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Connie M. Downs,

OPIC Corporate Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC (Azco Mining Inc., Common Stock, \$.002 Par Value) File No. 1-12974

June 18, 2003.

Azco Mining Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Issuer"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its Common Stock, \$.002 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange").

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all applicable laws in the State of Delaware, in which it is incorporated, and with the Amex's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration.

The Issuer states that it is taking such action because the Issuer has been notified that it is not in compliance with the Amex's listing standards. In addition, the Issuer believes that its needs would be better served by listing its Security on the OTC Bulletin Board ("OTCBB").

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Securities from listing on the Amex and from registration under section 12(b) of the Act³ shall not affect its obligation to be registered under section 12(g) of the Act.⁴

Any interested person may, on or before July 9, 2003, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Amex and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on

the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-48045; File No. SR-PCX-2003-28]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change and Amendments No. 1 and 2 by the Pacific Exchange, Inc. To Initiate a Pilot Program That Allows the Listing of Strike Prices at One-Point Intervals for Certain Stocks Trading Under \$20

June 17, 2003.

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 June 13, 2003, the Pacific Exchange, Inc. ("PCX" 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 PCX filed Amendments No. 1 and 2 to the proposal on June 16, 2003.³ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons and to grant accelerated

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See letter from Mai Shiver, Senior Attorney, Regulatory Policy, PCX, to Nancy J. Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission, dated June 13, 2003 ("Amendment No. 1"). Amendment No. 1 revises the text of the proposed rule to state that the pilot program will expire on June 5, 2004. In addition, Amendment No. 1 revises the proposal's description of the Exchange's current strike price intervals for equity options. See also letter from Mai Shiver, Senior Attorney, Regulatory Policy, PCX, to Nancy J. Sanow, Assistant Director, Division, Commission, dated June 16, 2003 ("Amendment No. 2"). Amendment No. 2 corrects a typographical error in the text of the proposed rule by replacing a reference to the interval of "stock" prices in the first sentence of proposed PCX Rule 6.4, Commentary .04 with a reference to the interval of "strike" prices.

approval to the proposed rule change, as amended, through June 5, 2004.

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

The Exchange proposes to initiate a pilot program ("Pilot Program") that will allow the Exchange to list options on selected stocks trading below \$20 at one-point intervals. The text of the proposed rule change appears below. Additions are in *italics*; deletions are in brackets.

4745 Series of Options Open for Trading

Rule 6.4(a)-(e)—No change.

Commentary .01-.03—No change.

.04 *The Exchange may select a limited number of its listed options on individual stocks for which the interval of strike prices will be \$1.00 ("\$1 strike prices") provided the strike price is \$20.00 or less, but not less than \$3. The listing of \$1 strike prices will be limited to options issues overlying no more than five (5) individual stocks (the "\$1 Strike Pilot Program") as specifically designated by the Exchange. The Exchange may list \$1 strike prices on any other option issues if those issues are specifically designated by other securities exchanges that employ a \$1 Strike Pilot Program under their respective rules. To be eligible for inclusion into the \$1 Strike Pilot Program, an underlying stock must close below \$20 in its primary market on the previous trading day. After a stock is added to the \$1 Strike Pilot Program, the Exchange may list \$1 strike prices from \$3 to \$20 that are no more than \$5 from the closing price of the underlying on the preceding day. For example, if the underlying stock closes at \$13, the Exchange may list strike prices from \$8 to \$18. The Exchange may not list series with \$1.00 intervals within \$0.50 of an existing \$2.50 strike price (e.g., \$12.50, \$17.50) in the same series, and may not list \$2.50 intervals (e.g. \$12.50, \$17.50) below \$20 under Commentary .03 of this Rule for any issue included within the \$1 Strike Pilot Program if the addition of \$2.50 intervals would cause the issue to have strike price intervals that are \$.50 apart. Additionally, the Exchange may not list long-term option series ("LEAPS") at \$1 strike price intervals for any option class selected for the \$1 Strike Pilot Program. A stock shall remain in the \$1 Strike Pilot Program until otherwise designated by the Exchange. The \$1 Strike Pilot Program shall expire on June 5, 2004.*

[.04] .05—No change.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78l(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78l(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78l(g).