SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-88325; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2020-001)

March 5, 2020

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Designation of Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change to Modify the Delisting Process for Securities with a Bid Price Below \$0.10 and for Securities that Have Had One or More Reverse Stock Splits with a Cumulative Ratio of 250 or More to One over the Prior Two-Year Period

On January 2, 2020, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to modify the delisting process for securities that are in a bid price compliance period and have a bid price below \$0.10 and for securities that have had one or more reverse stock splits with a cumulative ratio of 250 or more to one over the prior two-year period. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the <u>Federal Register</u> on January 22, 2020.³ The Commission has received no comments on the proposal.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁴ provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day for this filing is March 7, 2020.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87982 (January 15, 2020), 85 FR 3736.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

The Commission is extending the 45-day time period for Commission action on the proposed rule change. The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵ the Commission designates April 21, 2020, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR-NASDAQ-2020-001).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

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⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).