

# NASDAQ OMX BX Last Sale

For BX Trading Venue and BX Listing Market

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### 1 Overview

### 1.1 Product Description

BX Last Sale<sup>SM</sup> (BLS) is a direct data feed product offered by NASDAQ OMX to support the BX Trading and Listing Market upon launch. BLS covers the full range of issues including NASDAQ-, New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)-, NYSE Amex-, NYSE Arca-, BATS- and US regional exchange-listed securities. BLS provides real-time, intra-day trade data from the BX execution system.

Market data distributors may use the BLS data feed to update real-time stock tickers, portfolio trackers, trade alert programs, time and sale graphs, and other display systems.

For pricing and ordering information:

- Refer to Market Data section of the NASDAQ OMX Trader website.
- Contact the <u>NASDAQ OMX Global Data Products Account Team</u> at +1 301 978 5307 or +45 33 93 33 66.

### 1.2 Upcoming Product Enhancements

In addition, the BLS 2.0 feed is designed to support BX listing market functionality. NASDAQ OMX has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to establish listing standards for the BX exchange. *Please note items within this document that have been grayed out, although supported technologically, will not be implemented until the launch of the BX Listing Market.* 

### 2 Network Protocol Options

For direct data feed subscribers, NASDAQ OMX BX will offer BLS in the following protocol options:

- o SoupBinTCP
- MoldUDP64

For network support and ordering information, please refer to the <u>NASDAQ Direct</u> <u>Data Products Specifications Page</u> on the NASDAQ OMX Trader website.

### 3 Architecture

BLS will be made up of a series of sequenced messages. Each message is variable in length based on the message. The messages that make up the BLS protocol are typically delivered using a higher level protocol that takes care of sequencing and delivery quarantees.

### 4 Data Types

All integer fields are unsigned big-endian (network byte order) binary encoded numbers.

Prices are integer fields, supplied with an associated precision. When converted to a decimal format, prices are in a fixed point format, where the precision defines the number of decimal places. For example, a field flagged as Price (4) has an implied 4 decimal places.

Timestamps reflects the BX system time at which the outbound message was generated. BX states time as the number of milliseconds past midnight. The time zone is U.S. Eastern Time.

All alphanumeric fields are left-justified, ASCII fields. Padding spaces appear on the right as necessary.

### **5 Message Formats**

### 5.1 System Event Message

System Event Messages is used to signal key market or data feed control events.

| System I        | System Event Message |     |              |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----|--------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Name            | Offset               | Len | Value        | Notes   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Time<br>Stamp   | 0                    | 4   | Timestamp    | Time Stamp  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Message<br>Type | 4                    | 1   | Alphanumeric | S = System  | S = System Event Message  |  |  |  |  |
| Event<br>Code   | 5                    | 1   | Alphanumeric | Denotes the type of event for which the message is being generated. The allowable values are: |   |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                      |     |              | Code  | Value   |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                      |     |              | О   | Start of Transmissions: Denotes that the BX Last Sale has started its daily transmission schedule.  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                      |     |              | Q   | Start of Market Hours: Denotes the start of the regular US market session. Traditionally, only trade transactions reported during the regular market session are considered to be "last sale" eligible. |  |  |  |  |

| S | Start of System Hours:<br>This message indicates<br>that NASDAQ is open and<br>ready to start accepting<br>orders. |
|---|--|
| М | End of Market Hours: Denotes the end of the regular US session.  |
| E | End of System Hours: Indicates that NASDAQ is now closed and will not accept any new orders today.                 |
| С | End of Transmissions: Denotes that the BX Last Sale has ended its daily transmission schedule.                     |

### 5.2 Trade Report

The following message is used to relay BX execution system transactions that are reported for the current business day. Please note that BX only reports one-side of a trade execution on the BX Last Sale (BLS) feed and other data feed products.

| Trade Report Message           |        |     |              |  |   |  |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----|--------------|--|---|--|
| Name                           | Offset | Len | Туре         | Value/Desc   | cription  |  |
| Time<br>Stamp                  | 0      | 4   | Timestamp    | Denotes the time stamp of the BX system that generated the trade transaction.  |   |  |
| Message<br>Type                | 4      | 1   | Alphanumeric | T = Trade Re   | eport   |  |
| Market<br>Center<br>Identifier | 5      | 1   | Alphanumeric | generated th   | BX market system that ne trade report message. e values are:          |  |
|                                |        |     |              | Code   | Value   |  |
|                                |        |     |              | В  | BX execution system   |  |
|                                |        |     |              | L  | Over the Counter Trade<br>Reporting Facility (ORF)                    |  |
| Issue<br>Symbol                | 6      | 8   | Alphanumeric | Denotes the security symbol for the issue of the security for which the trade report is being generated. For details on symbology, please refer to Appendix B. |   |  |
| Security<br>Class              | 14     | 1   | Alphanumeric |  | e primary listing market for llowable values are:                     |  |
|                                |        |     |              | Code   | Value   |  |
|                                |        |     |              | Q  | NASDAQ Listed Issue   |  |
|                                |        |     |              | N  | NYSE Listed Issue   |  |
|                                |        |     |              | А  | NYSE Amex Issue   |  |
|                                |        |     |              | Р  | NYSE Arca Issue   |  |
|                                |        |     |              | Z  | BATS Listed Issue   |  |
|                                |        |     |              | В  | BX-listed securities<br>(Pending SEC approval of<br>listing exchange) |  |

| Trade<br>Control<br>Number      | 15 | 10 | Alphanumeric |   | e BX system internal control ociated with the given trade   |
|---------------------------------|----|----|--------------|---|---|
|                                 |    |    |              | Number is spreflected in the This number                          | that the Trade Control pecific to the BX host system the Market Center ID field. is used as a key field for lations and trade |
| Trade Price                     | 25 | 4  | Price (4)    | Denotes the report price on the trade transaction.                |   |
| Trade Size                      | 29 | 4  | Integer      | Indicates the reported number of shares on the trade transaction. |   |
| Sale<br>Condition<br>Modifier   | 33 | 4  | Alphanumeric | Sale condition modifier consists of four levels as defined below. |   |
| Sale<br>Condition<br>Modifier – | 33 | 1  | Alphanumeric | Used for Settlement Type information. Allowable values are:       |   |
| Level 1                         |    |    |              | Code  | Value   |
|                                 |    |    |              | @   | Regular Settlement  |
|                                 |    |    |              | С   | Cash Settlement   |
|                                 |    |    |              | N   | Next Day Settlement   |
|                                 |    |    |              | R   | Seller Settlement   |

