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Division of Corporation Finance
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20549

Division of Corporation Finance:

This is to certify that on February 4, 2026, The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Hennessy Capital Investment Corp. VIII (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following securities:

Units, each consisting of one Class A ordinary share and one right

Class A ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share

Rights, each right entitling the holder to receive one-twelfth (1/12) of one Class A ordinary share

We further certify that the securities described above have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration upon official notice of issuance.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking effectiveness of the Form 8-A 12(b) concurrently with effectiveness of its 1933 Act Registration Statement, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

