The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are bracketed.

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## 5250. Obligations for Companies Listed on The Nasdaq Stock Market

- (a) No change.
- (b) Obligation to Make Public Disclosure
  - (1) (2) No change.

## (3) Disclosure of Director and Nominee Compensation

The provisions of this Rule 5250(b)(3) shall be effective on June 30, 2016.

- (A) A Company shall disclose either on or through the Company's website or in the proxy statement for the next annual meeting (or, if the Company does not file a proxy, in its Form 10-K or 20-F), all agreements and arrangements between: (i) any director or nominee for director, and (ii) any person or entity other than the Company, which provide for compensation or other payment in connection with such person's candidacy or service as a director of the Company. A Company need not disclose pursuant to this rule agreements and arrangements that: (i) relate only to reimbursement of expenses in connection with candidacy as a director; (ii) existed prior to the nominee's candidacy (including as an employee of the other person or entity) and are otherwise publicly disclosed in a proxy statement or annual report (such as in the director or nominee's biography); or (iii) have been disclosed under Item 5(b) of Schedule 14A of the Act in the current fiscal year. Disclosure under this subparagraph should identify the material terms of the agreement or arrangement and shall continue until the earlier of the resignation of the director or one year following the termination of the agreement or arrangement.
- (B) If a Company discovers an agreement or arrangement that should have been disclosed pursuant to subparagraph (A) but was not, the Company must promptly make the required disclosure by filing a Form 8-K or 6-K, where required by SEC rules, or by issuing a press release.
- (C) A Company shall not be considered deficient with this paragraph for purposes of Rule 5810 if the Company has undertaken reasonable efforts to identify all such agreements or arrangements, including asking each director or nominee in a manner designed to allow timely disclosure, and makes the disclosure required by subparagraph (B) promptly upon discovery of the agreement or arrangement. In all other cases, the Company must submit a plan sufficient to satisfy Nasdaq staff that the Company has adopted processes and procedures designed to identify and disclose relevant agreements or arrangements.

(c) - (f) No change.

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## 5810. Notification of Deficiency by the Listing Qualifications Department

When the Listing Qualifications Department determines that a Company does not meet a listing standard set forth in the Rule 5000 Series, it will immediately notify the Company of the deficiency. As explained in more detail below, deficiency notifications are of four types:

(1) – (4) No change.

Notifications of deficiencies that allow for submission of a compliance plan or an automatic cure or compliance period may result, after review of the compliance plan or expiration of the cure or compliance period, in issuance of a Staff Delisting Determination or a Public Reprimand Letter.

(a) - (b) No change.

**IM-5810-1** No change.

## (c) Types of Deficiencies and Notifications

The type of deficiency at issue determines whether the Company will be immediately suspended and delisted, or whether it may submit a compliance plan for review or is entitled to an automatic cure or compliance period before a Staff Delisting Determination is issued. In the case of a deficiency not specified below, Staff will issue the Company a Staff Delisting Determination or a Public Reprimand Letter.

- (1) No change.
- (2) Deficiencies for which a Company may Submit a Plan of Compliance for Staff Review
  - (A) Unless the Company is currently under review by an Adjudicatory Body for a Staff Delisting Determination, the Listing Qualifications Department may accept and review a plan to regain compliance when a Company is deficient with respect to one of the standards listed in subsections (i) through [(iv)](v) below. In accordance with Rule 5810(c)(2)(C), plans provided pursuant to subsections (i) through [(iii)](iv) below must be provided generally within 45 calendar days, and in accordance with Rule 5810(c)(2)(F), plans provided pursuant to subsection [(iv)](v) must be provided generally within 60 calendar days. If a Company that is not subject to the All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee described in IM-5910-1 or IM-5920-1 submits a plan of compliance under subsections (i), (iii), [or](iv), or (v), it

must also pay a compliance plan review fee of \$5,000. If a Company's plan consists of transferring from the Nasdaq Global or Global Select Market to the Nasdaq Capital Market, the Company should submit its application and the applicable application fee at the same time as its plan to regain compliance, but does not need to also pay the compliance plan review fee.

- (i) (iii) No change.
- (iv) failure to make the disclosure required by Rule 5250(b)(3).
- (v) failure to file periodic reports as required by Rules 5250(c)(1) or (2).

**IM-5810-2**. No change.

- (B) (G) No change.
- (3) No change.
- (d) No change.

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