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Nasdaq Announces Mid-Month Open Short Interest Positions in Nasdaq Stocks as of Settlement Date March 15, 2016

NEW YORK, March 24, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- At the end of the settlement date of March 15, 2016, short interest in 2,298 Nasdaq Global MarketSM securities totaled 8,250,861,296 shares compared with 8,306,919,216 shares in 2,296 Global Market issues reported for the prior settlement date of February 29, 2016. The Mid-March short interest represents 4.57 days average daily Nasdaq Global Market share volume for the reporting period, compared with 4.05 days for the prior reporting period.

Short interest in 753 securities on The Nasdaq Capital MarketSM totaled 752,921,373 shares at the end of the settlement date of March 15, 2016 compared with 761,337,579 shares in 749 securities for the previous reporting period. This represents 5.05 days average daily volume, compared with the previous reporting period's figure of 3.75.

In summary, short interest in all 3,051 Nasdaq® securities totaled 9,003,782,669 shares at the March 15, 2016 settlement date, compared with 3,045 issues and 9,068,256,795 shares at the end of the previous reporting period. This is 4.61 days average daily volume, compared with an average of 4.03 days for the previous reporting period.

The open short interest positions reported for each Nasdaq security reflect the total number of shares sold short by all broker/dealers regardless of their exchange affiliations. A short sale is generally understood to mean the sale of a security that the seller does not own or any sale that is consummated by the delivery of a security borrowed by or for the account of the seller.

For more information on Nasdaq Short interest positions, including publication dates, visit <http://www.nasdaq.com/quotes/short-interest.aspx> or http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/asp/short_interest.asp.

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