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SBIB STERLING BANCSHARES INC
SBKC SECURITY BANK CORP
SBNY SIGNATURE BANK NEW YORK NY
SBP SANTANDER BANCORP
SBSI SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
SCA SECURITY CAPITAL ASSURANCE
 LTD
SCB COMMUNITY BANKSHARES INC S C
SCBT S C B T FINANCIAL CORP
SCHW SCHWAB CHARLES CORP NEW
SCMF SOUTHERN COMMUNITY FINCL
 CORP
SEAB SEABRIGHT INSURANCE
 HOLDINGS INC
SF STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP
SFG STANCORP FINANCIAL GROUP INC
SFNC SIMMONS 1ST NATIONAL CORP
SFST SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES
 INC
SGB SOUTHWEST GEORGIA FINANCIAL
 CORP
SHG SHINHAN FINANCIAL GROUP CO
 LTD
SIEB SIEBERT FINANCIAL CORP
    SI FINANCIAL GROUP INC
    SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP INC
SIGI
SIVB
    S V B FINANCIAL GROUP
SLF SUN LIFE FINANCIAL INC
SLM S L M CORP
SMBC SOUTHERN MISSOURI BANCORP
 INC
SMCG
     MILLENNIUM INDIA ACQUISIT CO
 INC
SMHG SANDERS MORRIS HARRIS
 GROUP INC
      SUMMIT FINANCIAL GROUP INC
SMMF
SMTB
     SMITHTOWN BANCORP INC
     SUN BANCORP INC
SNBC
SNV SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP
SOCB SOUTHCOAST FINANCIAL CORP
SOMH SOMERSET HILLS BANCORP
SONA SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANCORP
 VA INC
SOV SOVEREIGN BANCORP INC
SRCE 1ST SOURCE CORP
SSBI SUMMIT STATE BANK
SSBX
     SILVER STATE BANCORP
SSFN
     STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL CORP
STBA S & T BANCORP INC
     STATE BANCORP INC NY
STBC
STBK
     STERLING BANKS INC
STEL STELLARONE CORP
    STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORP
STFC
STI SUNTRUST BANKS INC
STL STERLING BANCORP
STSA STERLING FINANCIAL CORP
 WASH
STT STATE STREET CORP
STU STUDENT LOAN CORP
SUAI SPECIALTY UNDERWRITERS ALL
 INC
SUBK
     SUFFOLK BANCORP
SUFB
     SUFFOLK FIRST BANK VA
SUPR SUPERIOR BANCORP
SUR CNASURETY CORP
SUSQ SUSQUEHANNA BANCSHARES
 INC PA
SVBI SEVERN BANCORP INC MD
SWS SWS GROUP INC
SYBT S Y BANCORP INC
TAMB TAMALPAIS BANCORP
TAQ TRANSFORMA ACQUISITION
 GROUP INC
TAYC TAYLOR CAPITAL GROUP INC
     BANCORP INC
TBBK
     BANK HOLDINGS THE
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TCB T C F FINANCIAL CORP
TCBI TEXAS CAPITAL BANCSHARES INC
TCBK TRICO BANCSHARES
TCH 21ST CENTURY HOLDING CO
TDBK TIDELANDS BANCSHARES INC
TFIN TEAM FINANCIAL INC
     TFS FINANCIAL CORP
TFSL
TGIC
    TRIAD GUARANTY INC
THFF FIRST FINANCIAL CORP IN
THG HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP INC
THRD TFFINANCIAL CORP
TIBB T I B FINANCIAL CORP
TIL TRANS INDIA ACQUISITION CORP
TMCV
      TEMECULA VALLEY BANCORP
 INC
TMK
     TORCHMARK CORP
TMP TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP
TNCC TENNESSEE COMMERCE
 BANCORP INC
TOFC TOWER FINANCIAL CORP
TONE TIERONE CORP
TOWN TOWNEBANK
TRH TRANSATLANTIC HOLDINGS INC
TROW T ROWE PRICE GROUP INC TRST TRUSTCO BANK CORP NY
TRUE CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP NEW
TRV TRAVELERS COMPANIES INC
TSBK
     TIMBERLAND BANCORP INC
TSFG SOUTH FINL GROUP INC
TSH TECHE HOLDING CO
TWGP TOWER GROUP INC
TWPG THOMAS WEISEL PARTNERS
  GROUP INC
UAM UNIVERSAL AMERICAN CORP
UB UNIONBANCAL CORP
UBCP UNITED BANCORP INC
UBFO UNITED SECURITY BANKSHARES
UBNK UNITED FINANCIAL BANCORP
 INC MD
UBOH UNITED BANCSHARES INC
UBS UBSAG
UBSH UNION BANKSHARES CORP
UBSI UNITED BANKSHARES INC
UCBA UNITED COMMUNITY BANCORP
UCBH UCBHHOLDINGS INC
UCBI UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC
 GA
UCFC UNITED COMMUNITY FINL CORP
 OHIO
UFCS UNITED FIRE & CAS CO
UMBF UMBFINANCIAL CORP
      UMPQUA HOLDINGS CORP
UMPQ
UNAM UNICO AMERICAN CORP
UNB UNION BANKSHARES INC
UNH UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC
     UNIVERSITY BANCORP INC
UNIB
UNM UNUM GROUP
UNTY UNITY BANCORP INC
USB USBANCORP DEL
USBI UNITED SECURITY BANCSHARES
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UTR UNITRIN INC
UVSP UNIVEST CORP OF
 PENNSYLVANIA
UWBK UNITED WESTERN BANCORP INC
VBFC VILLAGE BANK AND TRUST FINL
 CORP
VCBI VIRGINIA COMMERCE BANCORP
     V I S T FINACIAL CORP
VLY VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
VNBC VINEYARD NATIONAL BANCORP
VPFG VIEWPOINT FINANCIAL GROUP
VR VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD
VSBN VSB BANCORP INC NY
VYFC
     VALLEY FINANCIAL CORP VA
WABC WESTAMERICA
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WAIN WAINWRIGHT BANK & TRUST CO
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WAL WESTERN ALLIANCE
 BANCORPORATION
WASH WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP
WAUW WAUWATOSA HOLDINGS INC
WAYN WAYNE SAVINGS BANCSHARES
 INC NEW
WB WACHOVIA CORP 2ND NEW
WBCO WASHINGTON BANKING
 COMPANY
WBNK WACCAMAW BANKSHARES INC
WBS WEBSTER FINL CORP WATERBURY
 CONN
WCBO WEST COAST BANCORP ORE NEW
WCG WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS INC
WDR
     WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC
WFBC WILLOW FINANCIAL BANCORP
 INC
WFC WELLS FARGO & CO NEW
WFD WESTFIELD FINANCIAL INC
WFSL WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC
WGNB WGNBCORP
WHG WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP
 INC
WHI W HOLDING CO INC
WIBC WILSHIRE BANCORP INC
WL WILMINGTON TRUST CORP
WLP WELLPOINT INC
WM WASHINGTON MUTUAL INC
WPL STEWART W P & CO LTD
WRB BERKLEY W R CORP
WSB WSBHOLDINGS INC
WSBC WESBANCO INC
WSFG WSBFINANCIAL GROUP
WSFS WSFS FINANCIAL CORP
WTBA WEST BANCORPORATION INC
WTFC WINTRUST FINANCIAL
 CORPORATION
WTM WHITE MOUNTAINS INS GROUP
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WTNY WHITNEY HOLDING CORP
WVFC WVS FINANCIAL CORP
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE

