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NAT'L. DOLLAR STORES GRANTED LIMITED EXEMPTION. The SEC today announced a decision under the Securities Exchange Act (Release 34-8403) denying an application of The National Dollar Stores, Ltd., ("National") of San Francisco, for a conditional exemption from the registration requirements of Section 12(g) of the Act generally applicable to companies with at least 500 shareholders and more than $1,000,000 of assets whose shares are traded over-the-counter. However, certain exemptions from the related reporting requirements were granted.

National operates a chain of 47 department stores. Its assets in January 1967 exceeded $12 million. It has 10,000 common shares outstanding, sold initially to members of the Chinese community in San Francisco, and held by 599 holders. The founder's family owns about 50%, and the balance is held mostly in small amounts. The shares have been traded infrequently - during 1957-66 a total of 84 sales involving 404 shares were effected none of them through brokers. Under a practice which has been in effect for many years, stockholders wishing to sell shares have contacted the company, which has found a buyer, generally among company employees.

The Commission concluded that, while an exemption from the registration requirements would not be appropriate, in view of the limited trading interest in National's stock, it would not be inconsistent with the public interest to exempt National from the periodic reporting requirements under certain conditions. Under this disposition, the company will be required to comply with the requirements as to proxy solicitations and its insiders will be subject to the insider reporting and trading provisions of the Act. The Commission's order also provides that the certified financial statements included in National's annual reports to shareholders shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in its proxy or information statements filed with the Commission, so that the provisions of Section 18 of the Act (which provides for civil liabilities for false filings) shall be applicable thereto. In addition, when acting as a middleman between seller and buyer, National is obliged to furnish any person to whom shares are offered with a copy of the most recent proxy or information statement and annual report. In addition, National must inform the Commission annually of all sales of its stock and must advise the Commission promptly of any material change in the facts recited in the decision. The Commission expressly reserved jurisdiction to reconsider the exemption in the event of such a change or if its rules and regulations relating to disclosures by Section 12(g) companies should be changed.

STOCK PLAN FILED. Associated Baby Services, Inc., 149 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10016, filed registration statements with the SEC, as follows: File 2-30092--45,000 common shares issuable under its stock option plan for officers and key employees; and File 2-30094--$1,278,696 of participations in its 1968 Employees Stock Purchase Plan (and 60,530 underlying common shares).

CYCLOPS SHARES IN REGISTRATION. Cyclops Corporation, 650 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15228, filed a registration statement (File 2-30090) with the SEC on September 9 seeking registration of 60,987 shares of $6 convertible preferred stock, Series A, and 143,496 common shares issuable upon conversion of these preferred shares. The Series A preferred shares were issued to certain shareholders in connection with the merger of Sawhill Tubular Products, Inc., into the company, which merger was approved by shareholders of the two companies on July 30.

SEILON FILES EXCHANGE PLAN. Seilon, Inc , 406 Madison Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604, filed a registration statement (File 2-30091) with the SEC on September 10 seeking registration of 203,534 shares of common stock. Seilon proposes to offer 81,386 shares in exchange for 12,521 shares of its outstanding prior preferred stock, and 122,148 shares in exchange for 18,792 shares of Class A preferred stock--at the rate of 6½ common shares for each share of prior preferred and Class A preferred. The company has proposed the exchange "to simplify its capital structure in order to facilitate its future growth and development."

The company is engaged primarily in the manufacture and sale of specialized agricultural machinery, the production of plastics for industrial and commercial purposes and the manufacture and sale of footwear products. In addition to indebtedness and the preferred shares, it has outstanding 1,438,121 common shares and 56,238 warrants. Of the outstanding common, management officials as a group own 14 06% and Lamb Enterprises, Inc., 50.65% (the latter is controlled by Edward Lamb, chairman of executive committee).

DETROIT EDISON TO SELL BONDS. The Detroit Edison Company, 2000 Second Avenue, Detroit, Mich. 48226, filed a registration statement (File 2-30095) with the SEC on September 10 seeking registration of $150,000,000 of general and refunding mortgage bonds, Series S, due 1998, to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Morgan Stanley & Co., 2 Wall St., New York 10005, and two other firms. An electric utility, the company will use the net proceeds of its bond sale in connection with its construction program and for the repayment of bank loans and commercial paper (expected to total about $80,000,000 at October 10) incurred primarily in connection with the interim financing of construction. Construction expenditures in 1968 through 1975 are expected to aggregate $2 billion.

