Name and Address:

NASD Dispute Resolution, Inc. 1735 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20006

Details of organization:

Stock corporation organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware on May 11, 1999.

Affiliation:

NASD Dispute Resolution is a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

Business or functions:

NASD Dispute Resolution assists in the resolution of monetary and business disputes between investors and their securities firms (as well as between firms), by operating the largest dispute resolution forum in the securities industry, featuring full-scale arbitration and mediation programs. NASD Dispute Resolution also offers many sources of information for its various constituents.

NASD Regulation, Inc. ("NASDR"), an affiliate of NASD Dispute Resolution, is a party to a Regulatory Services Agreement (the "Regulatory Contract") with The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc., which will be assigned by The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. to The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC. Pursuant to this Regulatory Contract, NASDR will allow The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC and its members to make use of the services of NASD Dispute Resolution under the Rule 10000 Series of the Rules of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC.

Certificate of Incorporation:

Attached as Exhibit A.

By-Laws:

The current By-Laws of NASD Dispute Resolution are attached as Exhibit B-1. Amendments to the By-Laws that are proposed to take effect upon the registration

of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC as a national securities exchange is attached as Exhibit B-2.

Officers, Governors, and Standing Committee Members

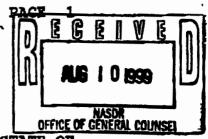
Attached as Exhibit C.

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State of Delaware



Office of the Secretary of State



I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF "NASD DISPUTE RESOLUTION, INC.", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE ELEVENTH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1999, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

A FILED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.

Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION:

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF NASD DISPUTE RESOLUTION, INC.

FIRST: The name of the corporation is NASD Dispute Resolution, Inc. (the Corporation).

SECOND: The address of the Corporation's registered office in the State of Delaware is 1209 Orange Street, City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, 19801. The name of the Corporation's registered agent at such address is The Corporation Trust Company.

THIRD: The purpose of the Corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing business or purposes to be conducted or promoted, shall include the responsibilities and functions set forth in the "Plan of Allocation and Delegation of Functions by NASD to Subsidiaries," as approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended from time to time. The Corporation is not organized for profit and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual.

FOURTH: The total number of shares of stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 2,000, par value \$0.01 per share, all of which shall be shares of common stock.

FIFTH: (a) The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors. The qualifications, number, tenure, powers, and duties of the members of the Board of Directors shall be provided in the By-Laws. Except as otherwise provided in this Certificate of Incorporation, the By-Laws shall specify the manner by which directors of the Corporation shall be nominated and elected.

(b) Unless and except to the extent that the By-Laws of the Corporation shall so require, the election of directors of the Corporation need not be by written ballot.

SIXTH: A director of the Corporation shall not be liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except to the extent such exemption from liability or limitation thereof is not permitted under the General Corporation Law as the same exists or may hereafter be amended. Any repeal or modification of the first sentence of this section shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Corporation existing hereunder with respect to any act or omission occurring prior to such repeal or modification.

SEVENTH: In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by the

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laws of the State of Delaware, the Board of Directors is expressly authorized and empowered to make, alter, and repeal the By-Laws of the Corporation, subject to the power of the stockholders of the Corporation to alter or repeal any By-Law made by the Board of Directors.

EIGHTH: The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in this Certificate of Incorporation, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, and all rights conferred herein are granted subject to this reservation.

NINTH: The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

TENTH: The name and mailing address of the Incorporator is Richard G. Ketchum, c/o National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., 1735 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

ELEVENTH: The powers of the Incorporator shall terminate upon the filing of this Certificate of Incorporation. The names and mailing addresses of the persons who are to serve as the directors of the Corporation until the first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation, or until their successors are elected and qualified are: (i) Joan C. Conley, c/o National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., 1735 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006; (ii) Linds D. Fienberg, c/o NASD Regulation, Inc., 1735 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006; and (iii) Richard G. Ketchum, c/o National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., 1735 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

Incorporator

Richard G. Ketchum

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NASD Dispute Resolution By-Laws

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

When used in these By-Laws, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:

- (a) "Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended;
- (b) "Amex" means American Stock Exchange LLC;
- (c) "Board" means the Board of Directors of NASD Dispute Resolution;
- (d) "broker" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint stock company, business trust, unincorporated organization, or other legal entity engaged in the business of effecting transactions in securities for the account of others, but does not include a bank:
- (e) "Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- (f) "day" means calendar day;
- (g) "dealer" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint stock company, business trust, unincorporated organization, or other legal entity engaged in the business of buying and selling securities for such individual's or entity's own account, through a broker or otherwise, but does not include a bank, or any person insofar as such person buys or sells securities for such person's own account, either individually or in some fiduciary capacity, but not as part of a regular business;
- (h) "Delaware law" means the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware;
- (i) "Delegation Plan" means the "Plan of Allocation and Delegation of Functions by NASD to Subsidiaries" as approved by the Commission, and as amended from time to time;
- (j) "Director" means a member of the Board, excluding the Chief Executive Officer of the NASD:
- (k) "Executive Representative" means the executive representative of an NASD member appointed pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the NASD By-Laws;
- (I) "Industry Director" or "Industry member" means a Director (excluding the President) or a committee member who (1) is or has served in the prior three years as an officer, director, or employee of a broker or dealer, excluding an outside director or a director not engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (2) is an officer, director (excluding an outside director), or employee of an entity that owns more than ten percent of the equity of a broker or dealer, and the broker or dealer accounts for more than five percent of the gross revenues received by the consolidated entity; (3) owns more than

