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COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADDITIONAL NOTICE CONCERNING BLOCKED ASSETS AND PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS WITH SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS

On October 21, 1995, President Clinton signed Executive Order 12978 which blocks all property subject to U.S. jurisdiction in which there is any interest of individuals and businesses determined to be involved in international narcotics trafficking centered in Columbia. A series of names was published at that time. At the request of the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the Commission is notifying broker-dealers and other registered entities that on March 5, 1996, OFAC added an additional 198 international Narcotics Traffickers to its master list of "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" (SDN's). There are 60 new entities and 138 individuals. The names, which have been filed with the Federal Register and will be printed there on March 8, are available on OFAC's World Wide Web home page ([HTTP://www.USTREAS.GOV/TREASURY/SERVICES/FAC/FAC.HTML](http://www.USTREAS.GOV/TREASURY/SERVICES/FAC/FAC.HTML)).

You are reminded that all sanctions and embargo programs administered by OFAC involve declarations of national emergency by the President of the United States and require the immediate attention of broker/dealers. Securities firms must freeze accounts and assets of persons and companies identified on OFAC's SDN list or otherwise blocked under sanctions against Cuba, North Korea, Libya, Iraq and Serb-occupied Bosnia. For more information contact OFAC's Compliance Programs Division at (202) 622-2490.

ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS

ROBERT SIMPSON ENJOINED AND ADMINISTRATIVELY BARRED FOR MISAPPROPRIATION OF CUSTOMER FUNDS

The Commission announced that on January 23 the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida entered a Final

Judgment of Permanent Injunction against Robert M. Simpson of Sharps, Florida, a registered representative formerly associated with a registered broker-dealer located in Cocoa Beach, Florida. The Commission's complaint, filed on September 29, 1995, alleged that between July 1990 and July 1992, Simpson misappropriated \$400,000 from ten investors.

The Final Judgment permanently enjoins Simpson from future violations of the antifraud provisions and orders Simpson to disgorge \$400,000, plus pre-judgment interest. Without admitting or denying the allegations in the complaint, Simpson consented to the entry of the Final Judgment against him whereby, disgorgement is waived and civil penalties are not imposed, based upon Simpson's demonstrated financial inability to pay (SEC v. Robert M. Simpson, Case No. 95-995-CIV-ORL-19, M.D. Fla.).

In addition, on March 6 the Commission entered an Order Instituting Public Proceedings Pursuant to Sections 15(b) and 19(h) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Making Findings and Imposing Remedial Sanctions against Simpson. Simpson submitted and the Commission accepted an Offer of Settlement whereby he consented to the entry of the Order without admitting or denying the findings contained therein. The Order bars Simpson from association with any broker, dealer, municipal securities dealer, investment company or investment adviser. (Rel. 34-36928)

ORDER INSTITUTING PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SANDRA LOGAY

On March 6, the Commission instituted public administrative proceedings against Sandra Logay (Logay), former branch office manager of the Chesterfield, Missouri branch office of Prudential Securities, Inc. (Prudential). In the Order, the Commission alleges that, between November 30, 1990, and May 30, 1992, Logay failed reasonably to supervise a registered representative, employed at the Prudential Chesterfield, Missouri branch office, who engaged in various fraudulent practices with respect to the accounts of several elderly customers. Among other things, the registered representative engaged in undisclosed margin trading, churning of customer accounts, and unauthorized and unsuitable trading, and misrepresented to customers that the account statements received by them were erroneous and that the value of their accounts was greater than that shown on their account statements. Among other things, Logay failed to comply with Prudential's active account review procedures, and, accordingly, failed reasonably to supervise the registered representative's activities. The administrative proceedings will determine whether remedial action under Sections 15(b) and 19(h) of the Exchange Act is appropriate and in the public interest. (Rel. 34-36929)

ORDER INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST FAIC SECURITIES, INC.

The Commission announced today that it instituted proceedings pursuant to Sections 15(b) and 21C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act) against FAIC Securities, Inc. (FAIC), a South Florida municipal securities firm. The Order alleges that FAIC violated Section 15B(c)(1) of the Exchange Act, and rules G-37, G-8, G-9, and G-17 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB). The Order alleges that FAIC's municipal finance professionals, through FAIC-Affiliated companies, directed political contributions in the thousands of dollars to candidates for elected office in Dade County, Florida and the State of Florida. Thereafter, in violation of, among other rules, MSRB rule G-37, FAIC sought, and was selected to participate in, negotiated underwritings of certain municipal securities with both Dade County and an agency of the State of Florida.