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NEW FAMILY WELCOME KIT PROPOSES OFFERING. New Family Welcome Kit, Inc., 130 Broad Hollow Road, Farmingdale, N. Y., filed a registration statement (File 2-30081) with the SEC on September 6 seeking registration of 100,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale at $6 per share. The offering is to be made through Maltz, Greenwald & Co., 120 Broadway, New York 10005, which will receive a 54¢ per share commission and $12,000 for expenses. The company has agreed to sell to Maltz-Greenwald, for $100, three-year warrants to purchase 10,000 common shares, exercisable at $6.50 per share.

The company is engaged in advertising and marketing support services, in addition to packaging and fulfillment operations. Of the net proceeds of its stock sale, the company will use $200,000 to create regional distribution systems by obtaining offices, warehouse and distribution facilities in the Midwest, Far West and Canada, $100,000 toward the $130,000 cash required above the mortgage for a similar New York facility, and $80,000 toward its sales and advertising program including engaging additional marketing and sales personnel; the balance will be added to working capital. In addition to indebtedness, the company has outstanding 276,000 common shares (with a 15¢ per share book value), of which George Zelman, president, and Myron Kaller, secretary-treasurer, own 43.5% each. Upon completion of this offering, the present shareholders will own 73% of the outstanding common shares, for which they paid $10,000, while the purchasers of the shares being registered will own 27%, for which they will have paid $600,000.

COMPO INDUSTRIES FILES FOR SECONDARY. Compo Industries, Inc., 125 Roberts Road, Waltham, Mass., filed a registration statement (File 2-30112) with the SEC on September 10 seeking registration of 15,857 outstanding shares of common stock All or part of such shares may be offered for public sale by the present holders thereof at prices current at the time of sale ($20-3/8 per share maximum*). These shares are part of the 28,477 shares issued by Compo in March 1968 in exchange for 75% of the outstanding capital stock of Reece Folding Machine Company.

The company manufactures, sells and leases shoe machinery, and imports, sells and leases shoe machinery, stitching equipment, injection moulding and vulcanizing equipment and moulds for use therewith. It also manufactures and sells moulds, adhesives, and chemicals. In addition to indebtedness (and 100 $2.80 par common shares), the company has outstanding 479,657 $1 par common shares, of which management officials as a group own 7.5%. Henry Hardy is president and J. Victor Loewi board chairman. The George Gilbert Estate proposes to sell all of its holdings of 3740 shares, Theodore G. Patterson and Nancy A. Clafin all of their holdings of 2070 shares each, and ten others the remaining shares being registered.

POLORON PRODUCTS FILES FOR SECONDARY. Poloron Products, Inc., 165 Huguenot St., New Rochelle, N. Y., filed a registration statement (File 2-30113) with the SEC on September 10 seeking registration of 300,000 shares of common stock. Of this stock, 100,000 shares are to be offered for public sale by the company and 200,000 (being outstanding shares) by the present holders thereof. The offering is to be made through underwriters headed by Hayden, Stone Incorporated, 25 Broad St., New York 10004; the offering price ($36 per share maximum*) and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The company manufactures a diversified line of picnic and leisure time items, Christmas decorative products, bonded vinyl-to-metal sheet and fabricated products, steel folding chairs and school furniture and riding lawn mowers. It will use $1,600,000 of the net proceeds of its sale of additional stock for the purchase of new blow molding equipment in its Bristol plant and additional blow molding equipment in its Batesville plant, as well as tools for the manufacture of various new products, including a large tractor type mower, a snow blower, a snow mobile, folding grills and large Christmas decorations; the balance will be required to provide working capital to support increased sales volume. In addition to indebtedness, the company has outstanding 1,264,138 common shares, of which Robert P. Brown, board chairman, and Joseph D. Brown, president, own 17% each. Each proposes to sell 100,000 shares of his holdings of 215,559 and 213,500 shares, respectively.

