



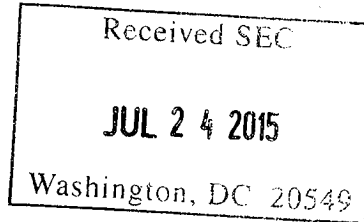
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William Slattery, CFA  
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Listing Qualifications



By Electronic Mail

July 24, 2015

Mr. Jeffrey Thomas  
Chief, IT Services  
Division of Corporation Finance  
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is to certify that on July 20, 2015 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from NantKwest, Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share

We further certify that the security has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration upon official notice of issuance.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking effectiveness of the Form 8-A 12(b) concurrently with effectiveness of its 1933 Act Registration Statement, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

*William Slattery*