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**November 30, 2006**

**Ms. Nancy M. Morris, Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
Station Place, 100 F Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20549-1090.**

**RE: File No. SR-NASDAQ-2006-040**

**Dear Ms. Morris:**

As Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of K-Tron International, Inc. (listed on the NASDAQ Stock Exchange under symbol KTII), I am deeply concerned about recent developments regarding NASDAQ's acquisition of PrimeZone (now known as PrimeNewswire) and the ramifications arising from this acquisition. It has come to my attention that NASDAQ intends on using the acquisition of PrimeNewswire as a justification for increasing annual listing fees for its members by as much as \$20,000 and forcing its members to use their wire service exclusively.

I have a problem with this on several levels. First and foremost, I find it bordering on the unethical that NASDAQ, through a substantial increase in its listing fees, is not promoting an open market and freedom of choice for its members to select which wire service best serves a listed company's needs. K-Tron has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with a competitor of PrimeNewswire, and K-Tron has no desire to abandon a company that knows our business and has served it well. Given our decision, it means that K-Tron would be paying twice for wire services while it only utilizes one.

This leads me to a second concern. For years, our current wire service has not only supplied excellent service, but also has taken steps to ensure that our company is well represented in specifically targeted markets. I am concerned that PrimeNewswire, tied so closely to NASDAQ, will not be independent enough to adequately ensure wide and full disclosure of relevant company news to our distribution points in the marketplace. To K-Tron, PrimeNewswire is an untried organization, and I personally am not comfortable with entrusting K-Tron's reputation to an unknown entity.

In conclusion, I am disturbed that this decision to enforce the use of PrimeNewswire was made without any consultation with the listed NASDAQ companies. It was presented as a *fait accompli*, with no opportunity for NASDAQ-listed companies to have

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a voice as to whether or not PrimeNewswire is an acceptable alternative to current wire services. For NASDAQ to raise fees so exorbitantly, and then force us to accept their own wire service without complaint, is doubly insulting and should not be tolerated in the business world.

I strongly urge the SEC to direct NASDAQ to reconsider its decision and to allow its members the option of either choosing PrimeNewswire or remaining with its current wire service with no effect on its listing fees.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Remick". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Ronald R. Remick  
Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

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