POLYCHROME PROPOSES OFFERING. Polychrome Corporation, On-The Hudson, Yonkers, N. Y. 10702, filed a registration statement (File 2-30115) with the SEC on September 11 seeking registration of 200,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Hayden, Stone Incorporated, 25 Broad St., New York 10004. The offering price ($16.375 per share maximum*) and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The company is primarily engaged in the manufacture and sale of supplies for the graphic arts industry, including photo-sensitized offset plates, lithographic inks and chemicals, mimeograph stencils and engineering and drafting materials. In addition, it markets a wide range of lithographic films and produces and sells industrial chemicals for the protective coating industry. Of the net proceeds of its stock sale, the company will use $1,250,000 for the acquisition and installation of new equipment designed to more than double its capacity for the production of aluminum offset plates and also to automate more fully the manufacturing process, $100,000 to centralize and equip a new and expanded laboratory, $100,000 to repay short-term bank borrowings incurred in connection with the expansion program and $250,000 to expand its industrial chemical facilities; the balance will be added to working capital to finance the increased volume of business. In addition to indebtedness, the company has outstanding 801,346 common shares, of which Gregory Halpern, board chairman and president, owns 46%.

COLONIAL ACCEPTANCE FILES FOR OFFERING AND SECONDARY. Colonial Acceptance Corporation, 208 South LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill. 60604, filed a registration statement (File 2-30116) with the SEC on September 11 seeking registration of 100,000 shares of common stock. Of this stock, 81,855 shares are to be offered for public sale by the company and 18,145 (being outstanding shares) by the present holders thereof. The offering is to be made through underwriters headed by Reynolds & Co., 120 Broadway, New York 10005; the offering price ($11 per share maximum*) and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

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The company and its subsidiaries are engaged in the consumer finance business and related insurance business. It will add the net proceeds of its sale of additional stock to the company's general working funds to be used substantially to reduce outstanding short-term indebtedness. Ultimately such funds will be used for lending to customers in the usual course of business. In addition to indebtedness and preferred stock, the company has outstanding 318,145 common shares, of which David J. Gradman, president, owns 61.89% and Gladys Gradman 15.9%. David and Gladys Gradman propose to sell 12,286 and 5,059 shares, respectively, of their holdings of 196,122 and 50,592 shares, respectively; two others propose to sell the remaining shares being registered.

CAPITOL PRODUCTS FILES FOR SECONDARY. Capitol Products Corporation, Route 11, P. O. Box 69, Mechanicsburg, Pa., filed a registration statement (File 2-30118) with the SEC on September 10 seeking registration of 24,320 shares of capital stock. The shares are to be offered for public sale (at $15 per share maximum*) by certain shareholders who have or will acquire such shares upon exercise of warrants. The warrants were issued to holders of 6% first mortgage bonds in 1959.

The company is engaged as a producer of aluminum ingots, aluminum extrusions, fabricated building products (principally primary and combination aluminum windows and doors) and aluminum and steel utility buildings. In addition to indebtedness, it has outstanding 809,849 capital shares, of which Eugene Gurkoff, president and board chairman, owns 52%.

FOREST CITY ENTERPRISES TO SELL DEBENTURES. Forest City Enterprises, Inc., 10800 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44130, filed a registration statement (File 2-30119) with the SEC on September 11 seeking registration of $12,000,000 of convertible subordinated debentures, due 1988. The debentures are to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Bache & Co. Incorporated, 36 Wall St., New York 10005; the interest rate, offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The company is engaged in the business of real estate development and operation, sale of lumber and building materials to contractors and others at wholesale and the operation of retail stores selling primarily lumber, building materials and related equipment and services. Of the net proceeds of its bond sale, the company will apply $2,000,000 to the reduction of bank indebtedness, $980,000 to repayment of indebtedness to principal shareholders and $4,000,000 to acquire additional land and construction of commercial and residential buildings; the balance will be added to the company's general funds and used for general corporate purposes. In addition to indebtedness, the company has outstanding 785,999 common and 1,588,418 Class B common shares. Of the combined common and Class B common shares, Leonard Ratner, board chairman, owns 6.1%, Max Ratner, president, 26.6%, Nathan Shafran, executive vice president, 15%, Sam H. Miller, treasurer, 12.5% and Albert B. Ratner, secretary, 11 4%.

CITADEL LIFE INSURANCE PROPOSES RIGHTS OFFERING. The Citadel Life Insurance Company of New York, 444 Madison Avenue, New York 10022, filed a registration statement (File 2-30120) with the SEC on September 11 seeking registration of 34,109 shares of capital stock. These shares are to be offered for subscription by holders of outstanding capital stock and of voting trust certificates for such stock, at the rate of one additional share for each four shares held. The offering is to be made through IFC Securities Corporation (a subsidiary of Investors Funding Corporation of New York), 630 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3420, New York 10010; the subscription price ($25 per share maximum*) and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. The underwriter has agreed to purchase from the company such shares as are not subscribed pursuant to the subscription offer.

