# THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET LLC NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AWC

# Certified, Return Receipt Requested

TO: Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated

S. Anthony Taggart Executive Director

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C/O North American Registration

Baltimore, MD 21231

FROM: The NASDAO Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq")

c/o Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA")

Department of Market Regulation

9509 Key West Avenue Rockville, MD 20850

DATE: May 13, 2011

RE: Notice of Acceptance of Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent No. 20080151815-01

Please be advised that your above-referenced Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent ("AWC") has been accepted by the Nasdaq Review Council's Review Subcommittee, or by the Office of Disciplinary Affairs on behalf of the Nasdaq Review Council, pursuant to Nasdaq Rule 9216. A copy of the AWC is enclosed herewith.

You are again reminded of your obligation, if currently registered, immediately to update your Uniform Application for Broker-Dealer Registration ("Form BD") to reflect the conclusion of this disciplinary action. Additionally, you must also notify FINRA (or NASDAQ if you are not a member of FINRA) in writing of any change of address or other changes required to be made to your Form BD.

You will be notified by the Registration and Disclosure Department regarding sanctions, and NASDAQ's Finance Department will send you an invoice regarding the payment of any fine.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call Gerard Finn, Counsel, (240) 386-5073.

Thomas R. Gira

**Executive Vice President** 

Department of Market Regulation, FINRA

Signed on behalf of NASDAQ

# Enclosure

FINRA District 10 – New York Michael G. Rufino Acting Regional Director 165 Broadway 52<sup>nd</sup> Floor New York, NY 10006-1400

Edward S. Knight, Chief Regulatory Officer The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC 9600 Blackwell Road Rockville, MD 20850

# THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET LLC LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT -4 PM 12: 37 NO. 20080151815-01

TO: The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
c/o Department of Market Regulation
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA")

RE: Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Respondent

Broker-Dealer CRD No. 8209

Pursuant to Rule 9216 of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") Code of Procedure, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated (the "firm") submits this Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent ("AWC") for the purpose of proposing a settlement of the alleged rule violations described below. This AWC is submitted on the condition that, if accepted, Nasdaq will not bring any future actions against the firm alleging violations based on the same factual findings described herein.

I.

## ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT

A. The firm hereby accepts and consents, without admitting or denying the findings, and solely for the purposes of this proceeding and any other proceeding brought by or on behalf of Nasdaq, or to which Nasdaq is a party, prior to a hearing and without an adjudication of any issue of law or fact, to the entry of the following findings by Nasdaq:

## **BACKGROUND**

The firm became a member of FINRA on June 5, 1970, and a member of the NASDAQ Stock Market on July 12, 2006. The firm's registrations remain in effect.

## RELEVANT DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

On August 21, 2006, FINRA accepted an AWC in which the firm was censured and fined \$2,900,000, including \$1,265,000 for violations of NASD Rule 6955 (included eight matters and a review period June 1999 through January 2006).

# **SUMMARY**

In connection with 20080151815, the Order Audit Trail System ("OATS") staff of the Department of Market Regulation (the "staff") reviewed the firm's compliance with limit order display and OATS reporting requirements during the period January 1 through March 31, 2008 (the "review period").

# FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

During the review period, with respect to 83 orders, the firm (i) transmitted to OATS 80 reports that contained inaccurate time stamps, (ii) transmitted to OATS six reports that it was not required to report to OATS, (iii) failed to transmit one Execution Report to OATS, and (iv) transmitted to OATS 54 reports that failed to identify orders as "not held." The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of Nasdaq Rule 6955.

- B. The firm also consents to the imposition of the following sanctions:
  - A censure.
  - A \$10,000 fine for violations of Nasdaq Rule 6955.

The firm agrees to pay the monetary sanction(s) upon notice that this AWC has been accepted and that such payment(s) are due and payable. It has submitted an Election of Payment form showing the method by which it proposes to pay the fine imposed.

The firm specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim that it is unable to pay, now or at any time hereafter, the monetary sanction(s) imposed in this matter.