| Sale<br>Condition<br>Modifier –<br>Level 2 | 34 | 1 | Alphanumeric | For Reg NMS eligible securities, this sale condition level is used to define the trade through reason code. For the BX trading market, the allowable codes are: |  |  |  |
|--|----|---|--------------|---|--|--|--|
|  |    |   |              | Code  | Value  |  |  |
|  |    |   |              | F   | Intermarket Sweep                            |  |  |
|  |    |   |              | <space></space>   | Not applicable                               |  |  |
|  |    |   |              | condition lever transactions the allowable  |  |  |  |
|  |    |   |              | Code  | Value  |  |  |
|  |    |   |              | 0   | Opening Print                                |  |  |
|  |    |   |              | 5   | Re-Opening Print                             |  |  |
|  |    |   |              | 6   | Closing Print                                |  |  |
|  |    |   |              | <space></space>   | Not applicable                               |  |  |
|  |    |   |              |   |  |  |  |
| Sale<br>Condition<br>Modifier –            | 35 | 1 | Alphanumeric | Used for Extended Hours or Sold Codes. Allowable values are:  |  |  |  |
| Level 3                                    |    |   |              | Code  | Value  |  |  |
|  |    |   |              | Т   | Extended Hours Trade                         |  |  |
|  |    |   | U            | Extended Hours Trade –<br>Reported Late or Out of<br>Sequence   |  |  |  |
|  |    |   |              | L   | Sold Last – Reported Late<br>But In Sequence |  |  |
|  |    |   |              | Z   | Sold – Out of Sequence                       |  |  |
|  |    |   |              | <space></space>   | Not applicable                               |  |  |

| Sale<br>Condition<br>Modifier –<br>Level 4 | 36 | 1 | Alphanumeric | Please note     | ecial sale condition codes.<br>that this field is case<br>lowable values are: |   |                                |   |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |
|--|----|---|--------------|-----------------|---|---|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|-------------------------|
| Level 4                                    |    |   |              | Code            | Value   |   |                                |   |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |
|  |    |   |              | А               | Acquisition   |   |                                |   |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |
|  |    |   |              | В               | Bunched   |   |                                |   |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |
|  |    |   |              | D               | Distribution  |   |                                |   |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |
|  |    |   |              |                 |   | Н   | Price Variation<br>Transaction |   |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |
|  |    |   |              | М               | BX Official Close Price –<br>for BX-listed securities<br>only                 |   |                                |   |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |
|  |    |   |              |                 |   |   |                                | Р | Prior Reference Price |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |
|  |    |   |              |                 | Q   | BX Official Opening Price – for BX-listed securities only |                                |   |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |
|  |    |   |              | S               | Split Trade   |   |                                |   |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |
|  |    |   |              |                 | W   | Weighted Average Price                                    |                                |   |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |
|  |    |   |              | X               | Cross Trade – For BX-<br>listed securities only                               |   |                                |   |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |
|  |    |   |              | 0               | Odd lot execution   |   |                                |   |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |
|  |    |   |              |                 |   |   |                                |   |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Х | Odd Lot Cross execution |
|  |    |   |              | <space></space> | Not applicable  |   |                                |   |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |

### 5.3 Trade Cancel/Error

The following message is used in the event that a BX trade transaction is cancelled on the same business day that it is reported.  $\,$ 

| Trade Cance                    | l/Error l | Messa | ge           |   |   |  |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-------|--------------|---|---|--|
| Name                           | Offset    | Len   | Туре         | Value/Des   | cription  |  |
| Time Stamp                     | 0         | 4     | Timestamp    |   | e time stamp of the BX at generated the trade message.                |  |
| Message<br>Type                | 4         | 1     | Alphanumeric | X = Trade C   | Cancel/Error  |  |
| Market<br>Center<br>Identifier | 5         | 1     | Alphanumeric | Denotes the BX market system that generated the trade report and cancel/error message. The allowable values are:  |   |  |
|                                |           |       |              | Code  | Value   |  |
|                                |           |       |              | В   | BX Execution System   |  |
|                                |           |       |              | L   | Over the Counter Trade<br>Reporting Facility (ORF)                    |  |
| Issue<br>Symbol                | 6         | 8     | Alphanumeric | Denotes the security symbol for the issue<br>for which the trade report is being<br>generated. For details on symbology,<br>please refer to Appendix B. |   |  |
| Security<br>Class              | 14        | 1     | Alphanumeric |   | e primary listing market for<br>Allowable values are:                 |  |
|                                |           |       |              | Code  | Value   |  |
|                                |           |       |              | Q   | NASDAQ Listed Issue   |  |
|                                |           |       |              | N   | NYSE Listed Issue   |  |
|                                |           |       |              | А   | NYSE Amex Issue   |  |
|                                |           |       |              | Р   | NYSE Arca Issue   |  |
|                                |           |       |              | Z   | BATS Listed Issue   |  |
|                                |           |       |              | В   | BX-listed securities<br>(Pending SEC approval<br>of listing exchange) |  |

| Original<br>Trade<br>Control           | 15 | 10 | Alphanumeric | Indicates the BX system internal control number associated with the given trade transaction.                                  |  |
|--|----|----|--------------|---|--|
| Number                                 |    |    |              | Please note that the Trade Control<br>Number is specific to the BX host<br>system reflected in the Market Center<br>ID field. |  |
| Original<br>Trade Price                | 25 | 4  | Price (4)    | Reported price for the transaction.   |  |
| Original<br>Trade Size                 | 29 | 4  | Integer      | Reported number of shares for transaction.  |  |
| Original Sale<br>Condition<br>Modifier | 33 | 4  | Alphanumeric | Defines the sale condition modifiers as reported on the original trade transaction.   |  |

### 5.4 Trade Correction

The following message is used in the event that a TRF trade transaction is corrected on the same business day that it is reported.

