



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

NEW YORK, Sept. 17, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:NDAQ) and Clean Edge, Inc. announced today 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, September 24, 2012.

The following two securities will be added to the Index: Enphase Energy, Inc. (Nasdaq:ENPH) and KiOR, Inc. (Nasdaq:KIOR)

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 14 securities will be removed from the Index:

A123 Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq:AONE), Capstone Turbine Corporation (Nasdaq:CPST), Canadian Solar Inc. (Nasdaq:CSIQ), Echelon Corporation (Nasdaq:ELON), FuelCell Energy, Inc. (Nasdaq:FCEL), Gevo, Inc. (Nasdaq:GEVO), Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (Nasdaq:GPRE), IXYS Corporation (Nasdaq:IXYS), JA Solar Holdings, Co., Ltd. (Nasdaq:JASO), LDK Solar Co. Ltd. (NYSE:LDK), O2Micro International Limited (Nasdaq:OIIM), Renesola Ltd. (NYSE:SOL), Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. (NYSE:STP), and STR Holdings, Inc. (NYSE:STRI).

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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. Clean Edge managing director Ron Pernick and senior editor Clint Wilder released their latest book, *Clean Tech Nation* (HarperCollins) in September 2012, offering a bipartisan Seven Point Action Plan for Repowering America (www.cleantechnation.com). 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 which tracks states and metro regions, sponsored publications including the annual *Clean Energy Trends* report, 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 www.cleantedge.com.

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