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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Agency Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of February 12, 2001.

A closed meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2001, at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (8), (9)(A) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(4), (8), (9)(A) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

The subject matters of the closed meeting will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions; and
Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: February 6, 2001.

Jonathan G. Katz,
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 Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to the Trading of S&P Global 100 Index Fund Shares

February 5, 2001.

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 26, 2000, the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange" or "BSE") 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 BSE. 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 BSE proposes to trade, pursuant to unlisted trading privileges ("UTP"), shares of an exchange traded fund (the "Fund") based on the S&P Global 100 Index. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, the BSE 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 BSE 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 BSE 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 June 28, 2000, the Commission approved the proposed rule change of a new listing standard, *Chapter XXIV-B, Index Fund Shares*, which allowed the BSE to list and trade Index Fund

Shares.³ *Chapter XXIV-B* also permits the BSE to list or trade Index Fund Shares under the expedited procedures described in Rule 19b-4(e) under the Act, so long as such securities meet specific structural standards. The BSE has used these procedures to trade, pursuant to UTP, several Index Fund Shares, including series of the iShares Trust based on domestic stock indices.

The BSE now proposes to trade, via UTP, shares of the Fund based on the S&P Global 100 Index (the "Index" or "Underlying Index") pursuant to *Chapter XXIV-B, Index Fund Shares*.⁴ The Fund is included in the iShare Trust (the "Trust"),⁵ 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 New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE"), with the additional collaboration of several major exchanges from around the world.

As described below, S&P Global 100 Index Fund Shares are structurally similar to the Index Fund Shares already approved for trading on the BSE. The information about the Fund is based on the recent rule filing by the NYSE.⁶

The Underlying Index. A detailed description of the Underlying Index for the Fund was prepared by S&P and filed by the NYSE as Exhibit 2 in its submission.⁷ The description includes, but is not limited to, information regarding index description, component selection criteria, country representation, index maintenance, and industry group distribution by market capitalization. The Underlying Index description, including any changes thereto, may be found on the S&P Global

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42988 (June 28, 2000), 65 FR 42041 (July 7, 2000) (SR-BSE-00-05).

⁴ The Exchange recognizes that the Fund will trade pursuant to its Index Fund Shares Rules and Rule 19b-4(f)(6), not Rule 19b-4(e). Telephone conversation between Ester Radovsky, Listings Analyst, BSE, and Heather Traeger, Attorney, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, January 30, 2001.

⁵ 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).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43658 (December 2, 2000) 65 FR 77408 (December 11, 2000) (SR-NYSE-00-53).

⁷ *Id.*

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.