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COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON OFF-BOARD TRADING RULES ANNOUNCED

The Commission has announced the schedule of appearances for the public hearings on its proposed Rule 19c-3 which would amend rules of national securities exchanges which limit or condition the ability of members to effect transactions otherwise than on such exchanges. The schedule of hearings is as follows:

Wednesday, June 20

- 10:00 a.m. - Gordon S. Macklin, National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
- 11:30 a.m. - Edward O'Brien, Securities Industry Association
- 2:30 p.m. - Joseph S. DiMartino, Dreyfus Corporation
- 3:30 p.m. - George M. Ferris, Jr., Ferris & Company

Thursday, June 21

- 10:00 a.m. - Arthur Levitt, Jr., American Stock Exchange, Inc.
- 11:30 a.m. - Robert H.B. Baldwin, Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc.
- 2:00 p.m. - Frank C. Graham, Purcell, Graham & Co.
- 3:00 p.m. - Raymond A. Mason, Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc.
- 4:00 p.m. - Margaret Cox Sullivan, Stockholders of America

Wednesday, June 27

- 10:00 a.m. - Morton N. Weiss, National Security Traders Association
- 11:00 a.m. - Association for the Preservation of the Auction Markets
- 12:00 noon - Fred Ritterhiser, Thomson McKinnon Securities Corp.
- 2:30 p.m. - Raymond Messelsohn, Sherwood Securities Corp.
- 3:30 p.m. - C. Rader McCulley, First Southwest Securities

Thursday, June 28

- 10:00 a.m. - Peter Solomon, Deputy Mayor, City of New York
- 10:30 a.m. - Robert E. Mnuchin, Goldman Sachs & Co.
- 11:30 a.m. - Charles Henry, Pacific Stock Exchange, Inc.
- 2:30 p.m. - Richard B. Walbert, Midwest Stock Exchange, Inc.
- 4:00 p.m. - Howard Coughlin, Office & Professional Employees Int'l Union

Friday, June 29

- 10:00 a.m. - William M. Batten, New York Stock Exchange, Inc.
- 12:00 noon - Walter Morris
- 2:00 p.m. - Allen Weintraub, Advest Co.

3:00 p.m. - Howard E. Bigler, Connecticut General Insurance Co.

4:00 p.m. - Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc.

Persons wishing to appear at the public hearings should file with George A. Fitzsimmons, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Room 892, 500 North Capitol Street, Washington, D.C. 20549, the text of any prepared statement, together with 30 copies, and send one copy of that statement to Andre' Weiss, Room 390, at the above address, not later than four business days prior to their appearance and are welcome to make additional copies of these statements available for the benefit of interested persons attending the hearings.

All submissions should refer to File No. 4-220 and will be available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Reference Room, 1100 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

REGIONAL PROCESSING OF REGISTRATION STATEMENTS ON FORM S-18

In Securities Act Release No. 6049 (April 3, 1979), the Commission announced the adoption of Form S-18, a simplified form available to certain corporate issuers for the registration of securities to be sold to the public for cash not exceeding an aggregate offering price of \$5 million. At that time the Commission indicated that processing the Form S-18 registration statements in the Commission's nine Regional Offices would be permitted subsequent to a brief training program. The first segment of the training has been completed. The Regional Offices located in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver and Los Angeles will accept Form S-18 filings beginning on June 15, 1979. After completion of the second training program, the Regional Offices in Fort Worth, New York, Seattle and Washington will accept Form S-18 filings beginning September 15, 1979. (Rel. 33-6076)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul A. Belvin at (202) 755-1290

CHANGES IN THE MEETING

The following additional items will be considered at an open meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 13 at 10:00 a.m.:

✓ (1) Consideration of whether to adopt an amendment to Regulation S-X [17 CFR Part 210.3-18(k)] to permit financial statement disclosure of oil and gas reserve information to be designated "unaudited" for fiscal years ending before December 26, 1980. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James D. Hall at (202) 755-0222.

✓ (2) Consideration of whether to re-open the comment period on the "Supplemental Earnings Summary" which was proposed in Rel. 33-5969 and extend the new comment period through July 25, 1979. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James D. Hall at (202) 755-0222.