five percent of the equity securities of any broker or dealer, whose investments in brokers or dealers exceed ten percent of his or her net worth, or whose ownership interest otherwise permits him or her to be engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (4) provides professional services to brokers or dealers, and such services constitute 20 percent or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or member or 20 percent or more of the gross revenues received by the Director's or member's firm or partnership; (5) provides professional services to a director, officer, or employee of a broker, dealer, or corporation that owns 50 percent or more of the voting stock of a broker or dealer, and such services relate to the director's, officer's, or employee's professional capacity and constitute 20 percent or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or member or 20 percent or more of the gross revenues received by the Director's or member's firm or partnership; or (6) has a consulting or employment relationship with or provides professional services to the NASD, NASD Regulation, Nasdaq, NASD Dispute Resolution, or Amex (and any predecessor), or has had any such relationship or provided any such services at any time within the prior three years;

- (m) "NASD" means the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.;
- (n) "NASD Board" means the NASD Board of Governors;
- (o) "NASD Dispute Resolution" means NASD Dispute Resolution, Inc.;
- (p) "NASD member" means any broker or dealer admitted to membership in the NASD;
- (g) "NASD Regulation" means NASD Regulation, Inc.;
- (r) "Nasdag" means The Nasdag Stock Market, Inc.;
- (s) "Nasdaq-Amex" means Nasdaq-Amex Market Group, Inc.;
- (t) "National Nominating Committee" means the National Nominating Committee appointed pursuant to Article VII, Section 9 of the NASD By-Laws;
- (u) "Non-Industry Director" or "Non-Industry member" means a Director (excluding the President) or committee member who is (1) a Public Director or Public member; (2) an officer or employee of an issuer of securities listed on Nasdaq or Amex, or traded in the over-the-counter market; or (3) any other individual who would not be an Industry Director or Industry member;
- (v) "person associated with a member" or "associated person of a member" means: (1) a natural person registered under the Rules of the Association; or (2) a sole proprietor, partner, officer, director, or branch manager of a member, or a natural person occupying a similar status or performing similar functions, or a natural person engaged in the investment banking or securities business who is directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by a member, whether or not any such person is registered or exempt from registration with the NASD under these By-Laws or the Rules of the Association;
- (w) "Public Director" or "Public member" means a Director or committee member who has no material business relationship with a broker or dealer or the NASD, NASD Regulation, Nasdaq, or NASD Dispute Resolution;

(x) "Rules of the Association" or "Rules" means the numbered rules set forth in the NASD Manual beginning with the Rule 0100 Series, as adopted by the NASD Board pursuant to the NASD By-Laws, as hereafter amended or supplemented. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

ARTICLE II

OFFICES

Locations

Sec. 2.1 The address of the registered office of NASD Dispute Resolution in the State of Delaware and the name of the registered agent at such address shall be: The Corporation Trust Company, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. NASD Dispute Resolution also may have offices at such other places both within and without the State of Delaware as the Board may from time to time designate or the business of NASD Dispute Resolution may require.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Change of Location

Sec. 2.2 In the manner permitted by law, the Board or the registered agent may change the address of NASD Dispute Resolution's registered office in the State of Delaware and the Board may make, revoke, or change the designation of the registered agent. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS OF THE STOCKHOLDER

Action by Consent of Stockholder

Sec. 3.1 Any action required or permitted by law to be taken at any meeting of the stockholder of NASD Dispute Resolution may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by the holder of the outstanding stock. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

General Powers

Sec. 4.1 The property, business, and affairs of NASD Dispute Resolution shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board. The Board may exercise all such powers of NASD Dispute Resolution and have the authority to perform all such lawful acts as are permitted by law, the Certificate of Incorporation, these By-Laws, or the Delegation Plan to assist the NASD in fulfilling its self-regulatory responsibilities as set

forth in Section 15A of the Act, and to support such other initiatives as the Board may deem appropriate. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Certificate of Incorporation, and these By-Laws, the Board may delegate any of its powers to a committee appointed pursuant to Section 4.13 or to NASD Dispute Resolution staff in a manner not inconsistent with the Delegation Plan. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Number of Directors

Sec. 4.2 The Board shall consist of no fewer than five and no more than eight Directors, the exact number to be determined by resolution adopted by the stockholder of NASD Dispute Resolution from time to time. Any new Director position created as a result of an increase in the size of the Board shall be filled pursuant to Section 4.4. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Qualifications

