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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

RULES AND RELATED MATTERS

PROPOSED PENNY STOCK DISCLOSURE RULES

The Commission has issued for public comment rules to implement sections of the Penny Stock Reform Act of 1990. The proposed rules will define the term "penny stock" under the Act; provide certain transactional exemptions from the proposed rules; require broker-dealer distribution of a risk disclosure document; require the disclosure of bid and offer quotations; require the disclosure of broker-dealer and associated person compensation; require monthly account statements; and require the disclosure of sole market maker status. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Robert L.D. Colby, Chief Counsel, Division of Market Regulation, at (202) 272-2844.

RULES REGARDING BLANK CHECK OFFERINGS PROPOSED FOR COMMENT

The Commission is proposing for comment new Rule 419 under the Securities Act of 1933, new Rule 15g-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and an amendment to Rule 174 under the Securities Act. Proposed Rule 419 would require that the proceeds received and securities issued in a blank check offering be deposited into an escrow or trust account (Rule 419 Account) and be held for the sole benefit of purchasers in the offering until a business acquisition by the blank check company is consummated and purchasers have received information regarding the acquisition. Proposed Rule 15g-8 would prohibit trading of securities held in a Rule 419 Account, and an amendment to Securities Act Rule 174 would provide that the statutory prospectus delivery period for blank check offerings would not terminate until 90 days after the release of funds and securities from the Rule 419 Account.

Comments should be submitted in triplicate to Jonathan A. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W., Mail Stop 6-9, Washington D.C. 20549. Comments must be received by July 19, 1991, and should refer to File No. S7-10-91. All submissions will be available for inspection in the Public Reference Room. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard P. Konrath at (202) 272-2589. (Rel Nos. 33-6891, 34-29096)

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAIRMAN BREEDEN TO WELCOME INTERNATIONAL REGULATORS

Chairman Richard C. Breeden will officially open the first International Institute for Securities Market Development, and welcome more than 75 participants from 33 countries in Washington on April 22 at 9:30 a.m. Chairman Breeden's remarks are open to the press, and will be given in Room IC30, 450 Fifth Street N.W., Washington, D.C. (Press Rel. 91-22)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

BANCO BILBAO VIZCAYA

A conditional order under Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act has been issued on an application filed by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya, S.A. The order grants an exemption from the provisions of Section 17(f) of the Act to applicant, certain registered investment companies and custodians for such companies to permit them to deposit securities and assets with Banco Bilbao Vizcaya (Portugal), S.A. (Rel. IC-18100; International Series Rel. No. 261 - April 16)

CENTERLAND FUND

An order has been issued under Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of exempting Centerland Fund from Sections 18(f), 18(g) and 18(i) of the Act to the extent necessary to permit it to issue and sell separate classes of units representing interests in the same investment portfolio. These classes will be identical in all respects except for class designation, voting rights, exchange privileges, and the allocation of certain expenses. (Rel. IC-18101 - April 16)

CAPSTEAD SECURITIES CORPORATION III

A conditional order under Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act has been issued on an application filed by Capstead Securities Corporation III exempting applicant from all provisions of the Act in connection with the proposed issuance and sale of collateralized mortgage obligations and residual interests relating thereto, and the election of REMIC status. (Rel. IC-18102 - April 16)

WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until May 13 to request a hearing on an application filed by Western Life Insurance Company, Variable Account C of Western Life Insurance Company, Variable Account D of Western Life Insurance Company, AMEV Capital Fund, Inc., AMEV Growth Fund, Inc., AMEV Fiduciary Fund, Inc., AMEV Tax-Free Fund, Inc., AMEV Money Fund, Inc., AMEV U.S. Government Securities Fund, Inc., AMEV Advantage Portfolios, Inc., St. Paul Variable Annuity Fund A, St. Paul Variable Annuity Fund B, and AMEV Investors, Inc. The application is for an order pursuant to Section 11 of the Investment Company Act, approving the terms of certain offers of exchange involving certain mutual funds, variable annuity contracts, and variable life insurance policies. (Rel. IC-18103 - April 17)

