

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by June 29, 2007 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to [splimpton@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpton@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to [splimpton@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpton@nsf.gov).

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Antarctic emergency response plan and environmental protection information.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0180.

*Expiration Date of Approval:*

November 30, 2007.

*Abstract:* The NSF, pursuant to the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2401 et seq.) ("ACA") regulates certain non-governmental activities in Antarctica. The ACA was amended in 1996 by the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act. On September 7, 2001, NSF published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 46739) implementing certain of these statutory amendments. The rule requires non-governmental Antarctic expeditions using non-U.S. flagged vessels to ensure that the vessel owner has an emergency response plan. The rule also requires persons organizing a non-governmental expedition to provide expedition members with information on their environmental protection obligations under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

*Expected Respondents.* Respondents may include non-profit organizations and small and large businesses. The majority of respondents are anticipated to be U.S. tour operators, currently estimated to number twelve.

*Burden on the Public.* The Foundation estimates that a one-time paperwork and

recordkeeping burden of 40 hours or less, at a cost of \$500 to \$1400 per respondent, will result from the emergency response plan requirement contained in the rule. Presently, all respondents have been providing expedition members with a copy of the Guidance for Visitors to the Antarctic (prepared and adopted at the Eighteenth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting as Recommendation XVIII-1). Because this Antarctic Treaty System document satisfies the environmental protection information requirements of the rule, no additional burden shall result from the environmental information requirements in the proposed rule.

Dated: April 24, 2007.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

*Extension:*

Form N-3, SEC File No. 270-281, OMB Control No. 3235-0316.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

The title for the collection of information is "Form N-3 (17 CFR 239.17a and 274.11b) under the Securities Act of 1933 and under the Investment Company Act of 1940, Registration Statement of Separate Accounts Organized as Management Investment Companies." Form N-3 is the form used by insurance company separate accounts organized as management investment companies that offer variable annuity contracts to register as investment companies under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 et seq.) and/or to register their securities under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.). The primary purpose of the registration process is to provide disclosure of financial and other

information to investors and potential investors for the purpose of evaluating an investment in a security. Form N-3 also permits separate accounts organized as management investment companies that offer annuity contracts to provide investors with a prospectus containing information required in a registration statement prior to the sale or at the time of confirmation of delivery of securities. The form also may be used by the Commission in its regulatory review, inspection, and policy-making roles.

The Commission estimates that there are 2 initial registration statements and 30 post-effective amendments to initial registration statements filed on Form N-3 annually and that the average number of portfolios referenced in each initial filing and post-effective amendment is 2. The Commission further estimates that the hour burden for preparing and filing a post-effective amendment on Form N-3 is 154.7 hours per portfolio. The total annual hour burden for preparing and filing post-effective amendments is 9,282 hours (30 post-effective amendments × 2 portfolios × 154.7 hours per portfolio). The estimated annual hour burden for preparing and filing initial registration statements is 3,690.8 hours (2 initial registration statements × 2 portfolios × 922.7 hours per portfolio). The total annual hour burden for Form N-3, therefore, is estimated to be 12,972.8 hours (9,282 hours + 3,690.8 hours).

The information collection requirements imposed by Form N-3 are mandatory. Responses to the collection of information will not be kept confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number

General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or e-mail to: [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov); and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312, or send an e-mail to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov). Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: April 23, 2007.

**Florence E. Harmon,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-27783; File No. 812-13334]

### XTF Advisors Trust, et al.; Notice of Application

April 25, 2007.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or the "Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice of Application for exemption pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), for an exemption from the provisions of Sections 9(a), 13(a), 15(a), and 15(b) of the 1940 Act and Rules 6e-2(b)(15) and 6e-3(T)(b)(15) thereunder.

**APPLICANTS:** XTF Advisors Trust (the "Trust") and XTF Advisors LLC, (the "Investment Advisor"), (collectively the "Applicants").