FAIC submitted, and the Commission accepted, an Offer of Settlement whereby it consented, without admitting or denying the findings contained therein except as to jurisdiction, to the entry of this Order. The Commission, based upon its findings and the consent, entered an Order that FAIC cease and desist from committing any violation of Section 15B(c)(1) of the Exchange Act and MSRB rules G-37, G-8, G-9 and/or G-17, that FAIC's registration under Section 15 of the Exchange Act be revoked, and that FAIC pay, within 60 days, disgorgement in the amount of \$224,205.00, plus \$15,754.74 in prejudgment interest, and civil money penalties of \$200,000.00. (Rel. 34-36937)

FINAL JUDGMENTS ENTERED AGAINST JAMES ROMANO AND GARY WILLIKY

The Commission announced that on February 21 a Final Judgment of Permanent Injunction and Other Equitable Relief was entered against James J. Romano (Romano) enjoining him from future violations of the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws. The Final Judgment also orders Romano pay disgorgement in the amount of \$357,623, plus pre-judgment interest thereon of \$88,111, provided, however, that, based on his demonstrated financial inability to pay, the disgorgement amount plus pre-judgment interest is waived. Romano consented to the entry of the Final Judgment without admitting or denying the allegations in the Commission's complaint. Also on February 21, a Final Judgment was entered against Gary S. Williky (Williky) ordering him to pay disgorgement in the amount of \$1,000,000, plus pre-judgment interest of \$286,298.25, provided, however, that all but \$100,000 of the disgorgement amount and pre-judgment interest is waived based on his demonstrated financial inability to pay the full amount. The Court did not order Romano or Williky to pay civil penalties based on their financial condition.

The Commission's complaint alleged that Williky, while chairman of the board and registered principal of Chelsea Street Securities Inc. (Chelsea), a now defunct broker-dealer, and Romano, while vice-president of sales for Chelsea, engaged in the fraudulent offer and sale of the securities of four speculative companies through Chelsea, and engaged in undisclosed manipulative sales practices, including "matched" trading and "wash" purchase and sales transactions. [SEC v. Gary S. Williky and James J. Romano, USDC, ND/TX, Dallas Division] (LR-14836)

ORDER OF PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF BY CONSENT AGAINST AYM FINANCIAL CORPORATION, THOMAS PALEY AND ADAM JUECHTER

On March 6, the Honorable Robert S. Gawthrok, III, District Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, signed an Order of Preliminary Injunction and Other Equitable Relief by Consent against AYM Financial Corporation (AYM), Thomas M. Paley (Paley), AYM's president and co-owner, and Adam S. Juechter (Juechter), AYM's executive vice-president and co-owner. The Order preliminarily enjoins AYM, Paley and Juechter from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder. The Order also freezes the defendant's assets and grants other emergency relief. AYM, Paley and Juechter consented to the Order without admitting or denying the allegations in the Commission's complaint.

The Commission's complaint alleges that since at least April 1994 through the present, the defendants engaged in a scheme to defraud investors by making fraudulent representations and omissions in connection with the sale of interests in a purported trading program involving the foreign currency exchange spot market (Forex market). The complaint alleges that, since April 1994, the defendants sold at least \$3 million in interests in its purported trading program to at least 177 investors. The complaint alleges that AYM, acting through Paley and Juechter, misrepresented to investors that it was in the business of trading in the Forex market using specialized skills and expertise when, in fact, it was simply misappropriating investor funds and operating a Ponzi scheme. The complaint also alleges that AYM lulled investors by misrepresenting that investor funds will be returned in a timely and orderly fashion when, in fact, AYM does not have adequate assets to repay investors. [SEC v. AYM Financial Corporation, Thomas M. Paley and Adam S. Juechter, USDC, ED PA., Civil Action No. 96-CV-1723] (LR-14837)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

THE BENCHMARK FUNDS AND THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until April 1 to request a hearing on an application filed by The Benchmark Funds (Trust) and The Northern Trust Company, the Trust's investment adviser, for an order under Section 17(d) of the Act and Rule 17d-1 thereunder to permit applicants to jointly enter into repurchase agreements with non-affiliated counterparties. (Rel. IC-21808 - March 5)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY, ET AL.