| Trade Correction Message       |        |     |              |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| Name                           | Offset | Len | Туре         | Value/Des  | cription   |  |  |
| Time Stamp                     | 0      | 4   | Timestamp    | Denotes the time stamp of the BX system that generated the trade correction message.   |  |  |  |
| Message<br>Type                | 4      | 1   | Alphanumeric | C = Trade C  | Correction   |  |  |
| Market<br>Center<br>Identifier | 5      | 1   | Alphanumeric | Denotes the BX market system that generated the trade report and cancel/error message. The allowable values are:   |  |  |  |
|                                |        |     |              | Code   | Value  |  |  |
|                                |        |     |              | В  | BX Execution System                                |  |  |
|                                |        |     |              | L  | Over the Counter Trade<br>Reporting Facility (ORF) |  |  |
| Issue<br>Symbol                | 6      | 8   | Alphanumeric | Denotes the BX-assigned issue symbol for which the trade correction message is being generated. For details on BX symbology, please refer to Appendix B. |  |  |  |
| Security<br>Class              | 14     | 1   | Alphanumeric |  | e primary listing market for Allowable values are: |  |  |

|  |    |    |              | Code   | Value  |
|--|----|----|--------------|--|--|
|  |    |    |              | Q  | NASDAQ Listed Issue  |
|  |    |    |              | N  | NYSE Listed Issue  |
|  |    |    |              | А  | NYSE Amex Issue  |
|  |    |    |              | Р  | NYSE Arca Issue  |
|  |    |    |              | Z  | BATS Listed Issue  |
|  |    |    |              | В  | BX Listed Issue (Pending SEC approval of listing exchange)                     |
| Original<br>Trade<br>Control<br>Number     | 15 | 10 | Alphanumeric | number asse<br>trade transa<br>Please note<br>Number is s                                | that the Trade Control<br>pecific to the BX host                               |
|  |    |    |              | system refle<br>ID field.  | ected in the Market Center   |
| Original<br>Trade Price                    | 25 | 4  | Price (4)    | Reported price on the original trade transaction.  |  |
| Original<br>Trade Size                     | 29 | 4  | Integer      | Reported number of shares on the original trade transaction.                             |  |
| Original Sale<br>Condition<br>Modifier     | 33 | 4  | Alphanumeric | Indicates sale condition modifiers associated with the original transaction.             |  |
| Corrected<br>Trade<br>Control              | 37 | 10 | Alphanumeric | Indicates the BX internal control number associated with the adjusted trade transaction. |  |
| Number                                     |    |    |              | Number is s  | that the Trade Control<br>pecific to the BX host<br>ected in the Market Center |
| Corrected<br>Trade Price                   | 47 | 4  | Price (4)    | Indicates the trade transa   | e price for the corrected ction.   |
| Corrected<br>Trade Size                    | 51 | 4  | Integer      |  | e number of shares for the ade transaction.                                    |
| Corrected<br>Sale<br>Condition<br>Modifier | 55 | 4  | Alphanumeric |  | sale condition modifiers<br>with the corrected trade                           |

### **5.5** Administrative Messages

To help firms create a full display, BX supports the following two administrative messages: (1) Trading Action and (2) Symbol Directory.

### **5.5.1 Stock Trading Action**

BX uses this administrative message to indicate the current trading status of a security to the trading community.

Prior to the start of system hours, BX will send out a Trading Action spin. In the spin, BX will send out a Stock Trading Action message with the "T" (Trading Resumption) for all NASDAQ-, BX-, and other exchange-listed securities that are eligible for trading on the BX market at the start of the system hours. If a security is absent from the pre-opening Trading Action spin, firms should assume that the security is being treated as halted in the BX platform at the start of the system hours. Please note that securities may be halted in the BX system for regulatory or operational reasons.

After the start of system hours, BX will use the Trading Action message to relay changes in trading status for an individual security. Messages will be sent when a stock is halted / paused, is released for quotation, or is released for trading.

| Trading .         | Trading Action Message |     |              |  |   |  |  |  |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----|--------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| Name              | Offset                 | Len | Туре         | Value/Desc   | Value/Description   |  |  |  |
| Time<br>Stamp     | 0                      | 4   | Timestamp    | Time Stamp.  |   |  |  |  |
| Message<br>Type   | 4                      | 1   | Alphanumeric | H = Trading  | H = Trading Action  |  |  |  |
| Issue<br>Symbol   | 5                      | 8   | Alphanumeric | Denotes the security symbol for which the trading action message is being generated. For details on symbology, please refer to Appendix B. |   |  |  |  |
| Security<br>Class | 13                     | 1   | Alphanumeric | Indicates the primary listing market for the issue. Allowable values are:  |   |  |  |  |
|                   |                        |     |              | Code   | Value   |  |  |  |
|                   |                        |     |              | Q  | NASDAQ Listed Issue   |  |  |  |
|                   |                        |     |              | N  | NYSE Listed Issue   |  |  |  |
|                   |                        |     |              | А  | NYSE Amex Issue   |  |  |  |
|                   |                        |     |              | Р  | NYSE Arca Issue   |  |  |  |
|                   |                        |     |              | Z  | BATS Listed Issue   |  |  |  |
|                   |                        |     |              | В  | BX-listed securities<br>(Pending SEC approval of<br>listing exchange) |  |  |  |

| Current<br>Trading<br>State | 14 | 1 | Alphanumeric | Reflects the current trading state for the issue. The allowable values are:  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|----|---|--------------|--|--|--|
|                             |    |   |              | Code   | Value  |  |
|                             |    |   |              | Н  | Halted or paused on across all U.S. equity markets   |  |
|                             |    |   |              | Q  | Quotation only period for cross-market halt or pause |  |
|                             |    |   |              | Т  | Trading on BX  |  |
| Reason                      | 15 | 4 | Alphanumeric | Reflects the Market Ops or MarketWatch code for the trading state change. Refer to Appendix C for current code list. |  |  |

### 5.5.2 Reg SHO Short Sale Price Test Restricted Indicator

In February 2011, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) implemented changes to Rule 201 of the Regulation SHO (Reg SHO). For details, please refer to <a href="SEC Release">SEC Release</a> <a href="Number 34-61595">Number 34-61595</a>. In association with the Reg SHO rule change, NASDAQ introduced the following Reg SHO Short Sale Price Test Restricted Indicator message format.

For NASDAQ-listed issues, NASDAQ supports a full pre-opening spin of Reg SHO Short Sale Price Test Restricted Indicator messages indicating the Rule 201 status for all active issues. NASDAQ also sends the Reg SHO Short Sale Price Test Restricted Indicator message in the event of an intraday status change.

For other exchange-listed issues, NASDAQ relays the Reg SHO Short Sale Price Test Restricted Indicator message when it receives an update from the primary listing exchange.

