

CONSULTATION PAPER NO. 2 OF 2013

NASDAQ Dubai Business Rules

Rulebook 1 – Equities, version 9.1 ('Rulebook 1');

Rulebook 2 – Derivatives, Exchange Traded Commodities, Debt Securities, Structured Products and Collective Investment Funds, version 9.1 ('Rulebook 2'); and

Rulebook 3 – Admission and Disclosure Standards for Issuers, version 1.1 ('Rulebook 3')

1. WHY ARE WE ISSUING THIS PAPER?

This consultation paper summarises the proposed changes to the existing NASDAQ Dubai Business Rules for Equities, Version 9.0 ('Rulebook 1'), NASDAQ Dubai Business Rules for Derivatives, Exchange Traded Commodities, Debt Securities, Structured Products and Collective Investment Funds, Version 9.0 ('Rulebook 2') and the Admission and Disclosure Standards for Issuers, Version 1.0 ('Rulebook 3').

A redlined version reflecting proposed amendments to Rulebooks 1, 2 and 3 is attached.

2. WHO SHOULD READ THIS PAPER?

This consultation paper is primarily of interest to existing and potential Members and Issuers of NASDAQ Dubai and may be of interest to other stakeholders.

3. TERMINOLOGY IN THIS PAPER

Defined terms are identified throughout this consultation paper by the capitalisation of the initial letter of a word or of each word in a phrase. Unless otherwise defined herein, defined terms have the meaning as defined by the NASDAQ Dubai Business Rules.

4. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- 4.1 **Trading Manager:** The proposed amendments to Rule 3.8 in Rulebooks 1 and 2 will make the Trading Manager requirements less prescriptive and provide more clarity regarding the process.
- 4.2 **Notices/Circulars:** The proposed amendments in Rulebooks 1 and 2 clarify whether a Notice or Circular will be issued pursuant to a particular Rule. As a general guide, the following approach is applied:
 - A Notice is used for publishing amendments to or clarifying NASDAQ Dubai Rules and Procedures.
 - A Circular is used for general communications and providing information to Members.
- 4.3 **Short Selling:** The proposed amendments to Rule 4.19 in Rulebooks 1 and 2 are minor and improve the structure and flow of the Rule.
- 4.4 **Definitions:** The proposed amendments to the Definitions section of Rulebooks 1 and 2 add certain terms which are used in the current Rulebooks but are not defined.
- 4.5 **Prospectus requirement:** The proposed amendments to Rulebook 3 provide clarifying text which permits Admission to Trading applications from Issuers who are not required, under the DFSA Markets Rules, to produce a Prospectus as part of their offer of Securities.
- 4.6 **Other:** All other changes are minor amendments or corrections of typographical errors.

5. HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENT?

All comments should be forwarded to nasdaqdubai.legal@nasdaqdubai.com on or before 13 July 2013. You may wish to identify the organisation you represent in providing your comments. NASDAQ Dubai

reserves the right to publish any comments you provide, unless a request to the contrary is expressly made.

6. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once all comments are received, NASDAQ Dubai will consider if any further amendments are required to this proposal. We may then proceed to enact the changes to the Business Rules, subject to regulatory approval. A Notice will go out to announce the finalisation and enactment of the rule changes.

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