- Sec. 4.3 (a) Directors need not be stockholders of NASD Dispute Resolution. The number of Non-Industry Directors shall equal or exceed the number of Industry Directors plus the President. The Board shall include the President, at least two Non-Industry Directors who are also Governors of the NASD Board, and at least one Industry Director who is also a Governor of the NASD Board. The Board shall include at least one Public Director, unless the Board consists of eight Directors. In such case, at least two Directors shall be Public Directors. The Chief Executive Officer of the NASD shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board.
- (b) As soon as practicable, following the annual election of Directors, the Board shall elect from its members a Chair and a Vice Chair and such other persons having such titles as it shall deem necessary or advisable to serve until the next annual election or until their successors are chosen and qualified. The persons so elected shall have such powers and duties as may be determined from time to time by the Board. The Board, by resolution adopted by a majority of Directors then in office, may remove any such person from such position at any time.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Election

Sec. 4.4 Except as otherwise provided by law, these By-Laws, or the Delegation Plan, after the first meeting of NASD Dispute Resolution at which Directors are elected, Directors of NASD Dispute Resolution shall be elected each year at the annual meeting of the stockholder, or at a special meeting called for such purpose in lieu of the annual meeting. If the annual election of Directors is not held on the date designated therefor, the Directors shall cause such election to be held as soon thereafter as convenient. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Resignation

Sec. 4.5 Any Director may resign at any time either upon written notice of resignation to the Chair of the Board, the President, or the Secretary. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if the time is not specified, upon receipt thereof,

and the acceptance of such resignation, unless required by the terms thereof, shall not be necessary to make such resignation effective. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Removal

Sec. 4.6 Any or all of the Directors may be removed from office at any time, with or without cause, only by a majority vote of the NASD Board. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Disqualification

Sec. 4.7 The term of office of a Director shall terminate immediately upon a determination by the Board, by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, that: (a) the Director no longer satisfies the classification for which the Director was elected; and (b) the Director's continued service as such would violate the compositional requirements of the Board set forth in Section 4.3. If the term of office of a Director terminates under this Section, and the remaining term of office of such Director at the time of termination is not more than six months, during the period of vacancy the Board shall not be deemed to be in violation of Section 4.3 by virtue of such vacancy.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Filling of Vacancies

Sec. 4.8 If a Director position becomes vacant, whether because of death, disability, disqualification, removal, or resignation, the National Nominating Committee shall nominate, and the NASD Board shall elect by majority vote, a person satisfying the classification (Industry or Non-Industry Director) for the directorship as provided in Section 4.3 to fill such vacancy, except that if the remaining term of office for the vacant Director position is not more than six months, no replacement shall be required. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Quorum and Voting

Sec. 4.9 (a) At all meetings of the Board, unless otherwise set forth in these By-Laws or required by law, a quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the Board, including not less than 50 percent of the Non-Industry Directors. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting until a quorum is present. (b) Except as provided in Section 4.14(b), the vote of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Regulation

Sec. 4.10 The Board may adopt such rules, regulations, and requirements for the conduct of the business and management of NASD Dispute Resolution not inconsistent with the law, the Certificate of Incorporation, these By-Laws, the Delegation Plan, the Rules of the Association, or the By-Laws of the NASD, as the Board may deem proper. A Director shall, in the performance of such Director's duties, be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the books of account or reports made to NASD Dispute Resolution by

any of its officers, by an independent certified public accountant, by an appraiser selected with reasonable care by the Board or any committee of the Board or by any agent of NASD Dispute Resolution, or in relying in good faith upon other records of NASD Dispute Resolution.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Meetings

Sec 4.11 (a) An annual meeting of the Board shall be held for the purpose of organization, election of officers, and transaction of any other business. If such meeting is held promptly after and at the place specified for the annual meeting of the stockholder, no notice of the annual meeting of the Board need be given. Otherwise, such annual meeting shall be held at such time and place as may be specified in a notice given in accordance with Section 4.12. (b) Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such time and place, within or without the State of Delaware, as determined from time to time by the Board. After such determination has been made, notice shall be given in accordance with Section 4.12. (c) Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chair of the Board, by the President, or by at least one-third of the Directors then in office. Notice of any special meeting of the Board shall be given to each Director in accordance with Section 4.12. (d) A Director or member of any committee appointed by the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board or of such committee through the use of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting may hear one another, and such participation in a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting for all purposes. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Notice of Meetings; Waiver of Notice

