



Semi-Annual Changes to the NASDAQ OMX Clean Edge Global Wind Energy Index

NEW YORK, Mar 23, 2009 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:NDAQ) and Clean Edge, Inc. announced the results of the semi-annual evaluation of the NASDAQ OMX(r) Clean Edge(r) Global Wind Energy Index (Nasdaq:QWND), which will become effective with the market open today.

Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Nasdaq:MITSY) will be added to the Index.

The Index, a benchmark for the global wind energy sector, is a modified market-capitalization index designed to act as a transparent and liquid benchmark for the global wind energy sector. The Index includes companies that are primarily manufacturers, developers, distributors, installers, and users of energy derived from wind sources. The securities must also meet other eligibility criteria which include minimum requirements for market capitalization and average daily dollar trading volume. The Index is evaluated on a semi-annual basis in March and September. For more information about the NASDAQ OMX Clean Edge Global Wind Energy Index, including detailed eligibility criteria, visit <https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/>.

The NASDAQ OMX Clean Edge Global Wind Energy Index is the basis for the PowerShares Global Wind Energy Portfolio (Nasdaq:PWND), which seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield of the NASDAQ OMX Clean Edge Global Wind Energy Index before fees and expenses.

As a result of the evaluation, the following three securities will be removed from the Index: Plambeck Neue Energien AG (PNE3 GY), Renewable Energy Generation Ltd. (RWE LN), and THEOLIA (TEO FP).

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Clean Edge, Inc., with offices in the San Francisco Bay Area and Portland, Ore., is a leading research and publishing firm that helps companies, investors, and policymakers understand and profit from clean technologies. Founded in 2000, Clean Edge and its network of partners and affiliates offer unparalleled intelligence and insight into the clean-tech sector. Among its many activities, the company publishes the annual "Clean Energy Trends" report, produces the annual Clean-Tech Investor Summit (along with IBF), and maintains a number of clean-energy stock indexes. To keep abreast of the latest clean-tech news, access industry reports, learn more about the company's annual summit and stock indexes, or sign up for Clean Edge's free e-newsletter, visit <http://www.cleantech.com>.

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