An order has been issued authorizing a proposal by AGL Resources, Inc. (AGLR) and Atlanta Gas Light Company, Inc. (AGL), a gas public-utility holding company exempt from registration under Section 3(a)(2) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (Act) pursuant to Rule 2 thereunder. AGLR has been authorized to acquire directly all of the outstanding common stock of AGL and, indirectly, all of the outstanding shares of Chattanooga Gas Company, a gas utility subsidiary of AGL. AGLR additionally has been granted an exemption under Section 3(a)(1) from all provisions of the Act, except Section 9(a)(2). Also, AGL has been granted an exemption under Section 3(a)(2) from all provisions of the Act, except Section 9(a)(2). (Rel. 35-26482)

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

WITHDRAWALS SOUGHT

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until March 26 to comment on the application of Simula, Inc. to withdraw from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange its Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value and its 12% Senior Subordinated Notes (Series 1993), due 1998. (Rel. 34-36924)

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until March 26 to comment on the application of Voice Control Systems, Inc. to withdraw from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange its Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value. (Rel. 34-36925)

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until March 26 to comment on the application of Mobile Mini, Inc. to withdraw from listing and registration on the Pacific Stock Exchange its Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value and its Warrants. (Rel. 34-36926)

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

The Commission approved a proposed rule change submitted by the Pacific Stock Exchange (SR-PSE-95-29) relating to the composition and duties of its Options Allocation Committee. Publication of the approval order is expected in the Federal Register during the week of March 11. (Rel. 34-36917)

The Commission approved a proposed rule change submitted by the New York Stock Exchange (SR-NYSE-95-45) relating to additions to the "List of Exchange Rule Violations and Fines Applicable Thereto Pursuant to Rule 476A." (Rel. 34-36927)

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The Chicago Board Options Exchange filed a proposed rule change (SR-CBOE-96-09) to list and trade options on the Mexican Indice de Precios y Cotizaciones Index, a broad-based, capitalization weighted index comprised of thirty-five Mexican stocks traded on the Mexican Stock Exchange. Publication of the notice is expected in the Federal Register during the week of March 11. (Rel. 34-36920; IS-945)

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS

The following registration statements have been filed with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933. The reported information appears as follows: Form, Name, Address and Phone Number (if available) of the issuer of the security; Title and the number and/or face amount of the securities being offered; Name of the managing underwriter or depositor (if applicable); File number and date filed; Assigned Branch; and a designation if the statement is a New Issue.

S-3 DRESSER INDUSTRIES INC /DE/, 2001 ROSS AVE, P O BOX 718, DALLAS, TX 75201 (214) 740-6000 - 400,000,000 (\$400,000,000) STRAIGHT BONDS. (FILE 333-1303 - FEB. 29) (BR. 9)

S-3 COEUR D ALENE MINES CORP, 400 COEUR D ALENE MINES BLDG, 505 FRONT AVE, COEUR D ALENE, ID 83814 (208) 667-3511 - \$143,750,000 PREFERRED STOCK. (FILE 333-1305 - FEB. 29) (BR. 1)

S-3 MATTEL INC /DE/, 333 CONTINENTAL BLVD, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245 (310) 524-4600 (FILE 333-1307 - FEB. 29) (BR. 11)

S-4 AMVESTORS FINANCIAL CORP, 415 SOUTHWEST 8TH AVE, P O BOX 2039, TOPEKA, KS 66601 (913) 233-3600 - 7,678,645 (\$40,750,397.57) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-1309 - FEB. 29) (BR. 10)

REGISTRATIONS CONT.

- S-3 WATER JEL TECHNOLOGIES INC, 243 VETERANS BLVD, CARLSTADT, NJ 07072
(201) 507-8300 - 849,789 (\$2,629,034.70) COMMON STOCK. 353,192
(\$251,119.50) WARRANTS, OPTIONS OR RIGHTS. (FILE 333-1313 - FEB. 29)
(BR. 8)
- S-3 AURA SYSTEMS INC, 2335 ALASKA AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245 (310) 643-5300
- 3,764,878 (\$17,769,785) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-1315 - FEB. 29) (BR. 3)
- S-8 JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP INC /DE/, 251 S LAKE AVE, PASADENA, CA 91101
(818) 449-2171 - 1,500,000 (\$42,840,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-1317 -
FEB. 29) (BR. 9)
- S-8 VALSPAR CORP, 1101 THIRD ST SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415 (612) 375-7845
- 500,000 (\$23,218,750) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-1319 - FEB. 29) (BR. 1)
- S-3 ELECTROMAGNETIC SCIENCES INC, PO BOX 7700, TECHNOLOGY PARK/ATLANTA,
NORCROSS, GA 30091 (404) 263-9200 - 457,052 (\$5,656,019) COMMON STOCK.
(FILE 333-1323 - FEB. 29) (BR. 3)
- S-8 WMX TECHNOLOGIES INC, 3003 BUTTERFIELD RD, OAK BROOK, IL 60521
(708) 572-2478 - 700,000 (\$20,037,500) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-1325 -
FEB. 29) (BR. 8)
- S-1 WMX TECHNOLOGIES INC, 3003 BUTTERFIELD RD, OAK BROOK, IL 60521
(708) 572-2478 - 2,500,000 (\$71,562,500) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-1327 -
FEB. 29) (BR. 8)
- S-3 LOUISIANA POWER & LIGHT CO /LA/, 639 LOYOLA AVE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70113
(504) 595-3100 (FILE 333-1329 - FEB. 29) (BR. 8)
- S-8 VECTOR AEROMOTIVE CORP, 400 N MARINE AVE, WILMINGTON, CA 90744
(310) -52-2-55 - 1,000,000 (\$745,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-1331 -
FEB. 29) (BR. 4)
- S-8 WANG LABORATORIES INC, 600 TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE, BILLERICA, MA 01821
(508) 967-5000 - 4,938,284 (\$119,136,101.50) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-1333
- FEB. 29) (BR. 9)
- S-8 WANG LABORATORIES INC, 600 TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE, BILLERICA, MA 01821
(508) 967-5000 - 43,875 (\$41,953.28) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-1335 -
FEB. 29) (BR. 9)
- S-3 COLUMBIA HCA HEALTHCARE CORP/, ONE PARK PLZ, NASHVILLE, TN 37203
(615) 327-9551 - 400,000 (\$22,125,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-1337 -
FEB. 29) (BR. 6)
- S-8 ADVANCED NMR SYSTEMS INC, 47 JONSPIN RD, WILMINGTON, MA 01887
(508) 657-8876 - 460,316 (\$966,663.60) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-1343 -
FEB. 29) (BR. 8)
- S-8 BEV TYME INC, 134 MORGAN AVE, BROOKLYN, NY 11237 (718) 894-4300 -
300,000 (\$2,421,000) PREFERRED STOCK. (FILE 333-1636 - FEB. 26) (BR. 4)
- S-1 FIRST FINANCIAL CORP /RI/, 180 WASHINGTON ST, PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
(401) 421-3600 - 575,000 (\$6,037,500) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-1654 -
FEB. 26) (BR. 2)

