SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-96534; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2022-074)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Extend the Implementation Date of Nasdaq's Post-Trade Risk Management Product to Q2 2023

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on December 8, 2022, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. 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</u> <u>Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to extend the implementation date of its Post-Trade Risk Management product to Q2 2023.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/nasdaq/rules, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange 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

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

Item IV below. The Exchange 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 Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

Nasdaq is filing this proposal to extend the implementation date of its Post-Trade Risk Management tool to Q2 2023.

Nasdaq proposed to enhance its connectivity, surveillance and risk management services by launching three re-platformed products: (i) WorkX, (ii) Real-Time Stats and (iii) Post-Trade Risk Management. These changes were filed by Nasdaq on April 20, 2021 and published in the Federal Register on May 7, 2021.³

Nasdaq initially proposed that WorkX and Real-Time Stats would launch on April 12, 2021 and Post-Trade Risk Management would launch no later than Q3 2021.⁴ Due to reprioritization in the Nasdaq product pipeline, on September 14, 2021, Nasdaq proposed to delay the implementation date of Post-Trade Risk Management until Q1 2022.⁵ On March 31, 2022, Nasdaq proposed to delay the implementation date from Q1 2022 to Q2 2022.⁶ On June 30, 2022, Nasdaq proposed an additional delay until Q4 2022.⁷ Due to continued re-prioritization,

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 91744 (May 3, 2021), 86 FR 24685 (May 7, 2021) (NASDAQ-2021-025) ("Proposal").

⁴ <u>See Proposal supra</u> n. 3 at 24685.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 93125 (September 24, 2021), 86 FR 54255 (September 30, 2021).

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 94704 (April 12, 2022), 87 FR 22958 (April 18, 2022) (SR-NASDAQ-2022-029).

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 95216 (July 7, 2022), 87 FR 41774 (July 13, 2022) (SR-NASDAQ-2022-038).

Nasdaq is further delaying the implementation of Post-Trade Risk Management until Q2 2023.⁸ The Exchange will announce the new implementation date in an Equity Trader Alert at least ten days in advance of implementing the Post-Trade Risk Management product.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹⁰ in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest.

The purpose of this proposal is to modify the timing of the planned implementation for the Post-Trade Risk Management product and to inform the SEC and market participants of that change. The introduction of the Post-Trade Risk Management product was proposed in a rule filing that was submitted to the SEC, and the Exchange is not proposing with this filing, any changes other than to modify the implementation date for the Post-Trade Risk Management product. Nasdaq is delaying the implementation date in order to complete testing in line with Nasdaq's re-prioritized product pipeline.

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

The Exchange 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. As explained above, the purpose of this proposal is to modify the timing of the planned implementation for the

As a result of the delay, the Exchange is designating Equity 7, Section 116-A, the Post-Trade Risk Management Rule, to be operative in Q2 2023.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Post-Trade Risk Management product and to inform the SEC and market participants of that change. The existing Nasdaq Risk Management product will continue to be available, and the implementation delay will impact all market participants equally. The Exchange does not expect the date change to place any burden on competition and clearing brokers will continue to have use of Nasdaq Risk Management service to monitor correspondent activity against limit settings and manage credit risk exposure.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action
Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the
protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition;
and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time
as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of
the Act¹¹ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹²

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹⁷ CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

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-NASDAQ-2022-074 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2022-074. 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 the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change.

Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2022-074, 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 delegated authority. 13

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¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).