[Release No. 34-58588]

COMMISSION

Emergency Order Pursuant to Section 12(k)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Taking Temporary Action To Respond to Market Developments

September 18, 2008.

The Commission is aware of the continued potential of sudden and excessive fluctuations of securities prices and disruption in the functioning of the securities markets that could threaten fair and orderly markets. Given the importance of confidence in our financial markets as a whole, we have

also become concerned about sudden and unexplained declines in the prices of securities. Such price declines can give rise to questions about the underlying financial condition of an issuer, which in turn can create a crisis of confidence without a fundamental underlying basis. This crisis of confidence can impair the liquidity and ultimate viability of an issuer, with potentially broad market consequences.

As a result of these recent developments, the Commission concluded that there continues to exist the potential of sudden and excessive fluctuations of securities prices generally and disruption in the functioning of the securities markets that could threaten fair and orderly markets. Based on this conclusion, the Commission is exercising its powers under Section 12(k)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.1 Pursuant to Section 12(k)(2), in appropriate circumstances the Commission may issue summarily an order to alter, supplement, suspend, or impose requirements or restrictions with respect to matters or actions subject to regulation by the Commission.

We have determined that issuer repurchases can represent an important source of liquidity during times of market volatility. Exchange Act Rule 10b-18 provides issuers with a safe harbor to effect repurchases within certain conditions. Historically, issuers generally have been reluctant to undertake repurchases without the certainty that their repurchases come within the safe harbor. Temporarily altering the timing and volume conditions in the safe harbor will provide additional flexibility and certainty to issuers that consider executing repurchases during the current market conditions. In these unusual and extraordinary circumstances, we believe altering the timing and volume conditions in Exchange Act Rule 10b-18 is necessary in the public interest and for the protection of investors to maintain fair and orderly securities markets, and to prevent substantial disruption in the securities markets.

