



NASDAQ OMX Announces Approval of Share Repurchase Program

NEW YORK, Mar 2, 2010 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:NDAQ) announced today that its Board of Directors has approved a share repurchase program, authorizing NASDAQ OMX to repurchase in the aggregate up to \$300 million of its outstanding common stock. Purchases by NASDAQ OMX under this program may be made from time to time at prevailing market prices in open market purchases, privately-negotiated transactions, block purchase techniques or otherwise, as determined by NASDAQ OMX's management. The purchases will be funded from existing cash balances.

Further demonstrating its commitment to paying down existing debt, NASDAQ OMX also intends to prepay an additional \$100 million in amortization payments on its term loan during 2010.

Bob Greifeld, NASDAQ OMX's Chief Executive Officer, commented, "We have successfully leveraged our platform to diversify our business and improve our cash flows, and are experiencing growth through our new initiatives and our core services. We remain committed to our investment grade status while also opting to use our cash-flow generative business to provide a return of capital to our shareholders."

This program does not obligate NASDAQ OMX to acquire any particular amount of common stock. The timing, frequency and amount of repurchase activity will depend on a variety of factors such as levels of cash generation from operations, cash requirements for investment in NASDAQ OMX's business, current stock price, market conditions and other factors. The share repurchase program may be suspended, modified or discontinued at any time.

About NASDAQ OMX

The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. is the world's largest exchange company. It delivers trading, exchange technology and public company services across six continents, with approximately 3,700 listed companies. NASDAQ OMX offers multiple capital raising solutions to companies around the globe, including its U.S. listings market, NASDAQ OMX Nordic, NASDAQ OMX Baltic, NASDAQ OMX First North, and the U.S. 144A sector. The company offers trading across multiple asset classes including equities, derivatives, debt, commodities, structured products and exchange-traded funds. NASDAQ OMX technology supports the operations of over 70 exchanges, clearing organizations and central securities depositories in more than 50 countries. NASDAQ OMX Nordic and NASDAQ OMX Baltic are not legal entities but describe the common offering from NASDAQ OMX exchanges in Helsinki, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Iceland, Tallinn, Riga, and Vilnius. For more information about NASDAQ OMX, visit <http://www.nasdaqomx.com>. Please follow NASDAQ OMX on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/NASDAQ-OMX/108167527653>) and Twitter (<http://www.twitter.com/nasdaqomx>).

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

The matters described herein may contain forward-looking statements that are made under the Safe Harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements about NASDAQ OMX's share repurchase program and term loan payments. We caution that these statements are not guarantees of future performance. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties or other factors beyond NASDAQ OMX's control. These factors include, but are not limited to, factors detailed in NASDAQ OMX's annual report on Form 10-K, and periodic reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. We undertake no obligation to release any revisions to any forward-looking statements.

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