AT TIMES CHANGES IN COMMISSION PRIORITIES REQUIRE ALTERATIONS IN THE SCHEDULING OF MEETING ITEMS. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO ASCERTAIN WHAT, IF ANY, MATTERS HAVE BEEN ADDED, DELETED OR POSTPONED, PLEASE CONTACT: Mike Rogan at (202) 755-1638

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

NASD ACTION AGAINST STIX & CO., INC. SET ASIDE

The Commission has set aside sanctions and costs imposed by the NASD on Stix & Co., Inc., a St. Louis brokerage firm.

In 1976, the Commission affirmed the NASD's finding that Stix had engaged in unethical conduct by refusing to honor an assertedly defective arbitration award while taking no action to vacate the award. However, the Commission determined to give Stix a second chance. It stayed the NASD's sanctions and costs and gave Stix the option of paying the award or asking a court to vacate it. Stix chose the latter course and its efforts proved successful. On March 13 the Missouri Court of Appeals directed that the arbitration award be vacated. In light of these circumstances, the Commission concluded that the imposition of any actions would be excessive and oppressive. (Rel. 34-15842)

LISTING, DELISTING AND UNLISTED TRADING ACTIONS

WITHDRAWAL GRANTED

An order has been issued granting the application of Fox-Stanley Photo Products, Inc. requesting withdrawal of the common stock (par value \$1.00) from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange, Inc. (Rel. 34-15895)

DELISTINGS GRANTED

Orders have been issued granting the applications of the following companies to strike the common stock from listing and registration on the Pacific Stock Exchange, Inc.: McCarthy Company (\$1.00 par value) and RSC Industries, Inc. (\$.05 par value). (Rel. 34-15896)

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. has filed a proposed rule change under Rule 19b-4 (SR-NASD-79-5) to amend the NASD's standards and filing requirements for member advertising and sales literature. The proposed rule change would eliminate the current requirement that advertisements be submitted for review within 5 days of use and would adopt a routine "spot check" procedure for advertising and sales literature. The proposal also would require advertisements relating to options and all advertisements of new members to be submitted for review 10 days prior to use; investment company materials would be required to be submitted within 3 days of use. Publication of the proposal is expected to be made in the Federal Register during the week of June 4. (Rel. 34-15891)

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS

The following registration statements have been filed with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933. The information noted below has been taken from the cover page and the facing sheet of the prospectus and registration statement and will appear as follows: Form; Name, address and phone number (if available) of the issuer of the security; Title and the number or face amount of the securities being offered; Name of the managing underwriter (if applicable); Whether the offering is a rights offering; and File number and date filed.

- (S-8) SOUNDESIGN CORPORATION, 34 Exchange Pl., Jersey City, N.J. 07302 (212) 980-3200 - 200,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-64695 - June 7)
- (S-7) FARM HOUSE FOODS CORPORATION, 733 North Van Buren St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53202 (414) 271-5050 - \$7 million of subordinated capital notes, due 1989. Underwriter: Offerman & Co., Inc., 5100 Gamble Dr., Minneapolis, Minn. 55481 (612) 374-6397. The company is a distributor of foods and related products. (File 2-64696 - June 7)
- (S-14) GLOBAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, 150 West Beau St., Washington, Pa. 15301 (412) 228-0840 - 1,693,300 shares of common stock. (File 2-64697 - June 7)
- (S-8) NATIONAL PATENT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 375 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022 (212) 826-8500 - 400,000 shares of common stock. The company is a multinational manufacturer and distributor of a wide range of products. (File 2-64698 - June 7)
- (S-8) NN CORPORATION, 731 North Jackson St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53201 (414) 765-8444 - 100,000 shares of common stock. The company is engaged in life, property and liability insurance. (File 2-64699 - June 7)

REGISTRATIONS EFFECTIVE

- May 23: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc., 2-64304.
- May 29: National Detroit Corp., 2-63895.
- May 31: Arrow Electronics, Inc., 2-64466; Commercial Credit Co., 2-64229.
- June 1: Amarco Resources Corp., 2-63956; Conroy, Inc., 2-64150; GEC Drilling Program, 2-63491; Fred S. James & Co., 2-64425; Kampgrounds of America, Inc., 2-64465; USLife Corp., 2-64356.
- June 5: Public Service Co. of Oklahoma, 2-64432.

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