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicants request an order pursuant to Section 6(c) of the 1940 Act exempting certain life insurance companies and their separate accounts that currently invest or may hereafter invest in the Insurance Funds (defined below) from the provisions of Sections 9(a), 13(a), 15(a), and 15(b) of the 1940 Act and Rules 6e-2(b)(15) and 6e-3(T)(b)(15) thereunder, to the extent necessary to permit shares of the Trust and shares of any future investment companies that are designed to fund insurance products and for which the Investment Advisor or any of its affiliates may serve as investment manager, investment adviser, subadviser, administrator, principal underwriter or sponsor (each, an "Insurance Fund" and collectively, the "Insurance Funds") to be sold to and held by: (a) Separate accounts funding variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies (collectively "Variable Contracts") issued by both affiliated life insurance companies and unaffiliated life insurance companies; (b) trustees of qualified group pension and group retirement plans outside of the separate account context ("Qualified Plans"); (c) separate accounts that are not registered as investment companies under the 1940 Act pursuant to exemptions from registration under Section 3(c) of the 1940 Act; (d) any Advisor to an Insurance Fund for the purpose of providing seed capital to an

Insurance Fund; and (e) any other company of a Participating Insurance Company permitted to hold shares of an Insurance Fund ("General Accounts"). **FLING DATE:** The Application was filed on October 17, 2006, and amended on April 17, 2007.

**HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING:** If no hearing is ordered, the requested exemption will be granted. Any interested person may request a hearing on this Application, or ask to be notified if a hearing is ordered. Any requests must be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on May 21, 2007. Request a hearing in writing, giving the nature of your interest, the reason for the request, and the issues you contest. Serve the Applicants with the request, either personally or by mail, and also send it to the Secretary of the Commission, along with proof of service by affidavit, or in the case of any attorney-at-law by certificate. Request notification of the date of a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

**ADDRESSES:** The Commission: Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090; Applicants: c/o JoAnn Strasser, Esq., Thompson Hine LLP, 312 Walnut St., Suite 1400, Cincinnati Ohio 45202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert S. Lamont, Jr., Senior Counsel, or Joyce M. Pickholz, Branch Chief, Office of Insurance Products, Division of Investment Management, at (202) 551-6795.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the Application; the complete Application is available for a fee from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 100 F Street, NE., Room 1580, Washington, DC 20549-1090 (telephone (202) 551-8090).

#### Applicants' Representations

1. Each Insurance Fund is registered under the 1940 Act as an open-end management investment company. The Trust was organized under Delaware law on October 10, 2006 and is registered under the 1940 Act as a management investment company (File Nos. 811-21971/333-138261).

2. The Investment Advisor was organized in 2002, under the laws of the State of Delaware, and registered with the Commission under the Investment Advisors Act of 1940, as amended, in 2005. The sole member of the Investment Advisor is XTF L.P., a Delaware limited partnership.

3. Applicants represent that the Trust intends to, and other Insurance Funds may in the future, offer Shares to

separate accounts of affiliated and unaffiliated insurance companies in order to fund various types of insurance products. These separate accounts are, or will be, registered as investment companies under the 1940 Act or will be exempt from such registration under Section 3(c) of the 1940 Act (individually a "Separate Account" and collectively the "Separate Accounts"). Insurance companies whose Separate Account(s) may now or in the future own Shares are referred to herein as "Participating Insurance Companies."

4. Applicants represent that the Participating Insurance Companies have established, or will establish, their own Separate Accounts and design their own Variable Contracts. Each Participating Insurance Company has, or will have, the legal obligation to satisfy all applicable requirements under both State and Federal law. Each Participating Insurance Company may rely on Rule 6e-2 or Rule 6e-3(T) under the 1940 Act, although in connection with the establishment and maintenance of Separate Accounts funding variable life insurance policies some Participating Insurance Companies may rely on individual exemptive orders as well.

5. Applicants state that each Participating Insurance Company on behalf of its Separate Accounts has entered, or will enter, into a participation agreement with each Insurance Fund in which it invests which will govern participation by the Participating Insurance Company in such Insurance Fund (a "Participation Agreement"). The role of the Insurance Fund under this arrangement, insofar as Federal securities laws are applicable, will consist of offering Shares to the Separate Accounts and fulfilling any conditions that the Commission may impose upon granting the order requested herein.

6. Applicants propose that the Insurance Funds also be permitted to offer and/or sell Shares to Qualified Plans administered by a Trustee. Section 817(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), imposes certain diversification standards on the underlying assets of Separate Accounts funding Variable Contracts. In particular, the Code provides that Variable Contracts shall not be treated as an annuity contract or life insurance policy for any period (and any subsequent period) for which the underlying assets are not, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Treasury Department, adequately diversified. On March 2, 1989, the Treasury Department issued Treasury Regulations (Treas. Reg. Section 1.817-