- Sec. 4.12 (a) Notice of any meeting of the Board shall be deemed to be duly given to a Director if: (i) mailed to the address last made known in writing to NASD Dispute Resolution by such Director as the address to which such notices are to be sent, at least seven days before the day on which such meeting is to be held; (ii) sent to the Director at such address by telegraph, telefax, cable, radio, or wireless, not later than the day before the day on which such meeting is to be held; or (iii) delivered to the Director personally or orally, by telephone or otherwise, not later than the day before the day on which such meeting is to be held. Each notice shall state the time and place of the meeting and the purpose(s) thereof.
- (b) Notice of any meeting of the Board need not be given to any Director if waived by that Director in writing (or by telegram, telefax, cable, radio, or wireless and subsequently confirmed in writing) whether before or after the holding of such meeting, or if such Director is present at such meeting, subject to Article IX, Section 9.3(b).
- (c) Any meeting of the Board shall be a legal meeting without any prior notice if all Directors then in office shall be present thereat. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Committees

Sec. 4.13 (a) The Board may, by resolution or resolutions adopted by a majority of the whole Board, appoint one or more committees. Except as herein provided, vacancies in

membership of any committee shall be filled by the vote of a majority of the whole Board. The Board may designate one or more Directors as alternate members of any committee, who may replace any absent or disqualified member at any meeting of the committee. In the absence or disqualification of any member of a committee, the member or members thereof present at any meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not such member or members constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint another Director to act at the meeting in the place of any such absent or disqualified member. Members of a committee shall hold office for such period as may be fixed by a resolution adopted by a majority of the whole Board. Any member of a committee may be removed from such committee only after a majority vote of the whole Board, after appropriate notice, for refusal, failure, neglect, or inability to discharge such member's duties.

- (b) The Board may, by resolution or resolutions adopted by a majority of the whole Board, delegate to one or more committees the power and authority to act on behalf of the Board in carrying out the functions and authority delegated to NASD Dispute Resolution by the NASD under the Delegation Plan. Such delegations shall be in conformance with applicable law, the Certificate of Incorporation, these By-Laws, and the Delegation Plan. Action taken by a committee pursuant to such delegated authority shall be subject to review, ratification, or rejection by the Board. In all other matters, the Board may, by resolution or resolutions adopted by a majority of the whole Board, delegate to one or more committees that consist solely of one or more Directors the power and authority to act on behalf of the Board in the management of the business and affairs of NASD Dispute Resolution to the extent permitted by law and not inconsistent with the Delegation Plan. A committee, to the extent permitted by law and provided in the resolution or resolutions creating such committee, may authorize the seal of NASD Dispute Resolution to be affixed to all papers that may require it.
- (c) Except as otherwise permitted by applicable law, no committee shall have the power or authority of the Board with regard to: amending the Certificate of Incorporation or the By-Laws of NASD Dispute Resolution; adopting an agreement of merger or consolidation; recommending to the stockholder the sale, lease, or exchange of all or substantially all NASD Dispute Resolution's property and assets; or recommending to the stockholder a dissolution of NASD Dispute Resolution or a revocation of a dissolution. Unless the resolution of the Board expressly so provides, no committee shall have the power or authority to authorize the issuance of stock.
- (d) Each committee may adopt its own rules of procedure and may meet at stated times or on such notice as such committee may determine. Each committee shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings and report the same to the Board when required.
- (e) Unless otherwise provided by these By-Laws, a majority of a committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the vote of a majority of the members of such committee present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be an act of such committee.
- (f) The Board may appoint an Executive Committee, which shall, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law and other applicable law, have and be permitted to exercise all the powers and authority of the Board in the management of the business and affairs of NASD Dispute Resolution between meetings of the Board, and which may authorize the seal of NASD Dispute Resolution to be affixed to all papers that may require it. The

Executive Committee shall consist of three or four Directors, including at least one Public Director. The President of NASD Dispute Resolution shall be a member of the Executive Committee. The number of Non-Industry committee members shall equal or exceed the number of Industry committee members plus the President. An Executive Committee member shall hold office for a term of one year. At all meetings of the Executive Committee, a quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the Executive Committee, including not less than 50 percent of the Non-Industry committee members. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the committee members present may adjourn the meeting until a quorum is present.

- (g) The Board may appoint a Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall advise the Board with respect to the oversight of the financial operations and conditions of NASD Dispute Resolution, including recommendations for NASD Dispute Resolution's annual operating and capital budgets and proposed changes to the rates and fees charged by NASD Dispute Resolution. The Finance Committee shall consist of two or three Directors. The President of NASD Dispute Resolution shall serve as a member of the Committee. A Finance Committee member shall hold office for a term of one year.
- (h) If the Board appoints a non-Director to a committee, upon request of the Secretary of NASD Dispute Resolution, each such prospective committee member shall provide to the Secretary such information as is reasonably necessary to serve as the basis for a determination of the prospective committee member's classification as an Industry or Non-Industry committee member. The Secretary of NASD Dispute Resolution shall certify to the Board each prospective committee member's classification. Such committee members shall update the information submitted under this Section at least annually and upon request of the Secretary of NASD Dispute Resolution, and shall report immediately to the Secretary any change in such classification. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Conflicts of Interest; Contracts and Transactions Involving Directors