NASDAQ processes orders based on the most recent Reg SHO Restriction status value.

| REG SHO RE        | REG SHO RESTRICTION |        |              |  |  |  |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Name              | Offset              | Length | Value        | Notes  |  |  |
| Timestamp         | 0                   | 4      | Timestamp    | Time at which the market participant position message was generated  |  |  |
| Message<br>Type   | 4                   | 1      | "Y"          | Reg SHO Short Sale Price Test<br>Restricted Indicator  |  |  |
| Stock             | 5                   | 8      | Alphanumeric | Stock symbol right padded with spaces.   |  |  |
| Reg SHO<br>Action | 13                  | 1      | Alphanumeric | Denotes the Reg SHO Short Sale Price Test Restriction status for the issue at the time of the message dissemination. Allowable values are:  "0" = No price test in place  "1" = Reg SHO Short Sale Price Test Restriction in effect due to an intra- |  |  |

|  |  | day price drop in security          |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|
|  |  | "2" = Reg SHO Short Sale Price Test |
|  |  | Restriction remains in effect       |

### **5.5.3 Stock Directory**

At the start of each trading day, BX disseminates stock directory messages for all active symbols in the BX system.

Market data redistributors should process this message to populate the Financial Status Indicator (required display field) and the Market Category (recommended display field) for NASDAQ-listed issues and BX-listed issues.

| STOCK DIE                        | STOCK DIRECTORY |            |                  |   |   |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Name                             | Offse<br>t      | Lengt<br>h | Value            | Notes   |   |  |  |
| Timestamp                        | 0               | 4          | Timestamp        | was generat   | ch the directory message ed. Refer to Data Types tessing notes. |  |  |
| Message<br>Type                  | 4               | 1          | "R"              | Stock Dire  | ctory Message   |  |  |
| Stock                            | 5               | 8          | Alphanumeri<br>c |   | ne security symbol for not  |  |  |
| Market<br>Category               | 13              | 1          | Alphanumeri<br>c |   | isting market or<br>ket tier for the issue                      |  |  |
|                                  |                 |            |                  | Code  | Definition  |  |  |
|                                  |                 |            |                  | NASDAQ-   | Listed Instruments  |  |  |
|                                  |                 |            |                  | Q   | NASDAQ Global<br>Select Market <sup>SM</sup>                    |  |  |
|                                  |                 |            |                  | G   | NASDAQ Global<br>Market <sup>SM</sup>                           |  |  |
|                                  |                 |            |                  | S   | NASDAQ Capital<br>Market®                                       |  |  |
|                                  |                 |            |                  | Non-NASI  | DAQ-Listed  |  |  |
|                                  |                 |            |                  | Instrume  | nts   |  |  |
|                                  |                 |            |                  | N   | New York Stock  |  |  |
|                                  |                 |            |                  |   | Exchange (NYSE)   |  |  |
|                                  |                 |            |                  | Α   | NYSE MKT  |  |  |
|                                  |                 |            |                  | Р   | NYSE Arca   |  |  |
|                                  |                 |            |                  | Z   | BATS Z Exchange   |  |  |
|                                  |                 |            |                  | <space></space>   | Not available   |  |  |
| Financial<br>Status<br>Indicator | 14              | 1          | Alphanumeri<br>c | For NASDAQ-listed issues, this field indicates when a firm is not in compliance with NASDAQ continued listing requirements. |   |  |  |

|            |    |          |             | Code            | Definition                            |
|------------|----|----------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
|            |    |          |             | NASDAQ-         | Listed Instruments                    |
|            |    |          |             | D               | Deficient                             |
|            |    |          |             | Е               | Delinquent                            |
|            |    |          |             | Q               | Bankrupt                              |
|            |    |          |             | S               | Suspended                             |
|            |    |          |             | G               | Deficient and                         |
|            |    |          |             |                 | Bankrupt                              |
|            |    |          |             | Н               | Deficient and                         |
|            |    |          |             |                 | Delinquent                            |
|            |    |          |             | J               | Delinquent and                        |
|            |    |          |             |                 | Bankrupt                              |
|            |    |          |             | K               | Deficient,                            |
|            |    |          |             |                 | Delinquent and                        |
|            |    |          |             |                 | Bankrupt                              |
|            |    |          |             | С               | Creations and/or                      |
|            |    |          |             |                 | Redemptions                           |
|            |    |          |             |                 | Suspended for<br>Exchange Traded      |
|            |    |          |             |                 | Product                               |
|            |    |          |             | N               | Normal (Default):                     |
|            |    |          |             | I N             | Issuer Is NOT                         |
|            |    |          |             |                 | Deficient,                            |
|            |    |          |             |                 | Delinquent, or                        |
|            |    |          |             |                 | Bankrupt                              |
|            |    |          |             | Non-NASI        | DAQ-Listed                            |
|            |    |          |             | Instrumer       | -                                     |
|            |    |          |             | <space></space> | Not available.                        |
|            |    |          |             |                 | Firms should refer                    |
|            |    |          |             |                 | to SIAC feeds for                     |
|            |    |          |             |                 | code if needed.                       |
|            |    |          |             |                 |                                       |
| Round Lot  | 15 | 4        | Integer     |                 | e number of shares                    |
| Size       |    |          |             | •               | sent a round lot for the              |
|            |    |          |             | issue           |                                       |
| Round Lots | 19 | 1        | Alphanumeri |                 | NASDAQ system                         |
| Only       |    |          | С           | limits orde     | r entry for issue                     |
|            |    |          |             | Cada            | Definition                            |
|            |    |          |             | Code            | Definition                            |
|            |    |          |             | 1               | NASDAQ OMX                            |
|            |    |          |             |                 | system only accepts round lots orders |
|            |    |          |             |                 | for this security.                    |
|            |    |          |             | N               | NASDAQ OMX                            |
|            |    |          |             | '               | system does not                       |
|            |    |          |             |                 | have any order size                   |
|            | L  | <u> </u> |             |                 | nave any order size                   |

