

American Stock Exchange LLC (“Amex”).

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all applicable laws in effect 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 decision to withdraw the Security from listing on the Exchange was caused by the Issuer’s filing of a petition for Chapter 11 relief under the United States Bankruptcy Code and its concern that following Court approval of a reorganization plan that the Issuer would not meet the Amex’s listing requirements.

The Issuer represents that it will seek to facilitate quotation of its Security on the OTC Bulletin Board. The Issuer’s application relates solely to the Security’s withdrawal from listing on the Amex and from registration under section 12(b) of the Act<sup>4</sup> and shall not affect its obligation to be registered under section 12(g) of the Act.<sup>5</sup>

Any interested person may, on or before March 2, 2002 submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609, 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. 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.<sup>6</sup>

**Jonathan G. Katz,**

*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application to Withdraw from Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC (Landauer, Inc., Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share) File No. 1-9788

February 12, 2002.<sup>1</sup>

Landauer, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Issuer”), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)<sup>2</sup> and rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,<sup>3</sup> to withdraw its Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share (“Security”), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC (“Amex” or “Exchange”).

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all applicable laws in effect 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 Amex has in turn informed the Issuer that it does not object to the proposed withdrawal of the Issuer’s Security from listing and registration on the Exchange.

The Board of Trustees (“Board”) approved a resolution on November 8, 2001 to withdraw the Issuer’s Security from listing on the Amex and to list such Security on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (“NYSE”), effective January 15, 2002. The Issuer stated that the Board took such action in order to avoid the direct and indirect cost and the division of the market resulting from dual listing on the Amex and NYSE.

The Issuer’s application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing and registration on the Amex and shall have no effect upon the Security’s continued listing and registration on the NYSE under section 12(b) of the Act.<sup>4</sup>

Any interested person may, on or before March 2, 2001, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609, 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. The Commission, based on

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.<sup>5</sup>

**Jonathan G. Katz,**

*Secretary*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 25414; 812-12536]

### John Hancock Equity Trust and John Hancock Advisers, Inc.; Notice of Application

February 11, 2002.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”).

**ACTION:** Notice of an application for an order under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act, under section 6(c) for an exemption from section 17(e) of the Act and rule 17e-1 under the Act, and under section 10(f) of the Act for an exemption from section 10(f).

#### *Summary of the Application:*

Applicants request an order to permit certain registered open-end management investment companies advised by two or more investment advisers to engage in principal and brokerage transactions with a broker-dealer affiliated with one of the investment advisers and to purchase securities in offerings underwritten by a principal underwriter of which one of the investment advisers is an affiliated person. The transactions would be between a broker-dealer or principal underwriter and a portion of the investment company’s portfolio not advised by the adviser affiliated with the broker-dealer or principal underwriter. Applicants also request relief to permit a portion of the portfolio to purchase securities in offerings underwritten by a principal underwriter of which the investment adviser to that portion is affiliated if the purchase is in accordance with all of the conditions to rule 10f-3 under the Act, except for the provision that would require aggregation of certain purchases.

*Applicants:* John Hancock Equity Trust (“Trust”) and John Hancock Advisers, Inc. (“Adviser”).

<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78l(b).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78l(g).

<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

<sup>1</sup> This notice was originally issued January 18,

<sup>1</sup> This notice was originally issued January 18, 2002 but not published in the **Federal Register**.

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78l(d).

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78l(b).