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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 500-1]

In the Matter of Investco, Inc.; Order of Suspension of Trading

April 29, 2002.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Investco, Inc. ("Investco") because of questions regarding the accuracy of assertions by Investco, and by others, in press releases to investors concerning, among other things: (1) The company's assets, (2) the company's business combinations, (3) the company's current financial condition, and (4) a tender offer for Investco's outstanding shares.

The Commission is of the opinion that the public interest and the protection of investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of the above listed company.

Therefore, it is ordered, pursuant to section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that trading in the above listed company is suspended for the period from 9:30 a.m. EDT, April 29, 2002 through 11:59 p.m. EDT, on May 10, 2002.

By the Commission.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–45828; File No. SR–Amex–2002–30]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto by the American Stock Exchange LLC Relating to an Increase to 2,000 Contracts for the Two Near Term Expiration Months and to 1,000 Contracts for All Other Expiration Months in the Maximum Permissible Number of Nasdaq-100 Tracking Stock (QQQ) Option Contracts Executable through AUTO-EX

April 25, 2002.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b–4)² thereunder, notice is hereby given that on April 12, 2002, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. On April 17, 2002, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.³ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Commentary .02 to Exchange Rule 933 to increase to 2,000 contracts for the two near term expiration months, and to 1,000 contracts for all other expiration months, the maximum permissible number of Nasdaq-100 Tracking Stock ("QQQ") option contracts in an order that can be executed through the Exchange's automatic execution system ("AUTO–EX").

Below is the text of the proposed rule change. Proposed new language is *italicized;* proposed deleted language is [bracketed].

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Automatic Execution of Options Orders Rule 933

(a)-(b) No change.

Commentary

.01 No change

02 Auto-Ex eligible orders must be market or marketable limit orders for two hundred fifty or fewer contracts for series subject to Auto-Ex except in the case of options on the Nasdaq-100 Tracking Stock (QQQ) which is limited to [five hundred] 2,000 or fewer contracts in the first two (2) near term expiration months and 1,000 or fewer contract for all other expiration months. Contract limits will be established on a case by case

basis for an individual option class or for all option classes upon the approval of two Floor Governors or Senior Floor Officials. Notice concerning applicable size and types of Auto-Ex eligible orders will be provided to members periodically via Exchange circulars and/or posted on the Exchange's web site.

.03 No change.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

On March 22, 2002, the Commission granted approval to an Exchange proposal to increase to 250 contracts the maximum permissible number of equity and index option contracts in an order that can be executed through AUTO–EX.⁴ At the same time, the Commission also approved similar proposals filed by the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx") and the Pacific Exchange, Inc. ("PCX"), although in the case of the Phlx proposal, the increase to 250 contracts was limited to options on the QQQ.⁵

In the interim, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. ("CBOE"), on April 4, 2002, in various press reports indicated that, effective immediately, orders in the QQQ options of up to 500 contracts were eligible for instantaneous execution on the CBOE's Retail Automated Execution System ("RAES"). Previously, the maximum order size for QQQ options on the CBOE was 100 contracts. The Exchange represents that the ability of the CBOE to increase its RAES-eligible size to 500 contracts is

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ See letter from Jeffrey P. Burns, Assistant General Counsel, Amex, to Nancy Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated April 11, 2002 ("Amendment No. 1"). In Amendment No. 1, the Amex amended its initial filing to include a representation that the Amex was trading up to 500 contracts in QQQ option contracts as of April 5, 2002 (see infra note 8) prior to the immediate effectiveness of this filing on April 12, 2002; to include the rule text being amended; and to request that the filing be recharacterized as a "noncontroversial" rule change under Rule 19b–4(f)(6) of the Act, 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6).

 $^{^4\,}See$ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 45628 (March 22, 2002), 67 FR 15262 (March 29, 2002).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 45629 (March 22, 2002), 67 FR 15271 (March 29, 2002) (order approving File No. SR–Phlx-2001–89); and 45641 (March 25, 2002), 67 FR 15445 (April 1, 2002) (order approving File No. SR–PCX–2001–48).