The company's primary business is the issuing of life insurance contracts, including individual ordinary life, whole life and endowment, term and group life insurance. The net proceeds of its stock sale will be used as necessary to absorb costs of writing and issuing new insurance business, to provide reserves necessary to carry the volume of insurance in force and to enable the company to strengthen its agency force. The company has outstanding 136,434 capital shares, of which Investors Funding Corporation of New York owns 32.9% and management officials as a group 11.2%. Jerome Dansker is board chairman and Robert M. Rose president.

UNIVERSAL VOLTRONICS PROPOSES OFFERING. Universal Voltronics Corp., 17 South Lexington Avenue, White Plains, N. Y. 10601, filed a registration statement (File 2-30121) with the SEC on September 11 seeking registration of 100,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by First Devonshire Corporation, 89 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass. 02109. The company has agreed to pay First Devonshire up to $10,625 for expenses and to issue to it four-year warrants to purchase 10,000 common shares; it has also agreed to pay Benjamin Blum $3,000 as a finder's fee and to issue him three-year warrants to purchase 3,000 common shares, exercisable at $4.50 per share In May the company's four executive officers sold to Corporate Services of New Jersey and Robert L. Scheinman, a limited partner of Corporate Services, 5,000 common shares at $17.50 per share (equivalent to 20,000 shares at $4.375 per share after the 4-for-1 stock split effective August 29) under an agreement whereby they will act as financial consultants to such executive officers and assisted in arranging this proposed offering

The company manufactures and sells high voltage power supplies and equipment. Of the net proceeds of its stock sale, the company will use $85,000 in connection with the construction of its proposed facility in Mt. Kisco, N. Y., and $50,000 to broaden its line of high voltage power supplies and related equipment, the balance will be added to the company's general funds and will be available for general corporate purposes including possible acquisitions. The company has outstanding 323,172 common shares, of which Julian M. Polis, president, Gilbert Goldman and Jesse Stitzer, vice presidents, and Lewis Cohen, treasurer, own 14% each.

EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES PROPOSES OFFERING. Educational and Recreational Services, Inc., 8155 Van Nuys Blvd., Panorama City, California, filed a registration statement (File 2-30123) with the SEC on September 12 seeking registration of 200,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale at $5 per share. The offering is to be made through underwriters headed by H. L. Federman & Co., Incorporated, 50 Broadway, New York 10004, which will receive a 42½¢ per share commission.

The company is engaged in the business of providing bus service for school children pursuant to contracts entered into with various school districts, and participates in the recreational and commercial transportation field by chartering buses to the public, furnishing buses for tours and contracting to provide bus service for industrial purposes. Of the net proceeds of its stock sale, the company will apply $417,700 toward the down payment for the purchase of all the outstanding stock and repayment of officer's loans of M & M Charter Lines, Inc., and California Sightseeing Tours, Inc., and $275,000 to pay off various outstanding equipment loans and purchase contracts; the balance will be used as working capital. If said purchase is not consummated, the $417,700 will be used as additional working capital. The company has outstanding 1,000,000 common shares, of which Melvin J. Sherman, president, and Walter Kaye, secretary-treasurer, own 40.8% each.

FIRST MIDWEST CAPITAL PROPOSES OFFERING. First Midwest Capital Corporation, 703 Northstar Center, Minneapolis, Minn., filed a registration statement (File 2-30124) with the SEC on September 12 seeking registration of 150,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood, 115 South Seventh St., Minneapolis, Minn. 55402 The offering price ($19 per share maximum*) and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The company is engaged in the business of providing capital to qualifying small business concerns by purchasing equity securities and by making long term loans to such concerns represented by notes It also furnishes consulting and advisory services to small business concerns on a fee basis. The company will add the net proceeds of its stock sale to its general funds, to be used to provide equity capital and long term loans to small business concerns. In addition to indebtedness, the company has outstanding 225,000 common shares, of which Alan K. Ruvelson, president, and family members own 17.6% and Robert E. Peters, a director, and family members 9.7%.

