

# Press Release

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

**New York, NY, March 12, 2012** — The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: NDAQ) and Clean Edge, Inc. today announced the results of the semi-annual evaluation of the NASDAQ<sup>®</sup> Clean Edge<sup>®</sup> Green Energy Index (NASDAQ: CELS), which will become effective prior to market open on Monday, March 19, 2012.

The following two securities will be added to the Index: Advanced Energy Industries, Inc. (NASDAQ: AEIS) and FuelCell Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: FCEL).

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<sup>®</sup> Clean Edge<sup>®</sup> Green Energy Index is re-ranked semi-annually in March and September. For more information about the NASDAQ<sup>®</sup> Clean Edge<sup>®</sup> 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 nine securities will be removed from the Index: Aixtron SE (NASDAQ: AIXG), Codexis, Inc. (NASDAQ: CDXS), Hanwha SolarOne Co., Ltd. (NASDAQ: HSOL), JinkoSolar Holding Company Limited (NYSE: JKS), KiOR, Inc. (NASDAQ: KIOR), Metabolix, Inc. (NASDAQ: MBLX), SatCon Technology Corporation (NASDAQ: SATC), Vicor Corporation (NASDAQ: VICR), and Valence Technology, Inc. (NASDAQ: VLNC).

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**About Clean Edge, Inc.**

Clean Edge, Inc., founded in 2000, is the world's first research and advisory firm devoted to the clean-tech sector. For more than a decade, the firm has delivered timely data, expert analysis, and comprehensive insights to governments, corporations, investors, nonprofits, and other key stakeholders. The company offers an unparalleled suite of index, benchmarking, and advisory services, including the *Clean Energy Leadership Index* subscription service, sponsored publications including the annual *Clean Energy Trends* report, the annual Clean-Tech Investor Summit conference (co-produced with IBF), and benchmark clean-tech stock indexes with NASDAQ. To keep abreast of the latest clean-tech news; access industry reports; learn more about Clean Edge, or sign up for the firm's free e-newsletters; visit <http://www.cleannedge.com>.

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