|               | 1  |   | 1                     |                                  |   |
|---------------|----|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---|
|               |    |   |                       |                                  | restrictions for this security. Odd and mixed lot orders are allowed. |
| Issue         | 20 | 1 | Alphanumeri           | Idontifies t                     |   |
|               | 20 | 1 | C                     |                                  | he security class for   |
| Classificatio |    |   | C                     |                                  | s assigned by   |
| n             |    |   |                       |                                  | See Appendix for  |
| Tanua Cula    | 21 | 2 | A laste e a come e ui | allowable v                      |   |
| Issue Sub-    | 21 | 2 | Alphanumeri<br>c      |                                  | he security sub-type  |
| Туре          |    |   | C                     |                                  | ie as assigned by   |
|               |    |   |                       |                                  | See Appendix for  |
| A Llo Li i    | 22 | 1 | Alabanını             | allowable v                      |   |
| Authenticity  | 23 | 1 | Alphanumeri           |                                  | an issue or quoting   |
|               |    |   | С                     | •                                | record is set-up in   |
|               |    |   |                       | ,                                | ystems in a   |
|               |    |   |                       |                                  | ction, test, or demo  |
|               |    |   |                       |                                  | se note that firms  |
|               |    |   |                       |                                  | y show live issues and  |
|               |    |   |                       |                                  | rticipants on public  |
|               |    |   |                       | quotation o                      | aispiays.   |
|               |    |   |                       |                                  | T 5   |
|               |    |   |                       | Code                             | Definition  |
|               |    |   |                       | P                                | Live/Production   |
|               |    |   |                       |                                  | Test  |
| Short Sale    | 24 | 1 | Alphanumeri           |                                  | f a security is subject   |
| Threshold     |    |   | С                     |                                  | ory close-out of short  |
| Indicator     |    |   |                       | sales unde                       | r SEC Rule 203(b)(3).   |
|               |    |   |                       | Code                             | Definition  |
|               |    |   |                       | Υ                                | Issue is restricted   |
|               |    |   |                       |                                  | under SEC Rule  |
|               |    |   |                       |                                  | 203(b)(3)   |
|               |    |   |                       | N                                | Issue is not restricted   |
|               |    |   |                       | <space></space>                  | Threshold Indicator   |
|               |    |   |                       | •                                | not available   |
| IPO Flag      | 25 | 1 | Alphanumeri           | Indicates if                     | the NASDAQ security   |
|               |    |   | С                     | is set up for IPO release. This  |   |
|               |    |   |                       | field is intended to help NASDAQ |   |
|               |    |   |                       | market participant firms comply  |   |
|               |    |   |                       | with FINRA                       | Rule 5131(b).   |
|               |    |   |                       | Code                             | Definition  |
|               |    |   |                       | NASDAQ-                          | Listed Instruments  |
|               |    |   |                       | Υ                                | NASDAQ listed   |
|               | 1  | 1 | 1                     | i <b>i</b>                       | _   |
|               |    |   |                       |                                  | instrument is set up  |
|               |    |   |                       |                                  | as a new IPO  |
|               |    |   |                       |                                  | - I I   |

| LULD                    | 26 | 1 | Alphanumeri      | <i>Instrumer</i> <space></space>   |  |
|-------------------------|----|---|------------------|--|--|
| Reference<br>Price Tier |    |   | С                | Down price parameter   | e band calculation is to be used for the Refer to LULD Rule  Definition    |
|                         |    |   |                  | 2  | Tier 1 NMS Stocks<br>and select ETPs<br>Tier 2 NMS Stocks<br>Not available |
| ETP Flag                | 27 | 1 | Alphanumeri<br>c | Indicates v  | whether the security is ge traded product                                  |
|                         |    |   |                  | Y<br>N   | Instrument is an ETP Instrument is not                                     |
| ETP                     | 28 | 4 | Integer          | <space></space>  | an ETP<br>Not applicable   |
| Leverage<br>Factor      | 20 |   | Titeger          | Tracks the integral relationship of the ETP to the underlying index. Example: If the underlying Index increases by a value of 1 and the ETP's Leverage factor is 3, indicates the ETF will increase/decrease (see Inverse) by 3. |  |
|                         |    |   |                  | indicates tl<br>leveraged.   | erage Factor of 1 he ETP is NOT s used for LULD Tier I                     |
|                         |    |   |                  | price band   | calculation purposes.  |
| Inverse<br>Indicator    | 32 | 1 | Alphanumeri<br>c | Indicates the directional relationship between the ETP and underlying index.   |  |
|                         |    |   |                  | Code<br>Y  | <b>Definition</b> ETP is an Inverse  |

|  | N   | ETP ETP is not an Inverse ETP |
|--|---|-------------------------------|
|  | Example: An ETP Leverage Factor of 3 and an Inverse value of 'Y' indicates the ETP will decrease by a value of 3. |                               |

### 5.5.4 Market-Wide Circuit Breaker (MWCB) Messaging

### 5.5.4.1 MWCB Decline Level Message

Informs data recipients what the daily MWCB breach points are set to for the current trading day.

| MWCB Decline Level Message |        |        |           |                                      |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Name                       | Offset | Length | Value     | Notes                                |
| Timestamp                  | 0      | 4      | Timestamp | Time at which the MWCB Decline Level |
|                            |        |        |           | message was generated                |
| Message                    | 4      | 1      | "V"       | Market wide circuit breaker Decline  |
| Type                       |        |        |           | Level Message.                       |
| Level 1                    | 5      | 8      | Price (8) | Denotes the MWCB Level 1 Value.      |
| Level 2                    | 13     | 8      | Price (8) | Denotes the MWCB Level 2 Value.      |
| Level 3                    | 21     | 8      | Price (8) | Denotes the MWCB Level 3 Value.      |

### 5.5.4.2 MWCB Status Message

Informs data recipients when a MWCB has breached one of the established levels

| MWCB Breach Message |        |        |              |   |  |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------------|---|--|
| Name                | Offset | Length | Value        | Notes                                     |  |
| Timestam            | 0      | 4      | Timestamp    | Time at which the MWCB Breaker            |  |
| p                   |        |        |              | Status message was generated              |  |
| Message             | 4      | 1      | "W"          | Market-Wide Circuit Breaker Status        |  |
| Type                |        |        |              | message                                   |  |
| Breached<br>Level   | 5      | 1      | Alphanumeric | Denotes the MWCB Level that was breached. |  |
|                     |        |        |              | "1" = Level 1 "2" = Level 2 "3" = Level 3 |  |

### **6** Contact Information

Questions about the BLS entitlement and display guidelines may be directed to NASDAQ OMX Global Data products at +1 301 978 5307 or <a href="mailto:dataproducts@nasdaqomx.com">dataproducts@nasdaqomx.com</a>.

Questions about BLS transmissions may be directed to NASDAQ OMX Development Support Team at <a href="mailto:devsupport@nasdaqomx.com">devsupport@nasdaqomx.com</a>.

### Appendix A - Last Sale Processing

### SEC Vendor Display Rule

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has established certain display standards for market data vendors. For more information, please contact the <u>SEC</u> directly.

BLS carries only trade transactions executed on the BX system. Since BLS is <u>not</u> a consolidated trade data feed, it should not be used to feed market data displays that are subject to the SEC Vendor Display Rule.

#### **Issue Statistic Calculations**

BLS only provides raw trade data from the BX execution system. If needed, firms should create their own algorithms for issue- and market center-level statistics. To help in the process, BX offers the following guidelines.

