THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET LLC NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AWC

Certified, Return Receipt Requested

- TO: Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Mr. Joshua E. Levine Managing Director 388 Greenwich Street New York, NY 10013
- 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: September 27, 2016

RE: Notice of Acceptance of Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent No. 20160490438-02

Please be advised that your above-referenced Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent ("AWC") has been accepted on **September 27, 2016** 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 are reminded that Section I of the attached Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent includes an undertaking. In accordance with the terms of the AWC, a registered principal of the firm is required to notify the Compliance Assistant, Legal Section, Market Regulation Department, 9509 Key West Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, of completion of the undertaking.

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 contact Jack Macken, Senior Counsel, at (240) 386-6189.

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Tina Salehi Gubb Chief Counsel Department of Market Regulation

Signed on behalf of NASDAQ

Enclosure

FINRA District 10 – New York Michael Solomon Regional Director (via email)

Citigroup Global Markets Inc. c/o Mr. James Tyne Counsel for Respondent 388 Greenwich Street New York, NY 10013

THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET LLC LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT NO. <u>20/6049043</u>8 - 02

- TO: The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC c/o Department of Market Regulation Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA")
- RE: Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Respondent Broker-Dealer CRD No. 7059

Pursuant to Rule 9216 of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") Code of Procedure, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (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 October 16, 1936, and its registration remains in effect. The firm became a member of Nasdaq on July 6, 2006, and its registration remains in effect.

RELEVANT PRIOR DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

On May 30, 2013, FINRA accepted an AWC in which the firm was censured and fined \$477,500 for equity trade reporting violations in 14 matters spanning a period from February 2002 through August 2011, and \$225,000 for related supervisory violations.

On August 9, 2013, FINRA accepted an AWC in which the firm was censured and fined \$7,500 for equity trade reporting violations on June 23-24, 2010.

SUMMARY

In connection with the firm's 2012 Trading and Market Making Surveillance ("TMMS")¹ Exam, conducted under Matter No. 20120316429, the TMMS staff of FINRA's Department of Market Regulation (the "staff") reviewed certain trading activity for trade date September 12, 2012.

In the course of the review, the staff detected a system issue that caused the firm to enter the incorrect capacity on hundreds of thousands of orders that it routed to multiple market centers between June 1, 2012 and September 30, 2013, including 182,456 orders the firm entered into the Nasdaq Market Center, and related supervisory violations. After the 2012 TMMS Exam, the capacity marking and related supervisory violations described herein were further investigated under Matter No. 20160490438, resulting in this settlement.

FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

- Between June 1, 2012 and September 30, 2013, the firm entered 182,456 orders into the Nasdaq Market Center that failed to indicate the correct capacity. Specifically, the orders were entered as agency orders when they should have been marked as principal orders. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of Nasdaq Rule 4611(a)(6).
- 2. Between June 1, 2012 and September 30, 2013, the firm's supervisory system did not provide for supervision reasonably designed to achieve compliance with respect to the applicable securities laws and regulations, and Nasdaq Rules, requiring firms to enter accurate information into the Nasdaq Market Center, including whether the firm acted in a principal, agent, or riskless principal capacity. Specifically, the firm's supervisory system did not include written supervisory procedures providing for: (1) the identification of the person(s) responsible for supervision with respect to the applicable rules; (2) a statement of the supervisory step(s) to be taken by the identified person(s); (3) a statement as to how often such person(s) should take such step(s); and (4) a statement as to how the completion of the step(s) included in the written supervisory procedures should be documented. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes a violation of Nasdaq Rules 3010 and 2110.

¹ Now known as Trading and Financial Compliance ("TFCE").

- B. The firm also consents to the imposition of the following sanctions:
 - 1. A censure, a \$60,000 fine (comprised of \$40,000 for the capacity marking violations and \$20,000 for the related supervisory violation), and
 - 2. An undertaking to revise the firm's written supervisory procedures with respect to the areas described in paragraph I.A.2 above. Within 30 business days of acceptance of this AWC by the National Adjudicatory Council ("NAC"), a registered principal of the Respondent shall submit to the COMPLIANCE ASSISTANT, LEGAL SECTION, MARKET REGULATION DEPARTMENT, 9509 KEY WEST AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, a signed, dated letter, or an e-mail from a work-related account of the registered principal to MarketRegulationComp@finra.org, providing the following information: (1) a reference to this matter; (2) a representation that the firm has revised its written supervisory procedures to address the deficiencies described in paragraphs I.A.2; and, (3) the date the revised procedures were implemented.

Upon written request showing good cause, FINRA staff may extend any of the procedural dates set forth herein.

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.

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. Nasdaq may release this AWC or make a public announcement concerning this agreement and the subject matter thereof in accordance with Nasdaq Rule 8310 and IM-8310-3; and
 - 3. 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 undersigned, on behalf of the firm, certifies that a person duly authorized to act on its behalf 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.

8-18-16

Date

Respondent Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

By: ______ Name: John E. Leun Title: Marayy Director

Reviewed by:

Counsel for Respondent Firm Name Address City/State/Zip Phone Number

Accepted by Nasdaq:

Tina Salehi Gubb Chief Counsel 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 proposed in the attached Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent by the following method (check one):

A firm check or bank check for the full amount;

Wire transfer;

 \Box The installment payment plan.²

- o Monthly
- o Quarterly

Respectfully submitted,

Respondent Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

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Date

By: <u>||/y</u> Name: <u>Jumes Type</u> Title: <u>Assoc. Gen Guns</u>e (By:

 $^{^2}$ The installment payment plan is only available for a fine of \$50,000 or more. Certain requirements apply.