

**EXHIBIT 4**

## Changes to the Proposed Rule Text

Text is marked to show changes to proposed rule language in the original filing. Additions to original filing are double underlined; deletions from original filing are ~~stricken through~~.

**The Nasdaq Stock Market Rules**

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**5815. Review of Staff Determinations by Hearings Panel**

When a Company receives a Staff Delisting Determination or a Public Reprimand Letter issued by the Listing Qualifications Department, or when its application for initial listing is denied, it may request in writing that the Hearings Panel review the matter in a written or an oral hearing. This section sets forth the procedures for requesting a hearing before a Hearings Panel, describes the Hearings Panel and the possible outcomes of a hearing, and sets forth Hearings Panel procedures.

**(a) Procedures for Requesting and Preparing for a Hearing****(1) Timely Request Stays Delisting**

**(A)** A Company may, within seven calendar days of the date of the Staff Delisting Determination notification, Public Reprimand Letter, or written denial of a listing application, request a written or oral hearing before a Hearings Panel to review the Staff Delisting Determination, Public Reprimand Letter, or written denial of a listing application. [Subject to the limitation in paragraph (B) below, a timely request for a hearing will stay the suspension and delisting action pending the issuance of a written Panel Decision.] Requests for hearings should be submitted in writing to the Hearings Department.

**(B)** Subject to the following limitations, [A] a timely request for a hearing shall ordinarily stay the suspension and delisting action pending the issuance of a written Panel Decision.

(i) [However, if] If the Staff Delisting Determination relates to deficiencies from the standards of Rule 5250(c)(1) or (2), which require a Company to timely file its periodic reports with the Commission, the delisting action will only be stayed for 15 calendar days from the deadline to request a hearing unless the Company specifically requests and the Hearings Panel grants a further stay. A request for a further stay must include an explanation of why such a stay would be appropriate and should be included in the Company's request for a hearing. Based on that submission and any recommendation provided by Staff, the Hearings Panel will determine whether to grant the Company a further stay. In determining whether to grant the stay, the Hearings Panel will consider the Company's specific circumstances, including the likelihood that the

filing can be made within any exception period that could subsequently be granted, the Company's past compliance history, the reasons for the late filing, corporate events that may occur within the exception period, the Company's general financial status, and the Company's disclosures to the market. The Hearings Panel will notify the Company of its conclusion as soon as is practicable, but in no event more than 15 calendar days following the deadline to request the hearing. In the event the Hearings Panel determines not to grant the Company a stay, the Company's securities will be immediately suspended and will remain suspended unless the Panel Decision issued after the hearing determines to reinstate the securities.

(ii) A timely request for a hearing will not stay the suspension of the securities from trading pending the issuance of a written Panel Decision when the Staff Delisting Determination is related to one of the following deficiencies:

- ~~a. A Company described in Rule IM-5101-2, which has failed to satisfy the requirements for initial listing following a business combination;~~
- b. A Company whose application for initial listing has not been approved prior to consummation of a transaction whereby the Company combines with a non-Nasdaq entity, resulting in a change of control of the Company and potentially allowing the non-Nasdaq entity to obtain a Nasdaq Listing, as described in Nasdaq Rule 5110(a); or
- eb. A Company that has filed for protection under any provision of the federal bankruptcy laws, or comparable foreign laws, or that has announced that liquidation has been authorized by its board of directors and that it is committed to proceed, as described in Nasdaq Rule 5110(b).

In each case, the Company's securities will be immediately suspended and will remain suspended unless the Panel Decision issued after the hearing determines to reinstate the securities.

**(2) – (6)** No change.

**(b) – (d)** No change.

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