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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
Form 19b-4

File No. SR - 2003 - 147
Amendment No.

Proposed Rule Change by National Association of Securities Dealers
Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Initial ☐ Amendment ☐ Withdrawal ☐

Section 19(b)(2) ☒ Section 19(b)(3)(A) ☐ Section 19(b)(3)(B) ☐

Rule

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Extension of Time Period
for Commission Action ☒
Date Expires 03-07-2005

☐ 19b-4(f)(1) ☐ 19b-4(f)(4)
☐ 19b-4(f)(2) ☐ 19b-4(f)(5)
☐ 19b-4(f)(3) ☐ 19b-4(f)(6)

Exhibit 2 Sent As Paper Document ☐

Exhibit 3 Sent As Paper Document ☐

Description

Provide a brief description of the proposed rule change (limit 250 characters).

Contact Information

Provide the name, telephone number and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the proposed rule change.

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date 12/23/2004

By Patrice Gliniecki
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Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel

(Title)

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PATRICE GLINIECKI,

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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

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