The sanctions imposed herein shall be effective on a date set by FINRA staff.

II.

#### WAIVER OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

The firm specifically and voluntarily waives the following rights granted under Nasdaq's Code of Procedure:

- A. To have a Formal Complaint issued specifying the allegations against the firm;
- B. To be notified of the Formal Complaint and have the opportunity to answer the allegations in writing;

- C. To defend against the allegations in a disciplinary hearing before a hearing panel, to have a written record of the hearing made and to have a written decision issued; and
- D. To appeal any such decision to the Nasdaq Review Council and then to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and a U.S. Court of Appeals.

Further, the firm specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim bias or prejudgment of the Chief Regulatory Officer, the Nasdaq Review Council, or any member of the Nasdaq Review Council, in connection with such person's or body's participation in discussions regarding the terms and conditions of this AWC, or other consideration of this AWC, including acceptance or rejection of this AWC.

The firm further specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim that a person violated the ex parte prohibitions of Rule 9143 or the separation of functions prohibitions of Rule 9144, in connection with such person's or body's participation in discussions regarding the terms and conditions of this AWC, or other consideration of this AWC, including its acceptance or rejection.

#### III.

## OTHER MATTERS

## The firm understands that:

- A. Submission of this AWC is voluntary and will not resolve this matter unless and until it has been reviewed and accepted by FINRA's Department of Market Regulation and the Nasdaq Review Council, the Review Subcommittee, or the Office of Disciplinary Affairs ("ODA"), pursuant to Nasdaq Rule 9216;
- B. If this AWC is not accepted, its submission will not be used as evidence to prove any of the allegations against the firm; and
- C. If accepted:
  - 1. this AWC will become part of the firm's permanent disciplinary record and may be considered in any future actions brought by Nasdaq or any other regulator against the firm;
  - this AWC will be made available through FINRA's public disclosure program in response to public inquiries about the firm's disciplinary record;

- 3. Nasdaq may make a public announcement concerning this agreement and the subject matter thereof in accordance with Nasdaq Rule 8310 and IM-8310-3; and
- 4. The firm may not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement, including in regulatory filings or otherwise, denying, directly or indirectly, any finding in this AWC or create the impression that the AWC is without factual basis. The firm may not take any position in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of Nasdaq, or to which Nasdaq is a party, that is inconsistent with any part of this AWC. Nothing in this provision affects the firm's right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which Nasdaq is not a party.
- The firm may attach a Corrective Action Statement to this AWC that is a D. statement of demonstrable corrective steps taken to prevent future misconduct. The firm understands that it may not deny the charges or make any statement that is inconsistent with the AWC in this Statement. This Statement does not constitute factual or legal findings by Nasdaq, nor does it reflect the views of

Nasdaq or its staff.	
The firm certifies that it has read and understands a given a full opportunity to ask questions about it; the voluntarily; and that no offer, threat, inducement, or forth herein and the prospect of avoiding the issuant the firm to submit it.	at it has agreed to the AWC's provisions promise of any kind, other than the terms set
March 31,2011 Date	Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated Respondent  By:
Reviewed by:	
Counsel for Respondent	

Accepted by Nasdaq:

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Thomas R. Gira

**Executive Vice President** 

Department of Market Regulation

Signed on behalf of Nasdaq, by delegated authority from the Director of ODA

# **ELECTION OF PAYMENT FORM**

The firm intends to pay the fine	e proposed in	the attached	Letter of	Acceptance,	Waiver
and Consent by the following method (	(check one):				

NASDAQ will send the firm an invoice for the full amount; or

The installment payment plan (only if approved by FINRA staff and the Nasdaq Review Council).1

Respectfully submitted,

Respondent

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated

5. Anthony Taggart Executive Director

The installment payment plan is only available for fines of \$5,000 or more. Certain interest payments, minimum initial and monthly payments, and other requirements apply. You must discuss these terms with FINRA staff prior to requesting this method of payment.