

the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml>). Comments are also available for public inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. All comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of Bentley Pharmaceuticals, Inc. To Withdraw Its Common Stock, \$.02 Par Value, From Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC File No. 1-10581

May 19, 2004.

On May 11, 2004, Bentley Pharmaceuticals Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Issuer"), filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its common stock, \$.02 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange").

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer unanimously approved a resolution on March 26, 2004 to withdraw the Issuer's Security from listing on the Amex, and to list the Security on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE"). The Board states that it is taking such action to avoid the direct and indirect costs, and the division of the market, resulting from dual listing on the Amex and NYSE. In addition, the Board determined that it is in the best interest

of the Issuer to list the Security on the NYSE.

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all applicable laws in the State of Delaware, in which it is incorporated, and with the Amex's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on the Amex, and shall not affect its continued listing on the NYSE or its obligation to be registered under section 12(b) of the Act.³

Any interested person may, on or before June 11, 2004, comment on the facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Amex, and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. All comment letters may be submitted by either of the following methods:

Electronic comments:

- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include the File Number 1-10581 or;

Paper comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609.

All submissions should refer to File Number 1-10581. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help us process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml>). Comments are also available for public inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. All comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

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For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-49736; File No. SR-CHX-2003-21]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 and Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval to Amendment No. 2 by the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc., Relating to the Price Improvement of Orders Executed Automatically on the Exchange

May 19, 2004.

I. Introduction

On July 17, 2003, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CHX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to amend CHX Article XX, Rule 37, to revise the rules governing the CHX's SuperMAX 2000 program. The CHX filed Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 to the proposal on March 30, 2004,³ and May 18, 2004,⁴ respectively.

The proposed rule change and Amendment No. 1 were published for comment in the **Federal Register** on April 12, 2004.⁵ The Commission received no comments regarding the proposal. This order approves the proposed rule change, as amended. In addition, the Commission is publishing

⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See letter from Kathleen M. Boege, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, CHX, to Nancy J. Sanow, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission, dated March 29, 2004.

⁴ See letter from Kathleen M. Boege, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, CHX, to Nancy J. Sanow, Division, Commission, dated May 18, 2004 ("Amendment No. 2"). Amendment No. 2 revises the proposal to: (1) Indicate that an order must receive the national best bid, or better, or the national best offer, or better, at the time the order was received; and (2) clarify that the CHX is deleting CHX Article XX, Rule 37(d)(1)(d) because the CHX intends for CHX Article XXXI to govern the execution prices due odd-lot orders. In addition, Amendment No. 2 states that it replaces an earlier version of Amendment No. 2 that the CHX filed with the Commission on May 12, 2004.

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49530 (April 6, 2004), 69 FR 19253.

⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 781(b).