- Sec. 4.14 (a) A Director or a committee member shall not directly or indirectly participate in any determinations regarding the interests of any party if that Director or committee member has a conflict of interest or bias, or if circumstances otherwise exist where his or her fairness might reasonably be questioned. In any such case, the Director or committee member shall recuse himself or herself or shall be disqualified in accordance with the Rules of the Association.
- (b) No contract or transaction between NASD Dispute Resolution and one or more of its Directors or officers, or between NASD Dispute Resolution and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one or more of its Directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be void or voidable solely for this reason if: (i) the material facts pertaining to such Director's or officer's relationship or interest and the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board or the committee, and the Board or committee in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Directors; (ii) the material facts are disclosed or become known to the Board or committee after the contract or transaction is entered into, and the Board or committee in good faith ratifies the contract or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Directors; or (iii) the material facts pertaining to the Director's or officer's relationship or interest and the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the stockholder

entitled to vote thereon, and the contract or transaction is specifically approved in good faith by vote of the stockholder. Only disinterested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at the portion of a meeting of the Board or of a committee that authorizes the contract or transaction. This subsection shall not apply to a contract or transaction between NASD Dispute Resolution and the NASD, NASD Regulation, Nasdaq, Nasdaq-Amex, or Amex.
[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Action Without Meeting

Sec. 4.15 Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board or of a committee may be taken without a meeting if all Directors or all members of such committee, as the case may be, consent thereto in writing, and the writing or writings are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board or the committee. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Communication of Views Regarding Contested Election or Nomination

Sec. 4.16 NASD Dispute Resolution, the Board, any committee, and NASD Dispute Resolution staff shall not take any position publicly or with an NASD member or person associated with or employed by a member with respect to any candidate in a contested election or nomination held pursuant to the NASD By-Laws or the NASD Regulation By-Laws. A Director or committee member may communicate his or her views with respect to a candidate if such individual acts solely in his or her individual capacity and disclaims any intention to communicate in any official capacity on behalf of NASD Dispute Resolution, the Board, or any committee. NASD Dispute Resolution, the Board, any committee, and the NASD Dispute Resolution staff shall not provide any administrative support to any candidate in a contested election or nomination conducted pursuant to the NASD By-Laws or the NASD Regulation By-Laws. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES

Officers

Sec. 5.1 The Board shall elect the officers of NASD Dispute Resolution, which shall include a President, a Secretary, and such other executive or administrative officers as it shall deem necessary or advisable, including, but not limited to: Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President, Vice President, General Counsel, and Treasurer of NASD Dispute Resolution. All such officers shall have such titles, powers, and duties, and shall be entitled to such compensation, as shall be determined from time to time by the Board. The terms of office of such officers shall be at the pleasure of the Board, which by affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, may remove any such officer at any time. One person may hold the offices and perform the duties of any two or more of said offices, except the offices and duties of President and Vice President or of President and Secretary. None of the officers, except the President, need be Directors of NASD Dispute Resolution.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Absence of the President

Sec. 5.2 In the case of the absence or inability to act of the President of NASD Dispute Resolution, or in the case of a vacancy in such office, the Board may appoint its Chair or such other person as it may designate to act as such officer pro tem, who shall assume all the functions and discharge all the duties of the President.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Agents and Employees

Sec. 5.3 In addition to the officers, NASD Dispute Resolution may employ such agents and employees as the Board may deem necessary or advisable, each of whom shall hold office for such period and exercise such authority and perform such duties as the Board, the President, or any officer designated by the Board may from time to time determine. Agents and employees of NASD Dispute Resolution shall be under the supervision and control of the officers of the NASD Dispute Resolution, unless the Board, by resolution, provides that an agent or employee shall be under the supervision and control of the Board.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Delegation of Duties of Officers

Sec. 5.4 The Board may delegate the duties and powers of any officer of NASD Dispute Resolution to any other officer or to any Director for a specified period of time and for any reason that the Board may deem sufficient. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Resignation and Removal of Officers

- **Sec. 5.5** (a) Any officer may resign at any time upon written notice of resignation to the Board, the President, or the Secretary. Any such resignation shall take effect upon receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make the resignation effective.
- (b) Any officer of NASD Dispute Resolution may be removed, with or without cause, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors then in office at any regular or special meeting of the Board or by a written consent signed by all of the Directors then in office. Such removal shall be without prejudice to the contractual rights of the affected officer, if any, with NASD Dispute Resolution.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Bond

Sec. 5.6 NASD Dispute Resolution may secure the fidelity of any or all of its officers, agents, or employees by bond or otherwise. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

ARTICLE VI

COMPENSATION

Compensation of Board, Council, and Committee Members

Sec. 6.1 The Board may provide for reasonable compensation of the Chair of the Board, the Directors, and the members of any committee of the Board. The Board may also provide for reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred by such persons in connection with the business of NASD Dispute Resolution. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