### a) Last Sale and Volume Calculation

Within the market data industry, the term "last sale" has been widely used in conjunction with the SEC Vendor Display Rule. "Last Sale" is typically used to denote the most recent round or mixed lot trade transaction reported by a market center with an eligible sale condition code for the regular U.S. market session. For consolidated BX displays, firms should use the time stamp field from the Trade Report message to determine the proper trade sequence order for last sale calculations as well as time and sales displays.

To facilitate a "Last Sale" calculation, BLS includes the sale condition modifier for the BX execution system transactions. The Sale Condition Modifier field consists of four levels. A trade should only be applied to the high, low, last sale, and volume calculations if all four sales condition modifiers so allow.

**Condition – Level 1** denotes the settlement type of the transaction. If a transaction has a special settlement code, firms should not include transaction in high, low, or last sale price calculations. If the transaction has a regular settlement type, firms should process the next levels to determine proper processing.

| Code | Value                  | High/Low                             | Last Sale                            | Volume                               |
|------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| @    | Regular<br>Settlement  | Yes, if other levels do not overrule | Yes, if other levels do not overrule | Yes, if other levels do not overrule |
| С    | Cash Settlement        | No                                   | No                                   | Yes                                  |
| N    | Next Day<br>Settlement | No                                   | No                                   | Yes                                  |
| R    | Seller Settlement      | No                                   | No                                   | Yes                                  |

### Sale Condition - Level 2

For Reg NMS eligible securities, this sale condition level is used to define the trade through reason code. For the BX trading market, the allowable codes are:

| Code            | Value                      | High/Low            | Last Sale           | Volume              |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| F               | Intermarket<br>Sweep Order | Yes                 | Yes                 | Yes                 |
| <space></space> | Not applicable             | See other<br>levels | See other<br>levels | See other<br>levels |

For non-Reg NMS securities, this sale condition level is used to identify cross transactions. For the BX listed securities, the allowable codes are:

| Code            | Value            | High/Low            | Last Sale | Volume              |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 0               | Opening Print    | Yes                 | Yes       | Yes                 |
| 5               | Re-Opening Print | Yes                 | Yes       | Yes                 |
| 6               | Closing Print    | Yes                 | Yes       | Yes                 |
| <space></space> |                  | See other<br>levels |           | See other<br>levels |

**Sale Condition – Level 3** indicates if the transaction was reported during regular market hours with a "sold" code or during the extended trading hours session. For the ORF system, the "sold" code is used to indicate that a trade occurred during normal market hours but was reported more than 90 seconds after execution. Historically, only trades that occur during normal market hours and in proper sequence are included in the "last sale" calculation.

| Code            | Value  | High/Low         | Last Sale   | Volume           |
|-----------------|--|------------------|---|------------------|
| Т               | Extended Hours<br>Trade  | No               | No  | Yes              |
| U               | Extended Hours<br>Trade – Reported<br>Late or Out of<br>Sequence | No               | No  | Yes              |
| L               | Sold Last –<br>Reported Late<br>But In Sequence                  | Yes              | Yes   | Yes              |
| Z               | Sold – Out of<br>Sequence  | Yes              | No (except<br>if first<br>regular<br>market<br>trade of<br>day) | Yes              |
| <space></space> | Not applicable   | See other levels | See other levels  | See other levels |

### **Sale Condition – Level 4** indicates special trading situations.

For the BX execution system, this sale condition level is used to denote when a trade record contains the BX Official Opening Price or BX Official Closing Price values.

Since BX also reports the underlying cross execution transaction to the tape, the BX Opening and Closing report volume should <u>not</u> be included in the daily volume calculation.

For the Cross Trade (X) modifiers, firms should defer to the Level 2 and Level 3 sale condition codes to determine whether to include the trade in the high, low, and last sale calculation statistics.

As outlined in the table below, BX also observes special processing rules for the Prior Reference Price (P), Weighted Average Price (W), and Odd Lot Execution (o) codes.

| Code | Value                      | High/Low   | Last Sale   | Volume |
|------|----------------------------|--|---|--------|
| Α    | Acquisition                | Yes  | Yes   | Yes    |
| В    | Bunched                    | Yes  | Yes   | Yes    |
| D    | Distribution               | Yes  | Yes   | Yes    |
| Н    | Price Variation<br>Trade   | No   | No  | Yes    |
| M    | BX Official Close<br>Price | Yes for BX market center only or BX system- wide displays No for BX/ FINRA TRF only displays | Yes (for BX market center only or BX system-wide displays only) | No     |
| 0    | Odd lot execution          | No   | No  | Yes*   |
| Р    | Prior Reference<br>Price   | Yes  | No (except<br>if first<br>regular<br>market<br>trade of<br>day) | Yes    |

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| Code            | Value   | High/Low   | Last Sale   | Volume           |
|-----------------|---|--|---|------------------|
| Q               | BX Official<br>Opening Price                      | Yes for BX market center only or BX system- wide displays No for BX/ FINRA TRF only displays | No  | No               |
| S               | Split Trade                                       | Yes  | Yes   | Yes              |
| W               | Weighted<br>Average Price                         | No   | No  | Yes              |
| Х               | Cross Trade –<br>For BX-listed<br>securities only | Yes (if sent<br>with an<br>eligible<br>Level 2<br>modifier)                                  | Yes (if sent<br>with an<br>eligible<br>Level 2<br>modifier) | Yes              |
| х               | Odd Lot Cross<br>Trade                            | No   | No  | Yes              |
| <space></space> | Not applicable                                    | See other levels   | See other levels  | See other levels |

### b) Last Trade Calculation

The term "Last Trade" is more widely applied within the market data industry. Many firms use the term "last trade" to refer to the most recent trade transaction reported in sequence. In addition to the "last sale" codes, many firms include odd lots and extended trading hour executions in the "last trade" price calculations.

### c) Net Change Calculation

BLS does <u>not</u> include a net change indicator field. Data feed recipient must perform their own calculation for last sale eligible and last trade eligible transactions. The formula should be as follows:

Net Change for Issue Symbol = Current Trade Price - Adjusted Previous Close Price

To obtain the Adjusted Previous Close, firms will need to apply dividends to the previous day's closing price value. NASDAQ OMX offers several products to support the BX and NASDAQ-listed securities:

- For NASDAQ-listed securities, firms may obtain dividend information via the NASDAQ Daily List product page on the NASDAQ OMX Trader website.
- For BX-listed securities, firms may obtain dividend information via the BX Daily List product on the NASDAQ OMX Trader website.

