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Clean Edge Adds Water and Wind Indexes to its Family of Clean-Tech Stock Index Offerings

Portland, OR, June 22, 2017 — Clean Edge, Inc. today announced the addition of two stock indexes to its family of clean-tech index offerings. In partnership with Nasdaq, Clean Edge will maintain a universe of securities to be used in the development and maintenance of the ISE Clean Edge Water Index (HHO) (formerly the ISE Water Index) and the ISE Clean Edge Global Wind Energy Index (GWE) (formerly the ISE Global Wind Index). The water and wind indexes double Clean Edge's roster of clean-tech indexes, joining the Nasdaq Clean Edge Green Energy Index (CELS) and the Nasdaq Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index (QGRD). In total, the market value of exchange-traded funds (ETFs) tracking the four indexes exceeds \$400 Million.

More information on Clean Edge stock indexes can be found at https://cleanedge.com/indexes.

ISE Clean Edge Water Index (HHO):

As a result of Clean Edge's universe selection and Nasdaq review and calculation, the following five securities have been added to the HHO Index: A. O. Smith Corporation (AOS); Aqua Venture Holdings Limited (WAAS); Connecticut Water Service, Inc. (CTWS); Middlesex Water Company (MSEX); and York Water Company (YOWR).

The Clean Edge ISE Water Index is designed to track the performance of U.S.-listed companies that derive a substantial portion of their revenues from the potable water and wastewater

industry. Industry exposure includes water distribution, infrastructure (pumps, pipes and valves), water solutions (purification and filtration), and ancillary services such as consulting, construction and metering. The securities must also meet other eligibility criteria which include minimum requirements for market value and average daily share volume. Securities which meet eligibility criteria are then ranked in descending order by market capitalization and the top 36 securities are selected as Index Securities. The ISE Clean Edge Water Index is re-ranked semi-annually in March and September.

As a result of the evaluation, the following five securities have been removed from the Index: Ashland Global Holdings Inc. (ASH); Cadiz Inc. (CDZI); Crane Company (CR); Layne Christensen Company (LAYN); and PICO Holdings, Inc. (PICO).

The Index is the basis for the <u>First Trust Water ETF</u> (FIW), which seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield of the ISE Clean Edge Water Index before fees and expenses.

ISE Clean Edge Global Wind Energy Index (GWE):

As a result of Clean Edge's universe selection and Nasdaq review and calculation, the following 14 securities have been added to the GWE Index: ABB Ltd. (ABB); Boralex Inc. (BLX); Broadwind Energy, Inc. (BWEN); DONG Energy (DENERG); Dongkuk Structures & Construction Co., Ltd. (100130); Electricite de France (EDF); ENGIE (ENGI); General Cable Corporation (BGC); Gurit (GUR); Prysmian (PRY); Sif Holding (SIFG); Toray Industries (3402); Unison Co., Ltd. (018000); and Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology Co., Ltd. (2202).

The ISE Clean Edge Global Wind Energy Index is designed to track the performance of companies that are primarily engaged and involved in the wind energy industry based on analysis of the products and services offered by those companies (including both pure play companies focused on the wind energy sector and diversified multinationals with wind energy sector exposure). The securities must also meet other eligibility criteria which include minimum

requirements for market value and average daily share volume. The ISE Clean Edge Global Wind Energy Index is re-ranked semi-annually in March and September.

As a result of the evaluation, the following 14 securities have been removed from the Index: The AES Corporation (AES); Allegheny Technologies Inc. (ATI); Alstom (ALO); Arise AB (ARISE); BP PLC (BP); EDP Renovaveis (EDPR); Centrais Eletricas Brasileiras – Eletrobras (ELET3); Eolus Vind (EOLUB); Futuren (FTRN); Greentech Energy Systems (GES); Harbin Electric Co. Ltd. (1133); Otter Tail Corporation (OTTR); Royal Dutch Shell PLC (RDS/A); and Terna Energy (TENERGY).

The Index is the basis for the <u>First Trust Global Wind Energy ETF</u> (FAN), which seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield of the ISE Clean Edge Global Wind Energy Index before fees and expenses.

For more information about the ISE Clean Edge Water Index and the ISE Clean Edge Global Wind Energy Index, including eligibility criteria, visit https://indexes.Nasdaqomx.com/.

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