NICHOLAS-APPLEGATE GROWTH EQUITY FUND

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until May 13 to request a hearing on an application filed by Nicholas-Applegate Growth Equity Fund, Inc. The application is for a order under Sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Investment Company Act that would exempt redemptions in kind of applicant's securities by certain of applicant's affiliated shareholders from the provisions of Section 17(a)(2). (Rel. IC-18104 - April 16)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY

An order has been issued authorizing Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company and Mississippi Power Company, each a wholly owned electric publicutility subsidiary company of The Southern Company, a registered holding company, to lease or sublease to nonaffiliate companies, from time to time through December 31, 1993, up to 500 coal hopper railroad cars. (Rel. 35-25298)

LISTING, DELISTING AND UNLISTED TRADING ACTIONS

UNLISTED TRADING PRIVILEGES GRANTED

Orders have been issued granting the application of the following exchanges for unlisted trading privileges in the common stock of issues which are listed and registered on one or more other national securities exchanges and are reported in the consolidated transaction reporting system: Pacific Stock Exchange - 4 issues (Rel. 34-29083); Midwest Stock Exchange - 4 issues (Rel. 34-29084); Philadelphia Stock Exchange - 12 issues (Rel. 34-29088); and Midwest Stock Exchange - 4 issues (Rel. 34-29089).

DELISTINGS GRANTED

Orders have been issued granting the applications of the following exchanges to strike from listing and registration the specified securities: Pacific Stock Exchange - Pennsylvania Engineering Corporation, Common Stock, \$.10 Par Value, 5% Convertible Subordinated Debenture due November 1, 1993 (Rel. 34-29085); Pacific Stock Exchange - Quality Resorts of America, Inc., Common Stock, No Par Value (Rel. 34-29090); and Cincinnati Stock Exchange - B. Manischewitz Co., Common Stock, No Par Value (Rel. 34-29091).

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The Commission has approved a proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4 of the Securities Exchange Act by the <u>American Stock Exchange</u> (SR-AMEX-90-24) to amend its arbitration rules and procedures. (Rel. 34-29087)

