Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present. The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3), (5), (7), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), (9)(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Casey, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the Closed Meeting in a closed session, and determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2010 will be: Institution and settlement of injunctive actions; Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings; and other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:
The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551–5400.


Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.


SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Modify the Prior Notification Requirements When Companies Release Material Information Outside of Nasdaq Market Hours

February 16, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”), 1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, 2 notice is hereby given that on January 15, 2010, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by Nasdaq. Nasdaq has designated the proposed rule change as effecting a change described under Rule 19b–4(f)(6) under the Act, 3 which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

Nasdaq proposes to modify the requirement for companies to provide prior notification to Nasdaq when releasing material information outside of Nasdaq market hours.

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is in italics; proposed deletions are in brackets. 4

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5250. Obligations for Companies Listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market

(a) No change.

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4 Changes are marked to the rule text that appears in the electronic manual of Nasdaq found at http://nasdaqomxn.chwallstreet.com.

(b) Obligation to Make Public Disclosure. (1) Except in unusual circumstances, a Nasdaq-listed Company shall make prompt disclosure to the public through any Regulation FD compliant method (or combination of methods) of disclosure of any material information that would reasonably be expected to affect the value of its securities or influence investors’ decisions. The Company shall, prior to the release of the information, provide notice of such disclosure to Nasdaq’s MarketWatch Department at least ten minutes prior to public announcement if the information involves any of the events set forth in IM–5250–1 and the public release of the material information is during Nasdaq market hours. If the public release of the material information is made outside of Nasdaq market hours, Nasdaq Companies must notify MarketWatch of the material information prior to 6:50 a.m. ET. As described in IM–5250–1, prior notice to the MarketWatch Department must be made through the electronic disclosure submission system available at http://www.nasdaq.net, except in emergency situations.

(2)–(3) No change.

(c)–(f) No change.

IM–5250–1. Disclosure of Material Information

Rule 5250(b)(1) requires that, except in unusual circumstances, Nasdaq Companies disclose promptly to the public through any Regulation FD compliant method (or combination of methods) of disclosure any material information that would reasonably be expected to affect the value of their securities or influence investors’ decisions. Nasdaq Companies must notify Nasdaq at least ten minutes prior to the release to the public of material information that involves any of the events set forth below when the public release of the information is made during Nasdaq market hours (7 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET). If the public release of the material information is made outside of Nasdaq market hours, Nasdaq Companies must notify MarketWatch of the material information prior to 6:50 a.m. ET. Under unusual circumstances Companies may not be required to make public disclosure of material events; for example, where it is possible to maintain confidentiality of those events and immediate public disclosure would prejudice the ability of the Company to pursue its legitimate corporate objectives. However, Nasdaq Companies remain obligated to disclose this information to Nasdaq upon request pursuant to Rule 5250(a).

Paragraph 2. No change.

Notification to Nasdaq MarketWatch Department

Nasdaq Companies must notify Nasdaq’s MarketWatch Department prior to the distribution of certain material news at least ten minutes prior to public announcement of the news when the public release of the information is made during Nasdaq market hours (7 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET). If the public release of the material information is made outside of Nasdaq market hours, Nasdaq Companies must notify MarketWatch of the