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PRECISION CIRCUITS FILES FINANCING PROPOSAL. Precision Circuits, Inc., 705 South Fulton Ave., Mount Vernon, N. Y., filed a registration statement (File 2-16219) with the SEC on March 7, 1960, seeking registration of \$250,000 of Convertible Subordinated Debentures, due April 1, 1970, and 37,500 shares of common stock. It is proposed to offer these securities in units consisting of one \$100 debenture and 15 common shares, at \$150 per unit. The offering is to be made on an all or nothing basis by Myron A. Lomasney & Co., which will receive a commission of \$15 per unit. The company will issue to the underwriter for \$100, five-year warrants for the purchase of 10,000 common shares at the price of \$3.33 per share. These warrants and shares also are included in the registration statement, as are an additional 40,000 shares issuable upon conversion of outstanding debentures.

The company is engaged in the business of manufacturing precision printed circuit boards, supplied almost entirely to prime and sub-contractors of the Department of Defense and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. It now has outstanding 174,500 common shares. Net proceeds of this financing will be used to provide additional working capital. It is expected that about \$155,000 will be used for equipping the enlarged research and development facilities and the new production facilities that the company intends to establish in new quarters near its present plant, and the remainder of the proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes.

The company was organized in January 1957 by Charles Sabel, president, Herbert L. Schwartz, executive vice president, and Stephan Gulyas, vice president, who own about 70% of the outstanding common stock.

FIRST MIDWEST SBIC FILES FOR OFFERING. The First Midwest Small Business Investment Company, 512 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn., filed a registration statement (File 2-16220) with the SEC on March 7, 1960, seeking registration of 110,000 shares of common stock.

The company was organized under Minnesota law in February 1959 and proposes to operate as a non-diversified closed-end investment company and to assist enterprises which are qualified as small business enterprises which are providing or promise to provide a desirable and useful commodity, product or service and are, or appear likely to become, financially stable and profitable. It will make funds available to such qualified small business enterprises through the purchase of convertible debenture bonds and/or the extension of secured term loans and/or such other means as may be or become permissible under applicable laws and regulations. Officers and directors as a group, including Alan Kenneth Ruvelson, president, own 27,200 shares (43%) of the outstanding common stock.

CARBORUNDUM CO. FILES STOCK PLAN. The Carborundum Company, Buffalo, N. Y., today filed a registration statement (File 2-16221) with the SEC seeking registration of 123,437 shares of its common stock, to be issued under stock options to certain officers and other key employees of the company and its subsidiaries.

BRUNS, NORDEMAN HEARING POSTPONED. The SEC has authorized a further postponement from March 9 to April 11, 1960, of the hearing in proceedings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to determine whether to revoke the broker-dealer registration of Bruns, Nordeman & Company of New York, to allow further negotiations between company counsel and Commission counsel with respect to a stipulated record.

INDICTMENT NAMES ROBERT B. LARKIN. The SEC Fort Worth Regional Office announced February 24, 1960 (Lit. Release 1607) the return of an indictment (USDC, Shreveport, La.) charging Robert B. Larkin with violating the anti-fraud provisions of the Securities Act through conversion of customers' funds and securities. Larkin's present whereabouts are unknown.

RAIZEN NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. Abraham A. Raizen has been promoted to the position of Assistant Director, Division of Corporate Regulation, succeeding Lawrence M. Greene who has resigned effective March 11, 1960. A native of New York City, Mr. Raizen joined the Commission's staff in April 1941.

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CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC FILES FOR OFFERING AND SECONDARY. California-Pacific Utilities Company, 405 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Calif., filed a registration statement (File 2-16222) with the SEC on March 7, 1960, seeking registration of 87,307 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale through a group of underwriters headed by Eastman Dillon, Union Securities Co. Of the shares to be sold, 40,000 shares will be offered for the account of the company. The remaining 47,307 shares are now outstanding and will be offered by the present holders thereof. The public offering price and underwriting terms will be supplied by amendments.

The company will use the proceeds from the sale of its shares to finance a portion of its 1960 construction program, estimated at \$3,722,540. The balance of the 1960 construction cost will be financed by the company initially through funds arising from internal sources estimated to exceed \$1,100,000 during the year and through short-term bank loans.

In June 1958 Southern Utah Power Company was merged into California-Pacific. The outstanding shares to be offered include 1,853 shares issuable to Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago, as trustee, in conversion of 1390 shares of California-Pacific preferred issued in connection with the merger. The remaining 45,454 outstanding shares to be offered are issuable to Occidental Life Insurance Company of California upon the conversion and cancellation of \$750,000 of convertible debentures issued by the company to Occidental in June 1958 as part of a private placement of \$2,500,000 of debentures.

COLUMBIA GAS SURETY BOND APPROVED. The SEC has issued an order under the Holding Company Act (Release 35-14185) authorizing the Columbia Gas System, Inc., to execute a surety bond in the amount of \$250,000 for such refunds, if any, as its subsidiary, Amere Gas Utilities Company, may be required to pay as a result of collecting increased rates pursuant to rate schedules filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia in September 1959.

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