For NYSE-, NYSE Amex-, NYSE Arca and BATS-listed securities, firms should contact the listing exchange directly to inquire about corporate action data delivery options.

Dividend adjustments are typically applied to the closing price on the day prior to exdate and reflected on the ex-date, the next business day. Cash dividends of \$0.01 or greater should be subtracted from the closing price. For stock dividends, the closing price should be divided by the dividend amount.

### **Appendix B - Stock Symbol Convention**

For NASDAQ-listed issues, NASDAQ OMX currently restricts its symbol length to a maximum of 8 characters. For common stock issuances, NASDAQ, PSX and BX will only assign root symbols of 1 to 4 characters in length with possible fifth and or sixth character denoting a suffix. In certain instances, a dot "." delimiter may be applied to symbols after the root and between the suffix eg., XXXX.A. For subordinate securities, NASDAQ and BX will assign a 5 character symbol for which the last character relays information about the issue class or issue type. For the current list of fifth and or six character symbol suffixes, please refer to Ticker Symbol Convention page on the NASDAQ OMX Trader website.

For NYSE-, NYSE MKT- and NYSE Arca-listed securities with subordinate issue types, please refer to <u>Ticker Symbol Convention</u> page on the NASDAQ OMX Trader website.

### Appendix C - Trading Action Reason Codes

For NASDAQ-listed issues, NASDAQ acts as the primary market and has the authority to institute a trading halt or trading pause in an issue due to news dissemination or regulatory reasons.

For BX-listed issues, NASDAQ OMX BX acts as the primary market and has the authority to institute a trading halt in an issue due to news dissemination or regulatory reasons.

For CQS issues, NASDAQ abides by any regulatory trading halts and trading pauses instituted by the primary or listing market as appropriate.

For all issue types, NASDAQ and/or BX may also halt trading for operational reasons.

NASDAQ and/or BX will send out a trading action message to inform its market participants when the trading status of an issue changes. For informational purposes, NASDAQ and BX also attempt to provide the reason for each trading action update. For bandwidth efficiency reasons, NASDAQ and BX use a 4-byte code for the reason on its outbound data feeds.

| REASON CODES FOR TRADING HALT ACTIONS |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Code                                  | Value   |  |
| T1                                    | Halt News Pending   |  |
| T2                                    | Halt News Disseminated  |  |
| T5                                    | Single Security Trading Pause In Affect                         |  |
| Т6                                    | Regulatory Halt — Extraordinary Market Activity                 |  |
| Т8                                    | Halt ETF  |  |
| T12                                   | Trading Halted; For Information Requested by Listing Market     |  |
| H4                                    | Halt Non-Compliance   |  |
| Н9                                    | Halt Filings Not Current  |  |
| H10                                   | Halt SEC Trading Suspension                                     |  |
| H11                                   | Halt Regulatory Concern   |  |
| 01                                    | Operations Halt; Contact Market Operations                      |  |
| LUDP                                  | Volatility Trading Pause  |  |
| LUDS                                  | Volatility Trading Pause – Straddle Condition                   |  |
| MWC1                                  | Market Wide Circuit Breaker Halt – Level 1                      |  |
| MWC2                                  | Market Wide Circuit Breaker Halt – Level 2                      |  |
| MWC3                                  | Market Wide Circuit Breaker Halt – Level 3                      |  |
| MWC0                                  | Market Wide Circuit Breaker Halt – Carry over from previous day |  |

| IPO1            | IPO Issue Not Yet Trading |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| M1              | Corporate Action          |
| M2              | Quotation Not Available   |
| <space></space> | Reason Not Available      |

| REASON CODES FOR QUOTATION/TRADING RESUMPTION ACTIONS |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Code  | Value   |  |
| Т3  | News and Resumption Times   |  |
| Т7  | Single Security Trading Pause / Quotation Only Period                         |  |
| R4  | Qualifications Issues Reviewed/Resolved; Quotations/Trading to Resume         |  |
| R9  | Filing Requirements Satisfied/Resolved; Quotations/Trading To Resume          |  |
| C3  | Issuer News Not Forthcoming; Quotations/Trading To Resume                     |  |
| C4  | Qualifications Halt ended; Maintenance Requirements Met; Resume               |  |
| C9  | Qualifications Halt Concluded; Filings Met; Quotes/Trades To<br>Resume        |  |
| C11   | Trade Halt Concluded By Other Regulatory Auth.; Quotes/Trades Resume          |  |
| MWCQ  | Market Wide Circuit Breaker Resumption  |  |
| R1  | New Issue Available   |  |
| R2  | Issue Available   |  |
| IPOQ  | IPO Security Released for Quotation (NASDAQ and BX-Listed Securities)         |  |
| IPOE  | IPO Security — Positioning Window Extension (NASDAQ and BX-Listed Securities) |  |
| <space></space>                                       | Reason Not Available  |  |

For the current list of regulatory halts, please refer to the  $\underline{\text{Trading Halts page}}$  on the NASDAQ OMX Trader website.

### **Appendix D -** Issue Classification Values

Identifies the security class for the issue as assigned by NASDAQ

| CODES FOR ISSUE CLASSIFICATION VALUES |                               |  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Code                                  | Value                         |  |
| Α                                     | American Depositary Share     |  |
| В                                     | Bond                          |  |
| С                                     | Common Stock                  |  |
| F                                     | Depository Receipt            |  |
| I                                     | 144A                          |  |
| L                                     | Limited Partnership           |  |
| N                                     | Notes                         |  |
| 0                                     | Ordinary Share                |  |
| Р                                     | Preferred Stock               |  |
| Q                                     | Other Securities              |  |
| R                                     | Right                         |  |
| S                                     | Shares of Beneficial Interest |  |
| Т                                     | Convertible Debenture         |  |
| U                                     | Unit                          |  |
| V                                     | Units/Benif Int               |  |
| W                                     | Warrant                       |  |

