

**THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET LLC
NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AWC**

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**TO: RBC Capital Markets, LLC
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**FROM: The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq")
c/o Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA")
Department of Market Regulation
9509 Key West Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850**

DATE: December 14, 2012

RE: Notice of Acceptance of Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent No. 20100215978-01

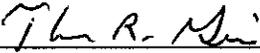
Please be advised that your above-referenced Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent ("AWC") has been accepted by the Nasdaq Review Council's Review Subcommittee, or by the Office of Disciplinary Affairs on behalf of the Nasdaq Review Council, pursuant to Nasdaq Rule 9216. A copy of the AWC is enclosed 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 if a suspension has been imposed and by NASDAQ's Finance Department regarding the payment of any fine if a fine has been imposed.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call Shannon Rozner, Counsel,
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Thomas R. Gira
Executive Vice President
Department of Market Regulation, FINRA

Signed on behalf of NASDAQ

Enclosure

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THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET LLC
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT
NO. 20100215978-01

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

RE: RBC Capital Markets, LLC, Respondent
Broker-Dealer
CRD No. 31194

Pursuant to Rule 9216 of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") Code of Procedure, RBC Capital Markets, LLC (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 March 19, 1993, and a member of Nasdaq on July 12, 2006. Its registration remains in effect.

RELEVANT PRIOR DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

On January 6, 2010, an AWC became final wherein the firm was censured and fined \$5,000 for violations of Nasdaq Rule 4755 during the period July 15 and 16, 2008.

SUMMARY

This matter involves a 2010 examination by the Trading and Market-Making Surveillance (“TMMS”) Group of FINRA’s Department of Market Regulation, evaluating the firm’s compliance with Nasdaq rules relating to its trading of equity orders and its market-making activities, and specifically reviewing the items listed in Exhibit A, which is attached, for trade dates July 28 and 29, 2010 (the “2010 TMMS Exam review period”), unless otherwise noted.

FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

1. In 79 instances during the 2010 TMMS Exam review period, the firm entered an order into Nasdaq with an incorrect capacity. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of Nasdaq Rule 4611.
 2. In 11 instances during the 2010 TMMS Exam review period, the firm incorrectly entered a short sale order into Nasdaq as a long sale order. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of Nasdaq Rule 4755.
- B. The firm also consents to the imposition of the following sanctions:

A censure and a fine of \$16,500 (comprised of \$6,500 for violations of Nasdaq Rule 4611 and \$10,000 for violations of Nasdaq Rule 4755).

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. Nasdaq will send the firm an invoice for the full amount of the monetary sanction.

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;
 - 2. 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.
- D. The firm may attach a Corrective Action Statement to this AWC that is a 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 all of the provisions of this AWC and has been given a full opportunity to ask questions about it; that it has agreed to the AWC's provisions voluntarily; and that no offer, threat, inducement, or promise of any kind, other than the terms set forth herein and the prospect of avoiding the issuance of a Complaint, has been made to induce the firm to submit it.

11/13/12
Date

RBC Capital Markets, LLC
Respondent

By: Richard T. Chase
Name: **Richard T. Chase**
 Managing Director &
Title: **General Counsel**

Reviewed by:

[Signature]
Counsel for Respondent
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Accepted by Nasdaq:

12/14/12
Date

[Signature]
Thomas R. Gira
Executive Vice President
Department of Market Regulation

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

2010 Market Regulation Examination Samples
RBC Capital Markets Corporation ("RBCM")
Exam No. 20100215978
Sample Source/Period*: July 28-29, 2010

<u>Sample Size</u>	<u>Sample Description</u>
171	Sales reviewed for compliance with SEC Rule 200(g) long/short sale recording requirements
66	Short Sales reviewed for compliance with SEC Rule 203(b) security location requirements
0	Sales reviewed for compliance with SEC Rule 204 fail-to-deliver requirements
110	Sell trades reported to a TRF or OTCRF for compliance with sale indicator requirements, FINRA Rules 6182 or 6624
90	Sell orders entered into Nasdaq Exchange execution system for compliance with Nasdaq Rule 4755(a)(1)(A) long/short reporting requirements
106	Buy and Sell orders entered into Nasdaq Exchange execution system for compliance with Nasdaq Rule 4611 capacity reporting requirements
50	Sell orders entered into BATS Exchange execution system for compliance with BATS Rule 11.19 long/short reporting requirements
52	Limit orders for NMS securities in which the member acts as an exchange market maker for compliance with the display requirements of SEC Rules 602 and 604, and Nasdaq Rule 3390
62	Orders for compliance with best execution requirements of NASD Rule 2320
52	Held orders from the Held Order Protection Review
0	Not Held orders from the Not Held Order Review
0	Order executed with a .PRP (Prior Reference Price) trade modifier
10	Customer orders in OTC equity securities for compliance with NASD Rule 3110(b) requirements to ascertain and document best interdealer market related to execution of orders
52	Orders for compliance with order protection requirements of NASD Rules 2110, IM-2110-2, 2111, and Nasdaq Rules 2110, IM-2110-2, and 2111
10	Open Limit orders to buy and/or open Stop orders to sell securities that traded ex-dividend for compliance with NASD Rule 3220 and Nasdaq Rule 4761
0	Order memoranda and Net Trading agreements for compliance with NASD Rule 2441 requirements
75	Orders in securities required to be submitted to OATS for compliance with FINRA Rules 7440 and 7450, and Nasdaq Rules 6954 and 6955 requirements
43	Customer confirmations prepared and maintained in connection with select samples for compliance with SEC Rule 10b-10

* unless otherwise noted

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25	Orders for NMS securities in which the Firm acts as a market center for compliance with SEC Rule 605 order classification requirements
4	Data sets published for Month Year monthly order execution report for compliance with SEC Rule 605 requirement to publish accurate data (a 'data set' encompasses all required statistical data for single security and order type/size category as described in SEC Rule 605)
1	Quarterly Routing Report for compliance with SEC Rule 606 requirements
15	CRD registration records for persons conducting and/or supervising Firm's trading and/or market making activities for compliance with NASD Rule Series 1020, 1030, 1040; Nasdaq Rule Series 1020, 1030, 1040; and BATS Rule 11.4
10	Customer orders in OTC equity securities for compliance with NASD Rule 3110(b) requirements to ascertain and document best interdealer market related to execution of orders
1	Disclosures to customers relating to trading in the Extended Hours session for compliance with FINRA Rule 2265 and Nasdaq Rule 4631
984	Records prepared and maintained in connection with the above samples for compliance with SEC Rules 17a-3 and 17a-4, and NASD Rule 3110
1141	Trades reported to a TRF or OTCRF for compliance with FINRA Rules 6380A and 7230A or 6622 and 7330
All Provided	Member's "Regular & Rigorous" review procedures regarding order execution quality for compliance with NASD Rules 2320 and 3010
All Provided	Member's supervisory and operational policies and procedures and documentation evidencing execution of the policies and procedures for compliance with SEC Regulation NMS Rule 611
All Provided	Member's supervisory system, written supervisory procedures ("WSPs") and documentation evidencing execution of the WSPs for compliance with NASD Rule 3010, Nasdaq Rule 3010, or BATS Rule 5.1 requirements

* unless otherwise noted