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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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20549-0609. 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NASD-00-70 and should be submitted by January 2, 2001.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

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Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. To Extend the Pilot Regarding Shareholder Approval of Stock Option Plans Through February 28, 2001

November 30, 2000.

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 November 29, 2000, the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE" or "Exchange") 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 the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The Exchange is proposing to extend, until February 28, 2001, the effectiveness of the amendments to Sections 312.01, 312.03 and 312.04 of the Exchange's Listed Company Manual with respect to the definition of a "broadly-based" stock option plan, which were approved by the Commission on a pilot basis ("Pilot") on June 4, 1999.³

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

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 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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

On July 12, 2000, the Exchange filed a proposed rule change seeking to extend the effectiveness of the Pilot until September 30, 2003.⁴ On August 15, 2000, the Commission, in response to a commenter's request, extended the comment period for the 3-Year Extension Proposal until September 20, 2000.⁵ On September 22, 2000, the Pilot

was extended through November 30, 2000 to accommodate the extended comment period on the 3-Year Extension Proposal.⁶

The Exchange now proposes to further extend the effectiveness of the Pilot until February 28, 2001 to provide the Commission and the Exchange with additional time to review and evaluate comment letters submitted to the Commission regarding the 3-Year Extension Proposal.

2. Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b)(5)⁷ of the Act because it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, 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.

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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the proposed rule change (1) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) does not become operative for 30 days from the date of filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section

period was schedule to expire on August 31, 2000. See 3-Year Extension Proposal, *supra* note 4.

⁶ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43329, 65 FR 58833 (October 2, 2000).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 41479, 64 FR 31667 (June 11, 1999).

⁴ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43111 (August 2, 2000), 65 FR 49046 (August 10, 2000) ("3-Year Extension Proposal").

⁵ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43155, 65 FR 49046 (August 23, 2000). The original comment

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

19(b)(3)(A)⁸ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁹ thereunder.¹⁰

A proposed Rule change filed under rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹¹ normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)¹² permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and public interest. The Exchange seeks to have the proposed rules change become operative on or before November 30, 2000, in order to allow the Pilot to continue in effect on an uninterrupted basis.

The Commission, consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, has determined to make the proposed rule change operative immediately through November 30, 2000. The extension of the Pilot will provide the Commission with additional time to review and evaluate the 3-Year Extension Proposal.

The Commission notes that unless the Pilot is extended, the Pilot will expire and the provisions in Sections 312.01, 312.03 and 312.04 of the Exchange's Listed Company Manual that were amended in the Pilot will revert to that which were effective prior to June 4, 1999. The Commission believes that such a result could lead to confusion.

Based on these reasons, the Commission believes that it is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest that the proposed rule change become operative immediately through February 28, 2001. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street NW., Washington, DC

20549-0609. 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-00-52 and should be submitted by January 2, 2001.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹³

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to the Listing and Trading of an Exchange Traded Fund Based on the S&P Global 100 Index

December 1, 2000.

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 November 29, 2000, the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE" or "Exchange") 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 the Exchange. The Commission's is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons and to approve the proposal on an accelerated basis.

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

The Exchange proposes to list and trade shares of an exchange traded fund

(the "Fund") based on the S&P Global 100 Index.³ The Exchange is also proposing the amend NYSE Rule 13 to reflect procedures with respect to stop and stop limit orders for Investment Company Units traded on the Exchange. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, the Exchange or the Commission.

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

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 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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to list and trade under Section 703.16, Investment Company Units of the LCM, shares of the Fund based on the S&P Global 100 Index (the "Index" or the "Underlying Index"). The Fund is included in the Share Trust (the "Trust"),⁴ and Barclays Global Fund Advisors ("BGFA"), a subsidiary of Barclays Global Investors, N.A. ("BGI"), acts as the advisor (the "Advisor") to the Fund. Standard & Poor's ("S&P"), a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., is the Index provider. The Index is sponsored by S&P and the Exchange, with the additional collaboration of several major exchanges from around the world.⁵

The underlying index. A detailed description of the Underlying Index for the Fund prepared by S&P was filed as Exhibit 2. This description includes, but

³ The Fund will be listed and traded pursuant to Section 703.16, Investment Company Units, of the Exchange's Listed Company Manual ("LCM").

⁴ The Trust is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("1940 Act"). The Trust has filed with the Commission a Registration Statement on the Form N-1/A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and under the 1940 Act relating to the Fund (File No. 333-92935 and 811-09729).

⁵ The Index was developed jointly by S&P and the Exchange, and the Exchange is represented on, although it does not control, the S&P committee responsible for Index maintenance. The Commission notes that the firewall provisions proposed in SR-NYSE-00-46 will apply to this Investment Company Unit.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁰ As required under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the filing date or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.