ARTICLE VII

INDEMNIFICATION

Indemnification of Directors, Officers, Employees, Agents, and Committee Members

- Sec. 7.1 (a) NASD Dispute Resolution shall indemnify, and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law as it presently exists or may thereafter be amended, any person (and the heirs, executors, and administrators of such person) who, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director, officer, or employee of NASD Dispute Resolution or a committee member, or is or was a Director, officer, or employee of NASD Dispute Resolution who is or was serving at the request of NASD Dispute Resolution as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, enterprise, or non-profit entity, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, is or was a party, or is threatened to be made a party to: (i) any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil. criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of NASD Dispute Resolution) against expenses (including attorneys' fees and disbursements), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with any such action, suit, or proceeding; or (ii) any threatened, pending, or completed action or suit by or in the right of NASD Dispute Resolution to procure a judgment in its favor against expenses (including attorneys' fees and disbursements) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit.
- (b) NASD Dispute Resolution shall advance expenses (including attorneys' fees and disbursements) to persons described in subsection (a); provided, however, that the payment of expenses incurred by such person in advance of the final disposition of the matter shall be conditioned upon receipt of a written undertaking by that person to repay all amounts advanced if it should be ultimately determined that the person is not entitled to be indemnified under this Section or otherwise.
- (c) NASD Dispute Resolution may, in its discretion, indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law as it presently exists or may thereafter be amended, any person (and the heirs, executors, and administrators of such persons) who, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was an agent of NASD Dispute Resolution or is or was an agent of NASD Dispute Resolution who is or was serving at the request

- of NASD Dispute Resolution as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, trust, enterprise, or non-profit entity, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party to any action or proceeding described in subsection (a).
- (d) NASD Dispute Resolution may, in its discretion, pay the expenses (including attorneys' fees and disbursements) reasonably and actually incurred by an agent in defending any action, suit, or proceeding in advance of its final disposition; provided, however, that the payment of expenses incurred by such person in advance of the final disposition of the matter shall be conditioned upon receipt of a written undertaking by that person to repay all amounts advanced if it should be ultimately determined that the person is not entitled to be indemnified under this Section or otherwise.
- (e) Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of these By-Laws, no advance shall be made by NASD Dispute Resolution to an agent or non-officer employee if a determination is reasonably and promptly made by the Board by a majority vote of those Directors who have not been named parties to the action, even though less than a quorum, or, if there are no such Directors or if such Directors so direct, by independent legal counsel, that, based upon the facts known to the Board or such counsel at the time such determination is made: (1) the person seeking advancement of expenses (i) acted in bad faith, or (ii) did not act in a manner that he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of NASD Dispute Resolution; (2) with respect to any criminal proceeding, such person believed or had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful; or (3) such person deliberately breached his or her duty to NASD Dispute Resolution.
- (f) The indemnification provided by this Section in a specific case shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which a person seeking indemnification may be entitled, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, officer, or committee member, employee, or agent and shall inure to the benefit of such person's heirs, executors, and administrators.
- (g) Notwithstanding the foregoing, but subject to subsection (j), NASD Dispute Resolution shall be required to indemnify any person identified in subsection (a) in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person only if the initiation of such proceeding (or part thereof) by such person was authorized by the Board.
- (h) NASD Dispute Resolution's obligation, if any, to indemnify or advance expenses to any person who is or was serving at its request as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, enterprise, or non-profit entity shall be reduced by any amount such person may collect as indemnification or advancement from such other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, enterprise, or non-profit entity.
- (i) Any repeal or modification of the foregoing provisions of this Section shall not adversely affect any right or protection hereunder of any person respecting any act or omission occurring prior to the time of such repeal or modification.

(j) If a claim for indemnification or advancement of expenses under this Article is not paid in full within 60 days after a written claim therefor by an indemnified person has been received by NASD Dispute Resolution, the indemnified person may file suit to recover the unpaid amount of such claim and, if successful in whole or in part, shall be entitled to be paid the expense of prosecuting such claim. In any such action, NASD Dispute Resolution shall have the burden of proving that the indemnified person is not entitled to the requested indemnification or advancement of expenses under Delaware law. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Indemnification Insurance

Sec. 7.2 NASD Dispute Resolution shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, officer, committee member, employee, or agent of NASD Dispute Resolution, or is or was serving at the request of NASD Dispute Resolution as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, enterprise, or non-profit entity against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not NASD Dispute Resolution would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability hereunder. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

ARTICLE VIII

CAPITAL STOCK

Sole Stockholder

Sec. 8.1 The NASD shall be the sole stockholder of the capital stock of NASD Dispute Resolution.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Certificates

Sec. 8.2 The stockholder shall be entitled to a certificate or certificates in such form as shall be approved by the Board, certifying the number of shares of capital stock in NASD Dispute Resolution owned by the stockholder. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Signatures

