SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-75064; File No. SR-BSECC-2015-001)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Boston Stock Exchange Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws of The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc.

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 May 19, 2015, Boston Stock Exchange Clearing Corporation ("BSECC") 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 BSECC. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

BSECC is filing this proposed rule change with respect to amendments of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Charter") and By-Laws (the "By-Laws") of its parent corporation, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. ("NASDAQ OMX" or the "Company"), to change the name of the Company to Nasdaq, Inc. The proposed amendments will be implemented on a date designated by NASDAQ OMX following approval by the Commission. The text of the proposed rule change is available on BSECC's website at http://nasdaqomxbx.cchwallstreet.com, at the principal office of BSECC, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

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

In its filing with the Commission, BSECC included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. BSECC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. <u>Purpose</u>

As part of an ongoing global rebranding initiative, the Company has begun to refer to itself, both internally and externally, as Nasdaq, rather than NASDAQ OMX. For purposes of consistency with its marketing, communications and other materials, the Company has decided to change the legal names of NASDAQ OMX and certain of its subsidiaries to eliminate references to OMX. The Company therefore proposes to amend its Charter and By-Laws to change its legal name from The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. to Nasdaq, Inc.

Specifically, the Company proposes to file a Certificate of Amendment to its

Charter with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware to amend Article First of the

Charter to reflect the new name. In addition, the Company proposes to amend the title

and Article I(f) of the By-Laws to reflect the new name.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

BSECC believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(C) of the Act,³ in that it assures a fair representation of shareholders and participants in the selection of directors and administration of its affairs. While the proposals relate to the organizational documents of NASDAQ OMX, rather than BSECC, BSECC is indirectly owned by NASDAQ OMX, and therefore, NASDAQ OMX's stockholders have an indirect stake in BSECC. In addition, the participants in BSECC, to the extent any exist, could purchase stock in NASDAQ OMX in the open market, just like any other stockholder.

Specifically, NASDAQ OMX is proposing changes to its Charter and By-Laws to change NASDAQ OMX's legal name to Nasdaq, Inc. BSECC believes that the changes will eliminate confusion that may exist because of NASDAQ OMX's ongoing global rebranding as Nasdaq. As a result, BSECC believes that the proposals assure a fair representation of NASDAQ OMX's stockholders in the selection of directors and administration of NASDAQ OMX's affairs, as well as the affairs of BSECC.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

Because the proposed rule change relates to the governance of NASDAQ OMX and not to the operations of BSECC, BSECC does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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³ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(C).

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the <u>Federal Register</u> or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which BSECC consents, the Commission will:

- (A) by order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or
- (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

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

Electronic Comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number
 SR-BSECC-2015-001 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BSECC-2015-001. 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 website (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 website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of BSECC. 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-BSECC-2015-001 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to ${\bf delegated\ authority.}^4$

Robert W. Errett Deputy Secretary

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⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).