PONDEROSA SYSTEM PROPOSES OFFERING. Ponderosa System, Inc., 327 Central Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45406, filed a registration statement (File 2-30125) with the SEC on September 12 seeking registration of $5,000,000 of subordinated debentures, due 1983, and 225,000 shares of common stock. These securities are to be offered for public sale in 5,000 units, each consisting of $1,000 principal amount of debentures and 45 common shares. The offering is to be made through L. M. Rosenthal & Company, Inc., 5 Hanover Square, New York 10004; the interest rate, offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

Organized under Delaware law in 1968 to acquire all the capital stock of four affiliated companies, the company is engaged in the business of owning, operating and franchising a chain of limited menu, self-service restaurants under the name "Ponderosa Steak House." It will use the net proceeds of its financing for the acquisition of real property, leaseholds and restaurant equipment for the development of company and franchise operations; the balance will be added to working capital and used for general corporate purposes. In addition to indebtedness, the company has outstanding 775,000 common shares, of which John A. Roschman, board chairman, W. James Kirst, president, Norman E. Wiese, and Dan R. Lasater, executive vice presidents, own 16.55% each, and management officials as a group 87.1%.

FIVE TRADING SUSPENSIONS CONTINUED. The SEC has issued orders under the Securities Exchange Act suspending exchange and/or over-the-counter trading in the securities of Alcar Instruments, Inc., Continental Vending Machine Corporation and Westec Corporation for the further ten-day period September 14-23, 1968, inclusive, in the securities of Paramount General Corporation for the further ten-day period September 15-24, 1968, inclusive, and in the common stock of Stanwood Oil Corporation for the further ten-day period September 16-25, 1968, inclusive.

NATIONAL FUEL GAS RECEIVES ORDER. The SEC has issued an order under the Holding Company Act (Release 35-16160) authorizing National Fuel Gas Company, New York holding company, to amend the indentures securing its outstanding 1948, 1952 and 1954 debenture issues to increase the debt limitations therein from 50% to 60%.

INTER-CITY GAS RECEIVES ORDER. The SEC has issued an order under the Holding Company Act (Release 35-16161) granting an extension to March 3, 1969, for the consummation of the proposal of Inter-City Gas Limited, Winnipeg, Canada, for certain intrasystem mergers and the dissolution of North Star Natural Gas Company of Wisconsin, Inc

NORTHEAST UTILITIES SEEKS ORDER. Northeast Utilities, Boston holding company, has applied to the SEC for an order under the Holding Company Act approving its common stock rights offering proposal reported in the News Digest of August 30: and the Commission has issued an order (Release 35-16162) giving interested persons until September 30 to request a hearing thereon.

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Effective September 11: Puritan Fashions Corporation, 2-26672 (Oct 21); Effective September 12: Athlone Industries, Inc., 2-28577 (Dec 12); Candeub, Fleissig and Associates, 2-29430, (90 days); Civic Enterprises, Inc., 2-29338 (90 days; Colwell Co., 2-29598 (40 days); Diamond Crystal Salt Co. 2-29669 (40 days); Dixie Chemtech, Inc., 2-29415 (90 days); Electronic Data Systems Corp., 2-29638 (Dec 12); Gregory Industries, Inc., 2-29877; Jet Board Corp., 2-29554 (90 days); E. F. MacDonald Co., 2-29517 (40 days); National Health Services, Inc., 2-29282 (90 days); Purification Sciences Inc., 2-29444 (90 days); The Seaboard Corp., 2-29141 (40 days); Total Energy Leasing Corp., 2-29402 (90 days); Underground Surveys Corp., 2-29337 (90 days); Uniroyal Inc., 2-30019; Venice Industries Incorporated, 2-29675 (90 days).

NOTE TO DEALERS. The period of time dealers are required to use the prospectus in trading transactions is shown above in parentheses after the name of the issuer.

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TRADING TO RESUME IN MASTER ELECTRONICS. The SEC today announced that it had continued its suspension of over-the-counter trading in the common stock of Mastercraft Electronics Corp., New York, N. Y., until September 21, and that trading therein may resume on Monday, September 23, 1968.

Trading in Mastercraft stock was first suspended by the Commission on August 15 due to a lack of current and accurate information about the company's status and operations; the stock was then trading at about $5 per share. On that date, the Commission also filed an injunctive action against Mastercraft and the following individuals, charging that Mastercraft stock was being offered and sold in violation of the registration and anti-fraud provisions of the Federal securities laws: Al Dayon, board chairman (and owner of some 3,444,000 of the 6,059,737 outstanding shares), James S. Farnell, president, and H. John Gluskin, secretary. All four defendants consented to the entry of a court order of permanent injunction.

