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## COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

COASTAL STATES GAS TRADING BAN ENDED. The SEC has terminated its suspension of trading of the common stock and cumulative convertible preferred, Series A and B, of Coastal States Gas Corporation (Coastal); of the first mortgage bonds Series A 5% due 1983, Series B 5% due 1985, Series C 6-1/2% due 1986, Series D 7-5/8% due 1989, and Series F 7-3/4% due 1991, 5-1/2% sinking fund debentures due 1977, and 6% sinking fund debentures due March 1980 of Coastal States Gas Producing Company; first mortgage 7-1/2% pipeline bonds due 1992, 8-1/2% debentures due 1991, first mortgage 8% pipeline bonds due 1989, and cumulative preferred 5%, 5.35% and 5.50% of Colorado Interstate Corporation; first mortgage 3.35% pipeline bonds due 1974, first mortgage 4.70 % pipeline bonds due 1979, and 4-3/4% debentures due 1984 of Colorado Interstate Gas Company; and 11% debentures due 1975 of CIC Industries, Inc., effective midnight (EDT) September 22, 1973.

The Commission initiated the suspension of trading in the securities of Coastal on June 5, 1973 because of the circulation of rumors concerning the accuracy of Coastal's stated gas reserves, the effect of disputes arising under certain contracts between Coastal and other parties, the deliverability of gas under existing contracts and the impact on Coastal's revenues and earnings of the Texas Railroad Commission's curtailment order, and because of the impact of the rumors upon the price and market for Coastal's securities. The suspensions of trading in the securities of Coastal States Gas Producing Co., wholly-owned subsidiary of Coastal; Colorado Interstate Corp., which merged into Coastal in January, 1973; and Colorado Interstate Gas Co., a Division of Colorado Interstate Corp.; were initiated on August 8, 1973, and of CIC Industries, Inc., on August 14 1973 because of questions concerning the financial statements of Coastal during the fiscal years 1971 and 1972, and the accuracy of statements on available gas reserves.

On September 11, 1973, the Federal court in Texas permanently enjoined Coastal States Gas Producing Company, Lo-Vaca Gathering Company and Oscar S. Wyatt, Jr., charging violations of the anti-fraud and reporting provisions of the securities laws. The defendants consented to the court order without admitting or denying the allegations.

The court by consent of the defendants ordered that a majority of new members of the Board be appointed by the Commission and a new audit and executive committee be appointed, among other things, and that the company adopt new disclosure policies. The Commission has been informed that the company has mailed a special report to its security holders, as well as a copy of the Commission's release announcing its termination.

The Commission is continuing its investigation of certain matters relating to the business of Coastal, and the company is continuing to make information available to the Commission's staff in accordance with the terms of the Court's final judgment. (Rel. 34-10408)

## INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

JOHN HANCOCK BOND FUND. A notice has been issued giving interested persons until October 24 to request a hearing on an application of John Hancock Bond Fund, Inc., Boston mutual fund, and John Hancock Distributors, Inc., principal underwriter for the Fund, for an order to permit proceeds derived from death claims and matured endowments of fixed dollar insurance policies sold by John Hancock Life Insurance Company to be applied to the purchase of Fund shares within the first 60 days after the date of check in payment of such insurance at a sales charge equal to one-half the rate otherwise applicable. (Rel. IC-8001)

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST FUND. An order has been issued declaring that Real Estate Investment Trust Fund, Inc. has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-8004)

REDWOOD FUND. An order has been issued declaring on its own motion that Redwood Fund, Inc. of Los Angeles, California, has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-8005)

MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. An order has been issued on an application of Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, Mutual Benefit Variable Contract Account-3, Mutual Benefit Variable Contract Account-2, and Mutual Benefit Financial Service Company, granting exemptions (a) from certain provisions of the Act to permit, among other things, variable annuity contracts participating in Account-3 to be sold with sales charges reduced or eliminated under various circumstances where similar charges have previously been paid in relation to other contracts offered by the insurance company or its affiliates; (b) from the requirements of the Act that the proceeds of all payments be deposited with a qualified bank custodian; and (c) from certain provisions of the Act to permit the elimination of sales charges upon the crediting of any purchase payment under an Account-2 contract with moneys accumulated under contracts funded through Account-3. (Rel. IC-8008)

#### SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS FILED

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, National Bank of Tulsa Bldg., Tulsa, Okla. 74103 - 5,000 shares of common stock, which may be offered for sale by Bartlett F. Crawford, a selling stockholder. (File 2-48950 - Aug. 30)

