



NASDAQ Announces Mid-Month Open Short Interest Positions in NASDAQ Stocks as of Settlement Date February 12, 2010

NEW YORK, Feb 24, 2010 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- At the end of the settlement date of February 12, 2010, short interest in 2,421 NASDAQ Global Market(SM) securities totaled 6,778,298,546 shares compared with 6,468,826,939 shares in 2,417 Global Market issues reported for the prior settlement date of January 29, 2010. The mid-February short interest represents 2.70 days average daily NASDAQ Global Market share volume for the reporting period, compared with 2.81 days for the prior reporting period.

Short interest in 493 securities on The NASDAQ Capital Market(SM) totaled 241,358,546 shares at the end of the settlement date of February 12, 2010 compared with 232,310,082 shares in 494 securities for the previous reporting period. This represents 2.62 days average daily volume, compared with the previous reporting period's figure of 1.48.

In summary, short interest in all 2,914 NASDAQ(R) securities totaled 7,019,657,092 shares at the February 12, 2010 settlement date, compared with 2,911 issues and 6,701,137,021 shares at the end of the previous reporting period. This is 2.70 days average daily volume, compared with an average of 2.72 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://quotes.nasdaq.com/asp/MasterDataEntry.asp?page=ShortInterest> or http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/asp/short_interest.asp.

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