RECENT 8K FILINGS

Form 8-K is used by companies to file current reports on the following events:

- Item 1. Changes in Control of Registrant.
- Item 2. Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.
- Item 3. Bankruptcy or Receivership.
- Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.
- Item 5. Other Materially Important Events.
- Item 6. Resignations of Registrant's Directors.
- Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.
- Item 8. Change in Fiscal Year.

The companies listed below have filed 8-K reports for the date indicated and/or amendments to 8-K reports previously filed, responding to the item(s) of the form specified. Copies of the reports may be purchased from the Commission's Public Reference Room (when ordering, please give the date of the report). An invoice will be included with the requested material when mailed.

NAME OF ISSUER	STATE CODE	8K ITEM NO.								DATE	COMMENT
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
STRUCTURED ASSET SEC CORP MORT PASS THRO	DE				X	X				02/26/96	
STRUCTURED MORT SEC CORP MORT PASS THRO					X	X				02/26/96	
SWING N SLIDE CORP	DE	X				X				03/01/96	
SWVA BANCSHARES INC	VA				X	X				02/21/96	
SYRATECH CORP	DE		X				X			02/15/96	
TANGER FACTORY OUTLET CENTERS INC							X			03/04/96	
TASTY FRIES INC	NV				X					02/21/96	
TCS ENTERPRISES INC	CA			X						03/04/96	
TCSI CORP	NV				X					02/28/96	
TEAM RENTAL GROUP INC	DE					X				02/29/96	
TELECOMM INDUSTRIES CORP	DE			X		X				01/30/96	AMEND
TMS AUTO HOLDINGS INC							X			02/16/96	
TMS AUTO HOLDINGS INC TMS AUTO GRAN TR A	NJ						X			02/16/96	
TRANSACTION NETWORK SERVICES INC	DE				X					03/04/96	
TRANSTAR CAPITAL CORP	DE				X	X				03/04/96	
TRANSTAR HOLDINGS LP	DE				X	X				03/04/96	
TREMONT CORPORATION	DE		X			X				02/15/96	
TRI LITE INC /PA/	PA		X	X	X					02/14/96	
UNION BANKSHARES LTD	DE				X	X				03/01/96	
VALMONT INDUSTRIES INC	DE		X							02/28/96	
WALL STREET FINANCIAL CORP /DE/	DE				X					02/29/96	
WELLPOINT HEALTH NETWORKS INC	DE				X	X				02/20/96	
WINTHROP PARTNERS 79 LTD PARTNERSHIP	MA				X	X				02/29/96	
WISCONSIN CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION CORP	DE				X					02/24/96	
WORLD OMNI 1994 B AUTOMOBILE LEASE SECUR	DE				X					01/31/96	
WORLD OMNI 1994-A AUTOMOBILE LEASE SECUR	DE				X					01/31/96	
WORLD OMNI 1995-A AUTOMOBILE LEASE SECUR	IL				X					01/31/96	