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SENATE BANKING COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON REGULATION NMS

[17801] July 23, 2004 TO: EQUITY MARKETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE No. 33-04 RE: SENATE BANKING COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON REGULATION NMS The U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs held two days of hearings on the structure of the U.S. securities markets, entitled "Regulation NMS and Developments in the Equities Markets." The hearings, which focused on the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation NMS's proposed trade-through rule, featured as witnesses a variety of industry representatives. Kevin Cronin, Senior Vice President and Director of Equity Trading at AIM Investments and a member of the Institute's Equity Markets Advisory Committee, testified on behalf of AIM Investments and also expressed the views of the Institute regarding Regulation NMS. Witnesses also included: SEC Chairman William H. Donaldson; Robert Greifeld, President and Chief Executive Officer, Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.; Gerald Putnam, CEO, Archipelago, LLC; John Thain, CEO, New York Stock Exchange; Scott DeSano, Senior Vice President and Head of Equity Trading, Fidelity Investments; Bernard Madoff, Chairman and CEO, Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities; Robert McCooey, President and CEO, The Griswold Company; and Robert Fagenson, Vice President, Van der Moolen Specialists. Mr. Cronin's written testimony is attached. The testimonies of the other witnesses are available at the following two links:
<http://banking.senate.gov/index.cfm?Fuseaction=Hearings.Detail&HearingID=125> and
<http://banking.senate.gov/index.cfm?Fuseaction=Hearings.Detail&HearingID=126>. Jane G. Heinrichs Assistant Counsel Attachment (in .pdf format)

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