- Sec. 8.3 (a) Certificates for shares of capital stock of NASD Dispute Resolution shall be signed in the name of NASD Dispute Resolution by two officers with one being the Chair of the Board, the President, or a Vice President, and the other being the Secretary, the Treasurer, or such other officer that may be authorized by the Board. Such certificates may be sealed with the corporate seal of NASD Dispute Resolution or a facsimile thereof.
- (b) If any such certificates are countersigned by a transfer agent other than NASD Dispute Resolution or its employee, or by a registrar other than NASD Dispute Resolution or its employee, any other signature on the certificate may be a facsimile. In

the event that any officer, transfer agent, or registrar who has signed or whose facsimile signature has been placed upon a certificate shall cease to be such officer, transfer agent, or registrar before such certificate is issued, such certificate may be issued by NASD Dispute Resolution with the same effect as if such person were such officer, transfer agent, or registrar at the date of issue.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Stock Ledger

Sec. 8.4 (a) A record of all certificates for capital stock issued by NASD Dispute Resolution shall be kept by the Secretary or any other officer, employee, or agent designated by the Board. Such record shall show the name and address of the person, firm, or corporation in which certificates for capital stock are registered, the number of shares represented by each such certificate, the date of each such certificate, and in the case of certificates that have been canceled, the date of cancellation thereof.

(b) NASD Dispute Resolution shall be entitled to treat the holder of record of shares of capital stock as shown on the stock ledger as the owner thereof and as the person entitled to vote such shares and to receive notice of meetings, and for all other purposes. Except as otherwise required by applicable law, NASD Dispute Resolution shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in any share of capital stock on the part of any other person, whether or not NASD Dispute Resolution shall have express or other notice thereof.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Transfers of Stock

Sec. 8.5 (a) The Board may make such rules and regulations as it may deem expedient, not inconsistent with law, the Certificate of Incorporation, or these By-Laws, concerning the issuance, transfer, and registration of certificates for shares of capital stock of NASD Dispute Resolution. The Board may appoint, or authorize any principal officer to appoint, one or more transfer agents or one or more transfer clerks and one or more registrars and may require all certificates for capital stock to bear the signature or signatures of any of them. (b) Transfers of capital stock shall be made on the books of NASD Dispute Resolution only upon delivery to NASD Dispute Resolution or its transfer agent of: (i) a written direction of the registered holder named in the certificate or such holder's attorney lawfully constituted in writing; (ii) the certificate for the shares of capital stock being transferred; and (iii) a written assignment of the shares of capital stock evidenced thereby.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Cancellation

Sec. 8.6 Each certificate for capital stock surrendered to NASD Dispute Resolution for exchange or transfer shall be canceled and no new certificate or certificates shall be issued in exchange for any existing certificate other than pursuant to Section 8.7 until such existing certificate shall have been canceled. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Lost, Stolen, Destroyed, and Mutilated Certificates

Sec. 8.7 In the event that any certificate for shares of capital stock of NASD Dispute Resolution shall be mutilated, NASD Dispute Resolution shall issue a new certificate in place of such mutilated certificate. In the event that any such certificate shall be lost. stolen, or destroyed NASD Dispute Resolution may, in the discretion of the Board or a committee appointed thereby with power so to act, issue a new certificate for capital stock in the place of any such lost, stolen, or destroyed certificate. The applicant for any substituted certificate or certificates shall surrender any mutilated certificate or, in the case of any lost, stolen, or destroyed certificate, furnish satisfactory proof of such loss, theft, or destruction of such certificate and of the ownership thereof. The Board or such committee may, in its discretion, require the owner of a lost or destroyed certificate, or such owner's representatives, to furnish to NASD Dispute Resolution a bond with an acceptable surety or sureties and in such sum as shall be sufficient to indemnify NASD Dispute Resolution against any claim that may be made against it on account of the lost. stolen, or destroyed certificate or the issuance of such new certificate. A new certificate may be issued without requiring a bond when, in the judgment of the Board, it is proper to do so.

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Fixing of Record Date

Sec. 8.8 The Board may fix a record date in accordance with Delaware law. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

ARTICLE IX

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Corporate Seal

Sec. 9.1 The seal of NASD Dispute Resolution shall be circular in form and shall bear, in addition to any other emblem or device approved by the Board, the name of NASD Dispute Resolution, the year of its incorporation, and the words "Corporate Seal" and "Delaware." The seal may be used by causing it to be affixed or impressed, or a facsimile thereof may be reproduced or otherwise used in such manner as the Board may determine.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Fiscal Year

Sec. 9.2 The fiscal year of NASD Dispute Resolution shall begin on the first day of January in each year, or such other month as the Board may determine by resolution. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Waiver of Notice

Sec. 9.3 (a) Whenever notice is required to be given by law, the Certificate of Incorporation, or these By-Laws, a written waiver thereof, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be

deemed equivalent to notice. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the stockholder, Directors, or members of a committee of Directors need be specified in any written waiver of notice.

(b) Attendance of a person at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when the person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Execution of Instruments, Contracts, Etc.