### **Appendix E -** Issue Sub-Type Values

| CODES FOR | ISSUE CLASSIFICATION VALUES   |  |
|-----------|---|--|
| Code      | Value   |  |
| Α         | Preferred Trust Securities  |  |
| Al        | Alpha Index ETNs  |  |
| В         | Index Based Derivative  |  |
| С         | Common Shares   |  |
| СВ        | Commodity Based Trust Shares  |  |
| CF        | Commodity Futures Trust Shares  |  |
| CL        | Commodity-Linked Securities   |  |
| CM        | Commodity Index Trust Shares  |  |
| СО        | Collateralized Mortgage Obligation  |  |
| СТ        | Currency Trust Shares   |  |
| CU        | Commodity-Currency-Linked Securities                                      |  |
| CW        | Currency Warrants   |  |
| D         | Global Depositary Shares  |  |
| E         | ETF-Portfolio Depositary Receipt  |  |
| EG        | Equity Gold Shares  |  |
| EI        | ETN-Equity Index-Linked Securities  |  |
| EN        | Exchange Traded Notes   |  |
| EU        | Equity Units  |  |
| F         | HOLDRS  |  |
| FI        | ETN-Fixed Income-Linked Securities  |  |
| FL        | ETN-Futures-Linked Securities   |  |
| G         | Global Shares   |  |
| 1         | ETF-Index Fund Shares   |  |
| IR        | Interest Rate   |  |
| IW        | Index Warrant   |  |
| IX        | Index-Linked Exchangeable Notes   |  |
| J         | Corporate Backed Trust Security   |  |
| L         | Contingent Litigation Right   |  |
| LL        | Identifies securities of companies that are set up as a Limited Liability |  |
|           | Company (LLC)   |  |
| M         | Equity-Based Derivative   |  |
| MF        | Managed Fund Shares   |  |
| ML        | ETN-Multi-Factor Index-Linked Securities                                  |  |
| MT        | Managed Trust Securities  |  |
| N         | NY Registry Shares  |  |
| 0         | Open Ended Mutual Fund  |  |
| Р         | Privately Held Security   |  |
| PP        | Poison Pill   |  |
| PU        | Partnership Units   |  |
| Q         | Closed-End Funds  |  |
| R         | Reg-S   |  |
| RC        | Commodity-Redeemable Commodity-Linked Securities                          |  |

| DE | ETAL Parker with Entrance Called Constitution   |
|----|---|
| RF | ETN-Redeemable Futures-Linked Securities        |
| RT | REIT  |
| RU | Commodity-Redeemable Currency-Linked Securities |
| S  | SEED  |
| SC | Spot Rate Closing                               |
| SI | Spot Rate Intraday                              |
| T  | Tracking Stock                                  |
| TC | Trust Certificates                              |
| TU | Trust Units                                     |
| U  | Portal  |
| V  | Contingent Value Right                          |
| W  | Trust Issued Receipts                           |
| WC | World Currency Option                           |
| Χ  | Trust   |
| Υ  | Other   |
| Z  | Not Applicable                                  |

### Appendix F - Documentation Version Control Log

#### December 5, 2014: BLS Version 2.00

The BLS Specification was updated to include missing Issue Sub-Type Codes (Appendix E):

- AI Alpha Indexes ETNs
- CO Collateralized Mortgage Obligation
- EU Equity Units
- F HOLDRS
- IR Interest Rate
- IW Index Warrant
- J Corporate Backed Trust Security
- PP Poison Pill
- Q Closed -End Funds
- RT REIT
- SC Spot Rate Closing
- SI Spot Rate Intraday
- WC World Currency Option
- X Trust
- Y Other
- Z NA

### October 1, 2013: BLS Version 2.00

The BLS Specification was updated to reflect the following changes:

• Conversion to a binary format

#### August 2, 2013: BLS Version 2.00

The BLS Specification was updated to reflect the following changes:

- Removed internal tracking number from multiple messages
- Inclusion of the Appendices for Issue Classification and Issue Sub-Type
- Updated offsets in the Symbol Directory Message
- Updated offsets and lengths in the MWCB Decline Level Message

#### July 10, 2013: BLS Version 2.00

The BLS Specification was updated to reflect the following changes:

- Added Enhanced Symbol Directory
- Added Market-Wide Circuit Breaker (MWCB) Messaging
  - MWCB Decline Level Message
  - o MWCB Status Message
- Addition of an internal tracking number to multiple messages
- Addition of 'C' to the Financial Status Indicator field in the Symbol Directory Message
- Addition of 'x' Sale Condition Level 4

#### **April 23, 2013: BLS Version 1.1**

NASDAQ OMX added the following Event Codes in the System Event Message:

- S Start of System Hours: This message indicates that NASDAQ is open and ready to start accepting orders.
- E End of System Hours: Indicates that NASDAQ is now closed and will not accept any new orders today.

### March 11, 2013: BLS Version 1.1

NASDAQ OMX added the following Trading Action Reason Code for LULD to reflect when the National Best Bid is below the lower price band and/or the National Best Offer is above than the upper price band and the NMS Stock is not in a Limit State.

• LUDS - Volatility Trading Pause - Straddle Condition

### January 9, 2013: BLS Version 1.1

NASDAQ OMX added the following Trading Action Reason Code:

• MWC0 - Market Wide Circuit Breaker Halt - Carry over from previous day

### January 8, 2013: BLS Version 1.1

NASDAQ OMX removed the Trading Action State, "P", from the Stock Trading Message.

#### November 6, 2012: BLS Version 1.1

Released a new version of the BLS documentation to support the following changes:

- Added the "P" value to the Trading State in the Stock Trading Message.
- Modified the values for the Trading Action Reason Codes. Added the following codes:
  - o LUDP Volatility Trading Pause
  - o MWC1 Market Wide Circuit Breaker Halt Level 1
  - MWC2 Market Wide Circuit Breaker Halt Level 2
  - MWC3 Market Wide Circuit Breaker Halt Level 3
  - MWCQ Market Wide Circuit Breaker Resumption
- Removed the Trading Stat, "V", related to the Volatility Guard Program.

#### November 2, 2011: BLS Version 1.1

NASDAQ OMX added a new Market Center code, "Z", for BATS-listed securities to the Market Category and Security Class fields.

### July 14, 2010: BLS Version 1.1

NASDAQ OMX added a new Regulation SHO Short Sale Price Test Restricted Indicator message format to be introduced in the fourth quarter of 2010.

### July 2, 2010: BLS Version 1.1

NASDAQ OMX added a new Trading State code value of "V" to the Stock Trading Action message to denote a NASDAQ Volatility Guard trading pause.

### May 25, 2010: BLS Version 1.1

NASDAQ added two new Trading Action Reason code values (T5 and T7) for single security trading pause situations.

#### **January 26, 2010: BLS Version 1.1**

Released a new version of the BLS documentation to support the following changes:

- Increased length of the symbol field from 6 characters to 8 characters in multiple message formats in support of the equity symbology initiative.
- Added note to Appendix B to reflect that NASDAQ OMX is reviewing its stock symbol conventions to determine if changes are needed.