



NASDAQ Announces End-of-Month Open Short Interest Positions in NASDAQ Stocks as of Settlement Date May 31, 2012

NEW YORK, June 12, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- At the end of the settlement date of May 31, 2012, short interest in 2,230 NASDAQ Global MarketSM securities totaled 7,347,012,533 shares compared with 7,001,712,386 shares in 2,235 Global Market issues reported for the prior settlement date of May 15, 2012. The end-of-May short interest represents 3.84 days average daily NASDAQ Global Market share volume for the reporting period, compared with 3.94 days for the prior reporting period.

Short interest in 503 securities on The NASDAQ Capital MarketSM totaled 434,977,937 shares at the end of the settlement date of May 31, 2012 compared with 426,827,063 shares in 495 securities for the previous reporting period. This represents 6.51 days average daily volume, compared with the previous reporting period's figure of 7.11.

In summary, short interest in all 2,733 NASDAQ® securities totaled 7,781,990,470 shares at the May 31, 2012 settlement date, compared with 2,733 issues and 7,428,539,449 shares at the end of the previous reporting period. This is 3.93 days average daily volume, compared with an average of 4.05 days for the previous reporting period.

The open short interest positions reported for each NASDAQ security reflect the total number of shares sold short by all broker/dealers regardless of their exchange affiliations. A short sale is generally understood to mean the sale of a security that the seller does not own or any sale that is consummated by the delivery of a security borrowed by or for the account of the seller.

For more information on NASDAQ Short interest positions, including publication dates, visit

<http://www.nasdaq.com/quotes/short-interest.aspx>

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