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-18 PROCONNEXTIONS INC, 3944 FLORIDA BLVD, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410 (407) 622-5837 460,000 (\$2,300,000) COMMON STOCK. 2,575,000 (\$3,218,750) COMMON STOCK. 40,000 (\$100) WARRANTS, OPTIONS OR RIGHTS. 792,000 (\$792,000) COMMON STOCK. 15,000 (\$75,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39783-A APR. 04) (BR. 1 NEW ISSUE)
- S-3 XEROX CREDIT CORP, 100 FIRST STAMFORD PL, PO BOX 10347, STAMFORD, CT 06904 (203) 325-6600 (FILE 33-39838 APR. 11) (BR. 13)
- S-2 WESTERN COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, 515 POST OAK BLVD, HOUSTON, TX 77027 (713) 629-2600 5,000,000 (\$65,000,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39868 APR. 09) (BR. 4)
- S-8 AMERICAN BUSINESS COMPUTERS CORP, 451 KENNEDY RD, AKRON, OH 44305 (216) 733-2841 500,000 (\$6,797,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39875 APR. 10) (BR. 9)
- S-8 WESTERN MICRO TECHNOLOGY INC, 12900 SARATOGA AVE, SARATOGA, CA 95070 (408) 725-1660 300,000 (\$900,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39876 APR. 10) (BR. 3)
- S-8 CENTURY MEDICORP, 4060 WHITTIER BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90023 (213) 266-1254 737,800 (\$1,943,943) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39877 APR. 05) (BR. 9)
- \$-8 CALIFORNIA BIOTECHNOLOGY INC, 2450 BAYSHORE PKWY, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043 (415) 966-1550 1,270,000 (\$8,791,006) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39878 APR. 08) (BR. 8)
- S-4 FIRST MERCHANTS CORP, 200 E JACKSON ST, PO BOX 792, MUNCIE, IN 47305 (317) 747-1500 175,000 (\$2,169,406) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39880 APR. 10) (BR. 2)
- S-3 AMERICAN BUSINESS COMPUTERS CORP, 451 KENNEDY RD, AKRON, OH 44305 (216) 733-2841 59,565 (\$809,727) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39881 APR. 10) (BR. 9)
- S-8 CHAUS BERNARD INC, 1410 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, NY 10018 (212) 354-1280 250,000 (\$765,500) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39882 APR. 11) (BR. 7)
- S-4 SURGICAL CARE AFFILIATES INC, WOODMONT CENTRE, 102 WOODMONT BLVD STE 610, NASHVILLE, TN 37205 (615) 385-3541 125,834 (\$3,821,579) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39883 APR. 11) (BR. 5)
- S-3 CENTURY TELEPHONE ENTERPRISES INC, 1900 N 18TH ST -7TH FLR, MONROE, LA 71211 (318) 388-9500 141,322 (\$4,310,321) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39884 APR. 11) (BR. 7)
- S-4 BATTLE MOUNTAIN GOLD CO, 333 CLAY ST 42ND FL, HOUSTON, TX 77002 (713) 650-6400 19,224,408 (\$36,045,765) COMMON STOCK. 2,229,592 (\$17,418,687.50) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39903 APR. 10) (BR. 2)
- S-3 AFFILIATED PUBLICATIONS INC, 135 MORRISSEY BLVD, P C BOX 2378, BOSTON, MA 02107 (617) 929-3300 2,240,000 (\$21,700,000) PREFERRED STOCK. (FILE 33-39904 APR. 10) (BR. 12)

REGISTRATIONS CONTINUED

- N-1A AMEY WORLDWIDE PORTFOLIOS INC, 500 BIELENBERG DR, WOODBURY, MN 55125 (612) 738-4000 INDEFINITE SHARES. (FILE 33-39906 APR. 11) (BR. 16 NEW ISSUE)
- S-8 SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL CORP, 1426 MAIN ST, COLUMBIA, SC 29226 (803) 765-3270 123,881 (\$1,119,669) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39909 APR. 11) (BR. 2)
- S-8 SAGE SOFTWARE INC, 3200 TOWER OAKS BLVD, ROCKVILLE, MD 20852 (301) 230-3200 870,297 (\$10,008,415.05) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39910 APR. 10) (BR. 9)
- S-8 REPUBLIC PICTURES CORP/DE, 12636 BEATRICE ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066 (213) 306-4040 5,000 (\$31,875) COMMON STOCK. 25,000 (\$150,000) COMMON STOCK. 10,000 (\$120,000) COMMON STOCK. 10,000 (\$97,500) COMMON STOCK. 200,000 (\$1,200,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39911 APR. 11) (BR. 11)
- S-8 MEGATEST CORP, 880 FOX LN, SAN JOSE, CA 95131 (408) 437-9700 3,335,977 (\$833,994.25) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39912 APR. 11) (BR. 8)
- S-8 NDL PRODUCTS INC /DE/, 2313 NW 30TH PL, POMPANO BEACH, FL 33069 (305) 942-4560 200,000 (\$198,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39913 APR. 11) (BR. 8)
- S-6 CENTRAL EQUITY TRUST UTILITY SERIES 8, 201 PROGRESS PARKWAY, MARYLAND HIGHTS, MO 63043 50,000 (\$1,000,000) UNIT INVESTMENT TRUST. UNDERWRITER: EDJ. (FILE 33-39937 APR. 11) (BR. 17 NEW ISSUE)
- S-1 RESPIRONICS INC, 1001 MURRY RIDGE DR, MURRYSVILLE, PA 15668 (412) 733-0200 575,000 (\$13,656,250) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-39938 APR. 11) (BR. 8)
- S-6 CHICORP EQUITY TRUST MIDWEST BANK SERIES 1, 208 S LASALLE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60604 (312) 855-7600 INDEFINITE SHARES. UNDERWRITER: CHICAGO CORP. (FILE 33-39943 APR. 10) (BR. 16 NEW ISSUE)

REGISTRATIONS EFFECTIVE:

April 11: Mississippi Power Company, 33-39833.

