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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Relating to Proposed Amendments to “TRACE-Eligible Security” and an Exemption to Trade Reporting

December 15, 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 December 5, 2003, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (“NASD”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by NASD. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

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

NASD is proposing to: (1) Amend Rule 6210(a) to clarify certain terms used in the definition, “TRACE-eligible security”; (2) amend NASD Rule 6230(e)(2) to expand the trade reporting exemption to qualifying transactions in any TRACE-eligible security that is listed and quoted on the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (“Nasdaq”); and (3) make conforming amendments to the defined term, “reportable TRACE transaction,” in Rule 6210(c). Rules 6210 and 6230 are part of the Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine (“TRACE”) rules. Below is the text of the proposed rule change. Proposed new language is in *italics*; proposed deletions are in brackets.

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6200. Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine (TRACE)

6210. Definitions

The terms used in this Rule 6200 Series shall have the same meaning as those defined in NASD’s By-Laws and Rules unless otherwise specified.

(a) The term “TRACE-eligible security” shall mean all United States dollar denominated debt securities that are depository eligible securities under Rule 11310(d); Investment Grade or Non-Investment Grade; issued by United States and/or foreign private issuers [corporations]; and: (1) registered under the Securities Act of 1933 [with the Securities and Exchange Commission] or (2) issued pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 and purchased and sold pursuant to Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. The term “TRACE-eligible security” excludes debt issued by government-sponsored entities, mortgage- or asset-backed securities, collateralized mortgage obligations, and money market instruments. For purposes of the Rule 6200 Series, the term “money market instrument” means a debt security that at issuance has a maturity of one year or less.

(b) No Change.

(c) The term “reportable TRACE transaction” shall mean any secondary market transaction in a TRACE-eligible security except transactions in TRACE-eligible securities that are listed on a national securities exchange registered under Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, when such transactions are executed on, and reported to the exchange and the transaction information is disseminated publicly, or transactions in [convertible debt] *TRACE-eligible* securities that are