It is ordered, pursuant to our Section 12(k)(2) powers, that:

In connection with a Rule 10b–18 purchase or with a Rule 10b–18 bid that is made during the period covered by this Order by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of the mails, or of any facility of any

national securities exchange, an issuer, or an affiliated purchaser of the issuer, shall not be deemed to have violated Section 9(a)(2) of the Exchange Act or Rule 10b–5 under the Exchange Act, solely by reason of the time or price at which its Rule 10b–18 bids or Rule 10b–18 purchases are made or the amount of such bids or purchases or the number of brokers or dealers used in connection with such bids or purchases if the issuer or affiliated purchaser of the issuer meets all of the conditions in Rule 10b–18 with the exception that:

(i) The time of purchases condition in paragraphs (b)(2)(i), (b)(2)(ii), and (b)(2)(iii) of Exchange Act Rule 10b–18

is suspended; and

(ii) The volume of purchases condition in paragraph (b)(4) of Exchange Act Rule 10b–18 is modified so that the amount of Rule 10b–18 purchases must not exceed 100 percent of the ADTV for the security.

All other provisions of Exchange Act Rule 10b–18, including the manner and price of purchase conditions of paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(3), are not altered by this order. Terms used in this order have the same meanings as those terms used in Exchange Act Rule 10b–18 unless stated otherwise.

This Order shall be effective at 12:01 a.m. EDT on September 19, 2008, and shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on October 2, 2008 unless further extended by the Commission.

By the Commission.

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 58591]

Securities Exchange Act of 1934; Emergency Order Pursuant to Section 12(k)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Taking Temporary Action To Respond to Market Developments

September 18, 2008.

The Commission is aware of the continued potential of sudden and excessive fluctuations of securities prices and disruption in the functioning of the securities markets that could threaten fair and orderly markets. As evidenced by our recent publication of emergency orders under Section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), we are concerned

about the possible unnecessary or artificial price movements based on unfounded rumors regarding the stability of financial institutions and other issuers exacerbated by short selling. We also believe that some persons may take advantage of issuers that have become temporarily weakened by current market conditions to engage in inappropriate short selling in the securities of such issuers.

Given the importance of confidence in our financial markets as a whole, we have become concerned about sudden and unexplained declines in the prices of securities. Such price declines can give rise to questions about the underlying financial condition of an issuer, which in turn can create a crisis of confidence without a fundamental underlying basis. This crisis of confidence can impair the liquidity and ultimate viability of an issuer, with potentially broad market consequences.

As a result of these recent developments, the Commission concluded that there continues to exist the potential of sudden and excessive fluctuations of securities prices generally and disruption in the functioning of the securities markets that could threaten fair and orderly markets. Based on this conclusion, the Commission is exercising its powers under Section 12(k)(2) of the Exchange Act.² Pursuant to Section 12(k)(2), in appropriate circumstances the Commission may by order summarily take action to alter, supplement, suspend, or impose requirements or restrictions with respect to matters or actions subject to regulation by the Commission.

We have concluded that it is necessary to require certain institutional investment managers to report information concerning daily short sales of securities. For purposes of this Order, we believe that section 13(f) of the Exchange Act and Rule 13f-1 provide useful and tested terms and definitions that provide a basis for requiring new disclosure. The Order therefore requires that an institutional investment manager that exercises investment discretion 3 with respect to accounts holding section 13(f) securities 4 having an aggregate fair market value on the last trading day of any month of any calendar year of at

¹ This finding of an "emergency" is solely for purposes of Section 12(k)(2) of the Exchange Act and is not intended to have any other effect or meaning or to confer any right or impose any obligation other than set forth in this Order.

¹ See Exchange Act Release No. 58166 (July 15, 2008), Exchange Act Release No. 58572 (September 17, 2008)

² This finding of an "emergency" is solely for purposes of Section 12(k)(2) of the Exchange Act and is not intended to have any other effect or meaning or to confer any right or impose any obligation other than set forth in this Order.

³The term "investment discretion" has the same meaning as in Exchange Act Rule 13f–1(b). See 17 CFR 240.13f–1(b).

⁴ The term "section 13(f) securities" has the same meaning as in Exchange Act Rule 13f–1(c). *See* 17 CFR 240.13f–1(c).