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Subject: Website Information Protection

Recent media reports describe several instances where journalists or others, utilizing web crawling software or other means, have accessed non-public earnings announcements and other information from company websites. These individuals were able to retrieve news releases or financial tables that had been uploaded to a company's website in advance of a public announcement by anticipating the URL where the information would be posted. The information was then publicly disseminated prior to the company's planned release.

Nasdaq encourages all of our listed companies to take all possible steps to protect non-public corporate information. Given these stories, we particularly encourage you to revisit the methodologies used for news dissemination, to maintain proper control of your website content, and to avoid posting unreleased information in such a way that it could be prematurely discovered. If you ever suspect that your company's material news has been compromised in this manner, please immediately contact Nasdaq MarketWatch at 800-537-3929. You may also contact MarketWatch with any questions about these events.

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