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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

**Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change**

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The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)

**Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications**

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Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

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**Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire**

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

Exhibit Sent As Paper Document

**Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies**

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The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

**Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item 1 and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

**Partial Amendment**

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. Text of Proposed Rule Change

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (“NASD”), through its subsidiary, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (“Nasdaq”), is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) a proposed rule change to modify the execution fees for quotes and orders executed in the Nasdaq IPO/Halt Cross. Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> Nasdaq has designated this proposal as one establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by a self-regulatory organization, and therefore the proposed rule change is effective immediately upon filing. Nasdaq will implement the proposed rule on May 16, 2006.

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in brackets.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>5</sup> Changes are marked to the rule text that appears in the electronic NASD Manual found at [www.nasd.com](http://www.nasd.com), modified to include changes established in connection with SR-NASD-2006-057 which was immediately effective upon filing but has not appeared in the federal register. Prior to the date when The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“NASDAQ LLC”) commences operations, NASDAQ LLC will file a conforming change to the rules of NASDAQ LLC approved in Securities Exchange Act Release No. 53128 (January 13, 2006), 71 FR 3550 (January 23, 2006) (File No. 10-131).

**Rule 7010. System Services**(a) – (h) **No Change.**

(i) Nasdaq Market Center order execution

(1) - (4) **No Change.**(5) IPO/Halt Cross

Members shall be assessed the following Nasdaq Market Center execution fees for quotes and orders executed in the Nasdaq IPO/Halt Cross:

<u>All quotes and orders executed in the</u>	<u>\$0.0005 per share executed.</u>
<u>Nasdaq IPO/Halt Cross</u>	

**(5) - (8) Current subsections (5) through (8) will be renumbered as (6) through (9) without other modification.**

(j) – (w) No change.

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2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The Board of Directors of Nasdaq approved the proposed rule change at its meeting on December 14, 2005 and the Board of Governors of the NASD had an opportunity to review the proposed rule change at its meeting on December 22, 2005, which authorized the filing of the rule change with the Commission. The staff of Nasdaq has provided an opportunity for the staff of NASD Regulation, Inc. to consult with respect to the proposed rule change, pursuant to the Plan of Allocation and Delegation of

Functions by NASD to Subsidiaries. No other action by the NASD is necessary for the filing of the rule change. Nasdaq intends to implement this proposed rule change upon filing.

Questions regarding this rule filing may be directed to Jeffrey S. Davis, Associate Vice President and Associate General Counsel, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. at (301) 978-8484 (telephone) or (301) 978-8472 (fax).

3. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

a. Purpose

Nasdaq has determined to set the pricing for the Nasdaq IPO/Halt Cross described in Rule 4703 at \$0.0005 per share executed during the Nasdaq IPO/Halt Cross. This fee is consistent with the fees assessed for executions in the Nasdaq Opening and Closing Crosses. The fee will be implemented upon the launch of the IPO/Halt Cross currently scheduled for May 16, 2006.

b. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in general, and with Section 15A(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility or system which the NASD operates or controls. The proposed fees for the execution of quotes and orders in the IPO/Halt Cross is consistent with the statute in that it is designed to result in an

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<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3.

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(5).

execution charge approximating the execution charge for quotes and orders entered and executed in the Nasdaq Market Center through out the trading day.

4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

Nasdaq does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

5. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

The foregoing rule change has become effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>8</sup> and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder<sup>9</sup> in that it establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by Nasdaq for the Nasdaq IPO/Halt Cross. Nasdaq will make this rule change effective on May 16, 2006.

8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

Not applicable.

9. Exhibits

1. Completed notice of proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register.

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

**EXHIBIT 1**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
(Release No. 34- \_\_\_\_\_ ; File No. SR-NASD-2006-061)

May \_\_, 2006

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. to Establish Pricing for the Nasdaq IPO/Halt Cross

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on May \_\_, 2006, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (“NASD”), through its subsidiary, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (“Nasdaq”), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change to modify the execution fees for quotes and orders executed in the Nasdaq IPO/Halt Cross. 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 the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

Nasdaq proposes to establish the execution fees for quotes and orders executed in the Nasdaq IPO/Halt Cross set forth in Rule 4703. Nasdaq will implement the proposed rule change on May 16, 2006.

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in brackets.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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(j) – (w) No change.

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II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, Nasdaq included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it

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a conforming change to the rules of NASDAQ LLC approved in Securities Exchange Act Release No. 53128 (January 13, 2006), 71 FR 3550 (January 23, 2006) (File No. 10-131).

received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. Nasdaq has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

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B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

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<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3.

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(5).

Nasdaq does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>6</sup> and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>7</sup> At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

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<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(a)(ii).

<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NASD-2006-061 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-9303.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASD-2006-061. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-9303. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASD-2006-061 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

Nancy M. Morris  
Secretary

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<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).