Mastercraft previously was known as First Standard Corporation; and that company was enjoined by Federal court order in October 1966 based upon false, fraudulent and misleading statements concerning a video recording system contained in its annual report. Following First Standard's acquisition in January 1968, in exchange for stock, of a privately-owned company, Mastercraft Electronics Corporation, it assumed that company's name. At the time of this acquisition, First Standard had little, if any, net worth and Mastercraft had assets of approximately $56,000. The company is currently engaged in importing and distributing consumer electronic products.

An unaudited financial report for the prior fiscal year ending February 29, 1968, of First Standard indicates total assets of $837,843, of which $542,627 is reported as merchandise inventory. The report states there was a net loss for the fiscal year ending February 29, 1968, of $109,463 and a retained earnings deficit of $348,558. The balance sheet indicates a net worth of $213,603; however, it appears that over $200,000 listed as assets have dubious value and should not be included in total assets. Therefore it appears that the company had a net worth of approximately $13,603 as of the date of its most recent financial statement.

RULE RE "FAILS TO DELIVER" PROPOSED. The SEC today announced a proposed amendment to its Rule 15c3-1 under the Securities Exchange Act dealing with securities in the "failed to deliver" account; and it invited the submission of views and comments thereon not later than October 20 (Release 34-8405).

Rule 15c3-1 imposes specified financial responsibility requirements on brokers and dealers. The proposed amendments to the rule would require a broker or dealer in computing his net capital to deduct from net worth amounts equal to specified percentages of the contract prices of securities in the failed to deliver account, in accordance with a formula based upon the age of the items in that account The proposed amendments would also withdraw the exemption provided for in subsection (b)(2) of Rule 15c3-1 now available to members of specified national securities exchanges if the financial responsibility rules of such exchanges fail to require in the computation of net capital deductions from net worth which are at least comparable.

In proposing the rule amendment, the Commission reiterated its concern over the acute delivery backlogs confronting the securities industry, including the difficulties certain broker-dealers are experiencing in carrying out their responsibilities. This current acute condition respecting delays in deliveries of securities to customers by selling broker-dealers is in large part a reflection of the failure of other brokers and dealers to deliver those securities which they owe to the selling broker-dealers In result, the "failed-to-deliver" accounts of such selling broker-dealers contain numerous items which remain outstanding for substantial lengths of time. When items remain in the failed to deliver account of a broker-dealer for inordinate lengths of time, he becomes exposed to the risk of fluctuations in the market value of the securities covered by the open items. He also runs the hazard that the broker-dealer on the other side of the transaction might experience financial difficulties. These exposures create and increase a strain on such broker-dealer's financial condition.

Pointing to related actions of the New York and American Stock Exchanges, the Commission stated that its rule amendment proposal would require that in computing net capital a broker-dealer must deduct from his net worth 10% of the contract price of each item in the securities failed to deliver account which is outstanding 40 to 49 calendar days; 20% of the contract price of each item in the securities failed to deliver account which is outstanding 50 to 59 calendar days; and 30% of the contract price of each item in the securities failed to deliver account which is outstanding 60 or more calendar days. These provisions are the same as those adopted by the exchanges.

APACHE MAKES TENDER BID. Apache Corporation, 1800 Foshay Tower, Minneapolis, Minn., filed a Schedule 13D with the SEC September 11 with respect to its tender offer for shares of Consolidated Water Company common stock. The offer expires September 25, 1968, unless extended.

Apache entered into an agreement with Consolidated on September 10 whereby Consolidated would issue 215,000 shares to Apache at a price of $11 per share contingent upon Apache's purchasing 100,000 shares pursuant to this tender offer. Apache will pay $14.50 per share for those tendered shares which are purchased. If the tender offer is successful, Apache will have acquired control of Consolidated; however, Apache states that it intends to retain the existing management of Consolidated and no basic changes in the business of Consolidated are contemplated.

UNLISTED TRADING GRANTED. The SEC has issued an order under the Securities Exchange Act (Release 34-8406) granting an application of the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange for unlisted trading privileges in the common stock of Dravo Corporation.

*As estimated for purposes of computing the registration fee.

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