- Sec 9.4 (a) All checks, drafts, bills of exchange, notes, or other obligations or orders for the payment of money shall be signed in the name of NASD Dispute Resolution by such officer or officers or person or persons as the Board, or a duly authorized committee thereof, may from time to time designate. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Board, any committee given specific authority in the premises by the Board, or any committee given authority to exercise generally the powers of the Board during intervals between meetings of the Board, may authorize any officer, employee, or agent, in the name of and on behalf of NASD Dispute Resolution, to enter into or execute and deliver deeds, bonds, mortgages, contracts, and other obligations or instruments, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.
- (b) All applications, written instruments, and papers required by any department of the United States Government or by any state, county, municipal, or other governmental authority, may be executed in the name of NASD Dispute Resolution by any principal officer or subordinate officer of NASD Dispute Resolution, or, to the extent designated for such purpose from time to time by the Board, by an employee or agent of NASD Dispute Resolution. Such designation may contain the power to substitute, in the discretion of the person named, one or more other persons. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Form of Records

Sec. 9.5 Any records maintained by NASD Dispute Resolution in the regular course of business, including its stock ledger, books of account, and minute books, may be kept on, or be in the form of, magnetic tape, computer disk, or any other information storage device, provided that the records so kept can be converted into clearly legible form within a reasonable time.

[Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS; EMERGENCY BY-LAWS

By Stockholder

Sec. 10.1 These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed, or new By-Laws may be adopted, at any meeting of the stockholder, provided that, in the case of a special meeting, notice that an amendment is to be considered and acted upon shall be inserted in the notice or waiver of notice of said meeting. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

By Directors

Sec. 10.2 To the extent permitted by the Certificate of Incorporation, these By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed, or new By-Laws may be adopted, at any regular or special meeting of the Board. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

Emergency By-Laws

Sec. 10.3 The Board may adopt emergency By-Laws subject to repeal or change by action of the stockholder that shall, notwithstanding any different provision of law, the Certificate of Incorporation, or these By-Laws, be operative during any emergency resulting from any nuclear or atomic disaster, an attack on the United States or on a locality in which NASD Dispute Resolution conducts its business or customarily holds meetings of the Board or stockholder, any catastrophe, or other emergency condition, as a result of which a quorum of the Board or a committee thereof cannot readily be convened for action. Such emergency By-Laws may make any provision that may be practicable and necessary under the circumstances of the emergency. [Adopted by SR-NASD-99-21 eff. July 9, 2000.]

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BY-LAWS OF NASD DISPUTE RESOLUTION, INC.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

When used in these By-Laws, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:

(a) through (p) No Change.

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- [(q) "Nasdaq" means The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.;]
- [(r)](q) "National Nominating Committee" means the National Nominating Committee appointed pursuant to Article VII, Section 9 of the NASD By-Laws;
- [(s)](r) "Non-Industry Director" or "Non-Industry member" means a Director (excluding the President) or committee member who is (1) a Public Director or Public member; (2) an officer or employee of an issuer of securities listed on a market for which NASD provides regulation; (3) an officer or employee of an issuer of unlisted securities that are traded in the over-the-counter market; or (4) any other individual who would not be an Industry Director or Industry member;
- [(t)](s) "person associated with a member" or "associated person of a member" means: (1) a natural person registered under the Rules of the Association; or (2) a sole proprietor, partner, officer, director, or branch manager of a member, or a natural person

occupying a similar status or performing similar functions, or a natural person engaged in the investment banking or securities business who is directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by a member, whether or not any such person is registered or exempt from registration with the NASD under these By-Laws or the Rules of the Association;

[(u)](t) "Public Director" or "Public member" means a Director or committee member who has no material business relationship with a broker or dealer or the NASD, NASD Regulation, a market for which NASD provides regulation, or NASD Dispute Resolution;

[(v)](u) "Rules of the Association" or "Rules" means the numbered rules set forth in the NASD Manual beginning with the Rule 0100 Series, as adopted by the NASD Board pursuant to the NASD By-Laws, as hereafter amended or supplemented.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 4.1 through 4.13 No Change.

Conflicts of Interest; Contracts and Transactions Involving Directors

Sec. 4.14(a) No Change.

(b) No contract or transaction between NASD Dispute Resolution and one or more of its Directors or officers, or between NASD Dispute Resolution and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one or more of its Directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be void or voidable solely

for this reason if: (i) the material facts pertaining to such Director's or officer's relationship or interest and the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board or the committee, and the Board or committee in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Directors; (ii) the material facts are disclosed or become known to the Board or committee after the contract or transaction is entered into, and the Board or committee in good faith ratifies the contract or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Directors; or (iii) the material facts pertaining to the Director's or officer's relationship or interest and the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the stockholder entitled to vote thereon, and the contract or transaction is specifically approved in good faith by vote of the stockholder. Only disinterested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at the portion of a meeting of the Board or of a committee that authorizes the contract or transaction. This subsection shall not apply to a contract or transaction between NASD Dispute Resolution and the NASD[,] or NASD Regulation[, or Nasdaq].

Sec. 4.15 through 4.16 No Change.

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