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## **Semi-Annual Changes to the NASDAQ Clean Edge Green Energy Index**

**New York, NY, March 17, 2014** — The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (NASDAQ:NDAQ) today announced the results of the semi-annual evaluation of the NASDAQ® Clean Edge® Green Energy Index (NASDAQ: CELS), which will become effective prior to market open on Monday, March 24, 2014.

The following ten securities will be added to the Index: Ballard Power Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ:BLDP), Hanwha SolarOne Co., Ltd. (NASDAQ:HSOL), Hydrogenics Corporation (NASDAQ:HYGS), IXYS Corporation (NASDAQ:IXYS), China Ming Yang Wind Power Group Limited (NYSE:MY), Pattern Energy Group Inc. (NASDAQ:PEGI), Pacific Ethanol, Inc. (NASDAQ:PEIX), Plug Power, Inc. (NASDAQ:PLUG), Quantum Fuel Systems Technologies Worldwide, Inc. (NASDAQ:QTWW) and Real Goods Solar, Inc. (NASDAQ:RGSE).

The Index is designed to track the performance of clean-energy companies that are publicly traded in the U.S. The Index includes companies engaged in the manufacturing, development, distribution, and installation of emerging clean-energy technologies such as solar photovoltaics, biofuels and advanced batteries. The five major sub-sectors that the index covers are Renewable Electricity Generation, Renewable Fuels, Energy Storage & Conversion, Energy Intelligence and Advanced Energy-Related Materials. The securities must also meet other eligibility criteria which include minimum requirements for market value, average daily share volume, and price. The NASDAQ® Clean Edge® Green Energy Index is re-ranked semi-annually in March and September. For more information about the NASDAQ® Clean Edge® Green Energy Index, including detailed eligibility criteria, visit <https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/>.

The NASDAQ Clean Edge Green Energy Index is the basis for the First Trust NASDAQ Clean Edge Green Energy Index Fund (NASDAQ: QCLN), which seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield of the NASDAQ Clean Edge Green Energy Index before fees and expenses.

As a result of the evaluation, the following two securities will be removed from the Index: Aixtron SE (NASDAQ: AIXG) and Ameresco, Inc. (NASDAQ: AMRC).

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Daily index values, weightings and historical data for NASDAQ OMX indexes are available via [NASDAQ OMX Global Index Watch](#) and [NASDAQ OMX Global Index Data Service](#).

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Clean Edge, Inc., founded in 2000, is the world's first research and advisory firm devoted to the clean- tech sector. The firm delivers an unparalleled suite of clean-energy benchmarking services including stock indexes, utility and consumer surveys, and regional leadership tracking, providing companies, investors, NGOs, and governments with timely research, trending analysis, and actionable insights. Managing director Ron Pernick and senior editor Clint Wilder are coauthors of the widely acclaimed business books *The Clean-Tech Revolution* (HarperCollins, 2007) and *Clean-Tech Nation* (HarperCollins, 2012). To keep abreast of the latest clean-tech trends, or for more information on the company, visit [www.cleantech.com](http://www.cleantech.com).

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