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COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAIRMAN LEVITT AND OKLAHOMA OFFICIALS TO HOLD INVESTORS' TOWN MEETING IN TULSA

On Monday, August 4, Chairman Levitt, U.S. Representative Steve Largent, and Irving Fought, Administrator of the Oklahoma Securities Commission, will hold an Investors' Town Meeting at the Union Performing Arts Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. More than 800 investors are expected to attend the free educational event. (Press Rel. 97-57)

RULES AND RELATED MATTERS

REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OF CERTAIN INVESTMENT COMPANY SECURITIES

The Commission has issued a release proposing amendments to Rule 24f-2 under the Investment Company Act and Form 24F-2 to implement a provision of the National Securities Markets Improvement Act of 1996 relating to the registration of certain investment company securities under the Securities Act of 1933. The proposed amendments would simplify the method of determining the amount of registration fees on these securities. The Commission also proposed conforming amendments to several rules and forms, and to rescind Rules 24e-2 and 24f-1 under the Investment Company Act. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robin S. Gross at (202) 942-0690 (Rel. 33-7430; IC-22747; File No. S7-19-97)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

PIMCO ADVISORS FUNDS

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until August 5 to request a hearing on an application filed by PIMCO Advisors Funds for an order under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-22745 - July 11)

THE LAZARD RETIREMENT SERIES, INC., ET AL.

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until August 5 to request a hearing on an application filed by Lazard Retirement Series, Inc. (the Company) and Lazard Asset Management (LAM) (collectively, Applicants). Applicants seek an order pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act granting exemptions from the provisions of Sections 9(a), 13(a), 15(a), and 15(b) of the Act, and Rules 6e-2(b)(15) and 6e-3(T)(b)(15) thereunder. The order would permit shares of the Company and shares of any other investment company that is offered as a vehicle to fund insurance products and for which LAM, or any of its affiliates, may serve as investment adviser, administrator, manager, principal underwriter or sponsor, to be sold to and held by variable annuity and variable life insurance separate accounts of both affiliated and unaffiliated life insurance companies; and qualified pension and retirement plans outside of the context of separate accounts. (Rel. IC-22746 - July 11)

THE STRANGER FUND, L.P.

An order has been issued under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act declaring that The Stranger Fund, L.P. has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-22748 - July 14)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

AEP GENERATING COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until August 4 to request a hearing on a proposal by AEP Generating Company (Generating), an electric public-utility subsidiary company of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (AEP), a registered holding company. Generating proposes to pay dividends to AEP out of paid-in capital, to the extent permitted by corporate law, from time to time through December 31, 2002. Generating also requests removal of the requirement that, in the payment of any dividend out of capital, it maintain a percentage of common equity to total capitalization at or above 30%. (Rel. 35-26740)

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

WITHDRAWALS GRANTED

An order has been issued granting the application of Amerac Energy Corporation to withdraw from listing and registration its Common Stock, \$0.05 Par Value, on the <u>Boston Stock Exchange</u>. (Rel. 34-38834)

An order has been issued granting the application of The Great Train Store Company to withdraw from listing and registration its Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value, on the <u>Pacific Exchange</u>. (Rel. 34-38835)

An order has been issued granting the application of Borland International, Inc. to withdraw from listing and registration its Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value, on the <u>Boston Stock Exchange</u>. (Rel. 34-38836)

An order has been issued granting the application of Capital Properties, Inc. to withdraw from listing and registration its Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value, on the <u>Boston Stock Exchange</u>. (Rel. 34-38838)

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS

- SB-2 INTERCORP EXCELLE INC, 1880 ORMONT DRIVE, TORONTO ONTARIO, A6 (416) 744-2124 1,150,000 (\$5,750,000) COMMON STOCK 1,350,000 (\$127,010) FOREIGN COMMON STOCK 1,415,000 (\$8,425,000) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-7202 JUL 07) (BR 2 NEW ISSUE)
- F-1 ISPAT INTERNATIONAL NV, ROTTERDAM BLDG AERT VAN NESSTRAAT 45, 3012 CA ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS, P8 1,000,000 (\$24,000,000) FOREIGN COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-7206 JUL 07) (BR 6 NEW ISSUE)
- F-6 BRAZIL REALTY SA EMPREENDIMENTOS E PARTICIPACOES/ADR/, FOUR ALBANY ST, C/O BANKERS TRUST CO, NEW YORK, NY 10006 (212) 250-6291 10,000,000 (\$500,000) DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS FOR COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-7208 JUL. 07) (BR 99 NEW ISSUE)
- F-8 CRESTAR ENERGY INC, 3000 700 2ND ST SW, PO BOX 888, CAALGARY ALBERTA CANDAD, A0 (403) 231-6700 - 263,500 (\$5,096,090) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-7210 - JUL 07) (BR 4)
- S-8 CARDINAL REALTY SERVICES INC, 6954 AMERICANA PKWY, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068 (614) 759-1566 440,218 (\$10,400,150) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30849 JUL 08) (BR 8)
- SB-2 USA TECHNOLOGIES INC, 200 PLANT AVENUE, WAYNE, PA 19087 (610) 989-0340 1,974,000 (\$789,600) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-30853 JUL 08) (BR 7)
- S-8 EXTEN INDUSTRIES INC, 9625 BLACK MOUNTAIN RD STE 218, SAN DIEGO, CA 92126 (619) 578-9784 - 3,593,043 (\$179,652) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30855 - JUL 08) (BR 8)

