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By Electronic Mail

February 16, 2012

Ms. Cecile Peters
Chief, IT Services
Division of Corporation Finance
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Dear Ms. Peters:

This is to certify that on February 13, 2012 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from iShares Trust (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

iShares Barclays GNMA Bond Fund

We further certify that the security described above have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration upon official notice of issuance.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking effectiveness of the Form 8-A 12(b) concurrently with effectiveness of its 1933 Act Registration Statement, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

William Slattery

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