April 12: ATC Environmental Inc., 33-39092; Countrywide Credit Industries, Inc., 33-39948; and First National Realty Associates, Inc., 33-38868.

ACQUISITION OF SECURITIES

Companies and individuals must report to the Commission within ten days on Schedule 13D if after the acquisition of equity securities of a public company their beneficial interest therein exceeds five percent. Persons eligible to use the short form (Schedule 13G) may in lieu of filing a Schedule 13D file a Schedule 13G within 45 days after the end of the calendar year in which the person became subject to Section 13(d)(1). Companies and individuals making a tender offer must have on file at the time the tender offer commences a Schedule 14D-1.

Below is a list of recent filings of Schedules 13D and 14D, which includes the following information: Column 1 - the company purchased (top), and the name of the purchaser; Column 2 - the type of security purchased; Column - 3 - the type of form filed; Column 4 - the date the transaction occurred; Column 5 - the current number of shares (in 000's) owned (top) and the current percent owned; Column 6 - the CUSIP number (top) and the percent owned; and Column 7 - the status of the filing, i.e., new, update or revision.

NAME AND CLASS OF STOCK/OWNER	<u></u>	FORM	EVENT DATE	SHRS(000)/ XOUNED	-	FILING STATUS
AIRCOA HOTEL PARTNERS L P CENTURY CITY INTL HLDGS E		UNIT CL A	3/15/9	•	00929310 43.7	UPDATE
BEI HLDGS LTD COTTON JAMES P JR	COM	13D	4/10/9	-	055 383 10 18.8	UPDATE
BEI HLDGS LTD EICKHOFF GERALD E	COM	1 3 0	4/10/9	1,586 1 16.6		UPDATE
CLINICAL TECHNOLOGIES INC LISS NORMAN	COM	1 3 D	3/15/9	338 1 9.9		UPDATE
CLINICAL TECH ASSOC LISS NORMAN	wts	130	3/15/91	56 I 6.7	18726711 13.6	UPDATE
COBB RES CORP GOLDEN OIL CO	COM	130	4/ 5/91		19088310 27.7	UPDATE
COGNITRONICS CORP ALPHI FUND	COM	13D	4/11/91	178 8.3		UPDATE
ECOGEN INC JOHNSTON RICHARD TRUSTEE	COM	13D	4/ 4/91	720 6.1	27886410 6.5	UPDATE
FABRICLAND INC BEAR STEARNS & CO	COM	1 3 D	4/ 9/91	226 7.1	30301410 0.0	NEW
FLEXSTEEL INDS INC HUGHES MARY LOU REVOCABLE	COM TR	13D	4/ 8/91	444	33938210 6.3	UPDATE
FREQUENCY ELECTRS INC BLUM RICHARD C & ASSOC	COM	13D	4/ 8/91	1,485 25.3		UPDATE
GRAHAM FIELD HEALTH PRODUCTS MARX MOSES ET AL	COM	13D	3/26/91	•	38463210 20.2	UPDATE
HECTOR COMMUNICATIONS CORP	COM	13D	4/11/91		4227 3 010 16.5	UPDATE
HOLNAM INC HOLDERNAM INC ET AL	COM	13D	3/27/91		43642910 89.3	UPDATE
IDEX CORP GAMCO INVESTORS INC ET AL	COM	13D	4/11/91	•	45199310 21.7	UPDATE