- S-8 MASCO CORP /DE/, 21001 VAN BORN RD, TAYLOR, MI 48180 (313) 274-7400 500,000 (\$21,078,150) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-30867 JUL 08) (BR. 6)
- S-8 MASCOTECH INC, 21001 VAN BORN RD, TAYLOR, MI 48180 (313) 274-7405 500,000 (\$10,093,750) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-30869 JUL 08) (BR. 5)
- S-8 WYLE ELECTRONICS, 15370 BARRANCA PKWY, IRVINE, CA 92718 (714) 753-9953 250,000 (\$10,312,500) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30873 JUL 08) (BR. 6)
- S-8 SPANLINK COMMUNICATIONS INC, 7125 NORTHLAND TERRACE, BROOKLYN PARK, MN 55428 (612) 971-2000 250,000 (\$672,000) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30875 JUL 08) (BR 3)
- S-8 THERMADYNE HOLDINGS CORP /DE, 101 S HANLEY ROAD, ST LOUIS, MO 63105 (314) 721-5573 500,000 (\$15,406,250) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-30877 JUL 08) (BR 4)
- S-3 SEARS ROEBUCK ACCEPTANCE CORP, 3711 KENNETT PIKE, GREENVILLE, DE 19807 (302) 888-3112 4,500,000,000 (\$4,500,000,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-30879 JUL 08) (BR 7)
- S-4 SILGAN HOLDINGS INC, 4 LANDMARK SQ, STAMFORD, CT 06901 (203) 975-7110 300,000,000 (\$300,000,000) STRAIGHT BONDS. (FILE 333-30881 JUL 08) (BR 6)
- S-1 FEDERAL TRUST CORP, 1270 ORANGE AVENUE, STE C, WINTER PARK, FL 32789 (407) 645-5550 2,701,619 (\$5,403,238) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30883 JUL 08) (BR 7)
- S-8 PROFIT RECOVERY GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC, 2300 WINDY RIDGE PKWY, STE 100 N, ATLANTA, GA 30339 (770) 955-3815 - 750,000 (\$10,597,500) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30885 - JUL. 08) (BR 4)
- S-4 INFOCURE CORP, 2970 CLAIRMONT ROAD, SUITE 950, ATLANTA, GA 30329 (404) 633-0046 575,290 (\$3,451,740) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30887 JUL 08) (BR 9)
- S-8 GULF SOUTH MEDICAL SUPPLY INC, 426 CHRISTINE DR, RIDGELAND, MS 39157 (601) 856-5900 850,000 (\$16,666,300) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30891 JUL 08) (BR 1)
- S-3 LEGGETT & PLATT INC, NO 1 LEGGETT RD, CARTHAGE, MO 64836 (417) 358-8131 67,685 (\$2,872,382 19) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30893 JUL 08) (BR 6)
- S-8 PHAR MOR INC, 20 FEDERAL PLZ W, YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44501 2,100,000 (\$13,387,500) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30895 JUL 08) (BR 1)
- S-3 POPULAR INC, 209 MUNOZ RIVERA AVE, POPULAR CENTER BUILDING, HATO REY, PR 00918 (809) 765-9800 - 2,000,000 (\$80,750,000) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30897 - JUL 08) (BR 7)
- S-4 MCKESSON CORP, ONE POST ST, MCKESSON PLAZA, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104 (415) 983-8300 - 525,000,000 (\$525,000,000) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30899 - JUL 08) (BR 1)
- S-8 LAMALIE ASSOCIATES INC, 200 PARK AVE, STE 3100, NEW YORK, NY 10166 (813) 961-7494 200,000 (\$3,168,000) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30903 JUL 08) (BR 7)
- S-3 PROTECTIVE LIFE CORP, 2801 HGWY 280 S, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35223 (205) 879-9230 200,000,000 (\$200,000,000) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30905 JUL 08) (BR 1)
- S-8 BAY NETWORKS INC, 4401 GREAT AMERICA PKWY, SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 (408) 988-2400 137,866 (\$49,128 14) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30907 JUL 08) (BR 3)
- S-3 DT INDUSTRIES INC, CORPORATE CENTRE SUITE 2-300, 1949 E SUNSHINE, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65804 (417) 890-0102 - 1,400,000 (\$70,000,000) PREFERRED STOCK (FILE 333-30909 - JUL 08) (BR 5)

- S-1 CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO, 707 SELDEN ST, BERLIN, CT 06037 (203) 665-5000 200,000,000 (\$200,000,000) MORTGAGE BONDS (FILE 333-30911 JUL 08) (BR 4)
- S-8 GREATER BAY BANCORP, 2860 WEST BAYSHORE ROAD, PALO ALTO, CA 94303 (415) 375-1555 450,000 (\$14,737,500) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30913 JUL 08) (BR 7)
- S-8 GREATER BAY BANCORP, 2860 WEST BAYSHORE ROAD, PALO ALTO, CA 94303 (415) 375-1555 176,434 (\$4,911,923) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30915 JUL 08) (BR 7)
- S-3 STERLING CHEMICALS HOLDINGS INC /TX/, 1200 SMITH ST, SUITE 1900, HOUSTON, TX 77002 (713) 220-4200 - 575,253 (\$5,752 53) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-30917 - JUL 08) (BR 4)
- S-3 MEDPARTNERS INC, 3000 GALLERIA TOWER, STE 1000, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244 (205) 733-8996 402,500,000 (\$402,500,000) STRAIGHT BONDS (FILE 333-30921 JUL 09) (BR 1)