



Semi-Annual Changes to the NASDAQ OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index

NEW YORK, Sept. 24, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:NDAQ) and Clean Edge, Inc. announced today the results of the semi-annual evaluation of the NASDAQ OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index (Nasdaq:QGRD), which will become effective with the market open today.

The following two securities will be added to the Index: Acorn Energy, Inc. (ACFN UQ) and Melrose PLC (MRO LN).

The Index is designed to act as a transparent and liquid benchmark for the smart grid and electric infrastructure sector. The Index includes companies that are primarily engaged and involved in electric grid; electric meters, devices, and networks; energy storage and management; and enabling software used by the smart grid and electric infrastructure sector. The securities must also meet other eligibility criteria which include minimum requirements for market capitalization and average daily dollar trading volume. The NASDAQ OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index is evaluated semi-annually in March and September. For more information about the NASDAQ OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index, including detailed eligibility criteria, visit <https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/>.

The First Trust NASDAQ[®] Clean Edge[®] Smart Grid Infrastructure Index Fund (Nasdaq:GRID), is an exchange traded fund that seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield, before the Fund's fees and expenses, of the NASDAQ OMX[®] Clean Edge[®] Smart Grid Infrastructure Index.

As a result of the evaluation, the following six securities will be removed from the Index: A123 Systems Inc. (3393 HK), Jinpan International Ltd. (JST UQ), Pike Electric Corporation (PIKE UN), PowerSecure International (POWR UQ), PSI AG (PSAN GR), and Wasion Group Holdings Ltd. (3393 HK).

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About Clean Edge, Inc.

Clean Edge, Inc., founded in 2000, is the world's first research and advisory firm devoted to the clean-tech sector. Clean Edge managing director Ron Pernick and senior editor Clint Wilder released their latest book, *Clean Tech Nation* (HarperCollins) in September 2012, offering a bipartisan Seven Point Action Plan for Repowering America (www.cleantechnation.com). For more than a decade, the firm has delivered timely data, expert analysis, and comprehensive insights to governments, corporations, investors, nonprofits, and other key stakeholders. The company offers an unparalleled suite of index, benchmarking, and advisory services, including the *Clean Energy Leadership Index* subscription service which tracks states and metro regions, sponsored publications including the annual *Clean Energy Trends* report, and benchmark clean-tech stock indexes with NASDAQ. To keep abreast of the latest clean-tech news; access industry reports; learn more about Clean Edge, or sign up for the firm's free e-newsletters; visit www.cleannedge.com.

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