NAME AND CLASS OF STOCK/OWNER	FORM		-	CUSIP/ FILING PRIOR% STATUS
NATE 7110 SERVE SERVE		77.10		
INACOMP COMPUTER CTRS INC COM			619	45323310
ROCKER DAVID A	13D	4/ 2/91	8.6	0.0 NEW
INTERNATIONAL BROADCAST SYS CL A			160	45916 9 10
SANTA ROSA FD ET AL	1 3 D	4/ 2/91	9.6	
LA BARGE INC COM			2 654	50247010
LABARGE CRAIG E	1 3 D	4/ 3/91	19.7	0.0 NEW
MARCOR RESORTS INC COM NE	:u		1 016	56632020
BOYD WILLIAM S ET AL	1 3 D	4/ 4/91	9.1	
MARCOR RESORTS INC COM NE			E 574	56632020
MARNELL ANTHONY A II ET AL	:w 13D	4/ 4/91	50.9	51.6 UPDATE
HARNELE ARTHORY A 11 ET AL	130	7/ 7/71	30.7	JILO OFDAIL
MARCOR RESORTS INC COM NE	U		1,091	56632020
PETERSEN DEAN & MARY TR 1975		4/ 4/91	•	9.1 UPDATE
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MEDPHONE CORP COM			460	58504010
GARANTIE MUTUELLE DES FONCTION	1 3 D	6/29/90	5.9	0.0 NEW
MENTEK INC COM			834	58626710
BIRCH ROBERT F	1 3 D	3/26/90	5.1	0.0 NEW
MOTO PHOTO INC COM			437	61982110
MOORE ROBERT W	130	3/21/91	7.7	7.6 UPDATE
NORTHGATE COMPUTER COM				66640810
HELD GARY S	1 3 D	4/ 2/91	51.9	8.3 UPDATE
OXFORD CONS INC COM NE	:u		710	69141530
LINCOLN NATH LIFE INS ET AL	13D	4/ 4/91.	71.1	100.0 UPDATE
PACIFIC INTL SVCS CORP COM			1,086	69445410
CUTTER NICK S ET AL	130	4/ 5/91	17.8	16.8 NEW
PACIFIC INTL SVCS CORP COM				69445410
CUTTER NICK S ET AL	130	4/ 5/91	17.8	16.8 UPDATE
SILICON GRAPHICS INC COM			2,700	82705610
COMPAG COMPUTER CORP	1 3 D	4/ 3/91	15.1	0.0 NEW
TONKA CORP COM			0	89027810
HASBRO INC	14D-1	4/15/91	0.0	0.0 UPDATE
VALUE MEDCHANTE THE			£47	02044010
VALUE MERCHANTS INC COM ROCKER DAVID A	13D	4/ 3/91	9.3	92046910 8.1 UPDATE
KOURER DAVID A		7/ 3/71	7.3	U. I OFDATE
VIATECH INC COM			278	92552810
BAINTON AILEEN MOODY	1 3 D	1/ 5/89	16.4	0.0 NEW

ACQUISITIONS CONT.

NAME AND CLASS OF STOCK/OWNER		FORM	EVENT DATE	SHRS(000)/ %OWNED	CUSIP/ PRIOR%	TILING STATUS
VITRO DIAGNOSTICS INC	COM			53,300	92850110)
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WESTERN ACCEP CORP	COM F	AR \$0.01		210	95799120)
DELTA LLOYDS INS CO ET AL		13D	4/ 4/9	91 9.9	0.0	RVSION
YELLOWSTONE RESOURCES INC	COM			318	98580910)
LIST ROBERT L ET AL		130	4/ 4/9	91 14.9	0.0	NEW
YELLOWSTONE RESOURCES INC	COM			634	98580910)
SARLO GEORGE S ET AL		130	4/ 4/9	91 24.2	0.0	NEW