being implemented to avoid an anomalous fee outcome arising from the manner in which an Acquisition Company business combination has been structured.

The Exchange believes that the proposal is not unfairly discriminatory, because the proposed waivers are intended to avoid the impact on a small group of issuers of an anomalous fee outcome arising from the manner in which an Acquisition Company business combination has been structured. An Acquisition Company is a shell company with no business operations. Consequently, the parties to a business combination

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between an Acquisition Company and an operating company have significant flexibility in how they choose to structure the business combination, including in determining which entity will be the legal acquirer.

Accordingly, the Exchange is proposing to amend its fee structure to reflect the incidental nature of the resulting Acquisition Company business combination and to avoid treating companies undergoing similar business combinations disparately.

By contrast to an Acquisition Company business combination, there are typically more significant limitations on the ability of the parties to a merger between two operating companies to make decisions about which entity will be the acquirer, including, for example, the desire to maintain the acquirer's SEC registration and concerns about how to present the combined entity to the market. As such, it is much more likely that the listing fee implications of how the transaction is structured would be a major consideration for the parties to an Acquisition Company business combination than would be the case in a merger between two operating companies. As the implications of the proposed fee waivers for decisions relating to the transaction structures utilized by unlisted companies listing in connection with the acquisition of an Acquisition Company are typically greater than for other companies listing in conjunction with merger transactions, the proposed waivers are not unfairly discriminatory.

For the foregoing reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act.

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.

The proposed waiver will be available to all similarly situated issuers on the same basis. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed waivers will have any meaningful effect on the competition among issuers listed on the Exchange.

The Exchange operates in a highly competitive market in which issuers can readily choose to list new securities on other exchanges and transfer listings to other exchanges if they deem fee levels at those other venues to be more favorable. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, and because issuers may change their listing venue, the Exchange does not believe its proposed fee change can impose any burden on intermarket competition.

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>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.⁵

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.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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
 (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml);</u> or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2020-039 on the subject line.

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-2020-039. 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-2020-039 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. 6

J. Matthew DeLesDernier Assistant Secretary

^{6 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

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The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC Rules

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IM-5900-4. Waiver of Certain Annual Fees Upon Transfer of a Non-Nasdaq Exchange Listed Security

Rules 5910(b)(3)(G), 5920(b)(3)(G), 5930(b)(2) and 5940(b)(4) provide limited discretion to waive all or part of the All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee prescribed in this Rule 5900 Series. Pursuant to that authority, Nasdaq has determined to waive for the year of transfer the All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee applicable to the year such transfer is made in the case of securities that (i) are listed on a national securities exchange but not listed on Nasdag, if the issuer of such securities transfers their listing exclusively to Nasdaq; or (ii) are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq, if the issuer of such securities ceases to maintain their listing on the New York Stock Exchange and the securities instead are designated under the plan governing Nasdaq securities. Similarly, any issuer that is not listed on a national securities exchange immediately prior to its initial listing on the Exchange but is listing its Primary Equity Securities upon closing of its acquisition of a company listed on another national securities exchange pursuant to special rules for acquisition companies is not required to pay All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee with respect to that class of Primary Equity Securities or any other class of securities listed at the same time for the remainder of the calendar year in which such listing occurs.

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