

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. 34-90952; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2020-082)

January 19, 2021

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change to Offer Certain Listed Companies Access to a Complimentary Board Recruiting Solution to Help Advance Diversity on Company Boards

On December 1, 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 offer certain listed companies access to a complimentary board recruiting solution to help advance diversity on company boards. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on December 10, 2020.³

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 after publication of the notice for this proposed rule change is January 24, 2021.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 90571 (December 4, 2020), 85 FR 79556. Comments received on the proposed rule change are available on the Commission’s website at: <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-nasdaq-2020-082/srnasdaq2020082.htm>.

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 it 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 and the comment letters.⁵

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁶ the Commission designates March 10, 2021 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-2020-082).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

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Assistant Secretary

⁵ Additionally, the Exchange consented to extending to March 10, 2021 the date by which the Commission must either approve, disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change. See letter from Jeffrey S. Davis, Senior Vice President and Senior Deputy General Counsel, Exchange, to Vanessa A. Countryman, Secretary, Commission, dated January 8, 2021.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).