SHAW INDUSTRIES, INC., East Franklin St., Dalton, Ga. 30720 - 135,000 shares of common stock. It is proposed to offer these shares in exchange for the outstanding common stock of Elite Processing Co., Inc., at the rate of .18 share for each outstanding Elite share. Shaw manufactures and sells carpet and provides carpet-finishing services. Elite dyes tufted carpeting. (File 2-48954 - Aug. 30)

URBAN IMPROVEMENT FUND LIMITED - 1973-II (the Partnership), 6380 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90048 - \$14 million of partnership interests, to be offered for sale at \$1,000 per unit with a minimum purchase of five units. The Partnership was formed to invest in other entities, usually limited partnerships, which provide tax shelter through ownership of federal, state and local government-assisted housing projects. Interfinancial Real Estate Management Company is the general partner. (File 2-48955 - Aug. 30)

SOUTHERN UNION GAS COMPANY, 1507 Pacific Ave., Dallas, Tex. 75201 - 27,650 shares of common stock. These shares may be offered for sale from time to time by certain shareholders at prices prevailing at the time of sale. (File 2-48968 - Aug. 30)

SCA SERVICES, INC., 99 High St., Boston, Mass. 02110 - 3,000,000 shares of common stock. These shares may be issued from time to time in the acquisition by SCA of all or part of the business, properties and assets or shares of capital stock of other companies. The company provides waste services principally to commercial, industrial, municipal and institutional customers. (File 2-48970 - Aug. 31)

CONTINENTAL REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LTD.-II, 100 Federal St., Boston, Mass. 02110 - \$15,000,000 of partnership interests, to be offered for sale at \$500 per unit with a minimum purchase of five units. The Partnership proposes to invest in income producing improved real properties and properties under development. Continental Real Estate Equities, Inc. is general partner. (File 2-48972 - Aug. 31)

MCI COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, 1150 17th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 - 450,000 shares of common stock. It is proposed to issue these shares from time to time in the acquisition of additional equity interests in Interdata Communications, Inc., a subsidiary. MCI constructs and proposes to operate a nationwide microwave communications network. (File 2-48974 - Aug. 31)

PIONEER HI-BRED INTERNATIONAL, INC., 1206 Mulberry St., Des Moines, Iowa 50308 - 144,367 shares of common stock. It is proposed to offer these shares in exchange for the outstanding shares of Pioneer Hi-Bred Limited, a Canadian corporation, at the rate of 3.6 shares for each Pioneer Limited share. Pioneer International produces and sells hybrid seed corn; Pioneer Limited produces and sells hybrid seed corn and hybrid layer poultry. (File 2-48941 - Aug. 29)

**STOCK PLANS FILED.** The following have filed Form S-8 registration statements with the SEC seeking registration of securities to be offered pursuant to employee stock and related plans:

Columbia Corporation, Portland, Ore. (File 2-48969) - 100,000 shares  
 The Bendix Corporation, Southfield, Mich. (File 2-48971) - 100,000 shares  
 Premier Industrial Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio (File 2-48973) - 300,000 shares  
 Fluor Corporation, Los Angeles, Cal. (File 2-48975) - \$5,400,000 of interests  
 Open Road Industries, Inc., El Segundo, Cal. (File 2-48976) - 355,550 shares  
 Physics International Company, San Leandro, Cal. (File 2-48977) - 300,000 shares

**SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS.** Effective September 26: American Property Investors III, 2-47221 (90 days); Beker Industries Corp., 2-47819 (Dec 26); Energex Corp., 2-47888 (90 days); G. L. Enterprises, Inc., 2-48232 (40 days); Equitable Petroleum Corp., 2-47562 (90 days); Frostbank Corp., 2-48763; W. R. Grace & Co., 2-48880; Halliburton Co., 2-49115; Medical Electrosience and Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 2-48796; Texas Industries, Inc., 2-48986; United Cities Gas Co., 2-48910; Western Heritage Land and Cattle Co., 2-48272 (90 days); Wometico Enterprises, Inc., 2-49074; Texas Industries, Inc., 2-48985.

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

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**TRADING SUSPENSIONS CONTINUED.** The SEC has initiated the suspension of exchange and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Stratton Group Ltd., TelePrompTer Corp. and Koracorp Industries, and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Home-Stake Production Co. and Continental Vending Machines Corp. for the further ten-day period September 27 through October 7 inclusive.

**THE FLINTKOTE COMPANY.** A notice has been issued giving interested persons until October 16 to request a hearing upon an application of The Flintkote Company under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 for an order that the trusteeship of Bankers Trust Company under four indentures is not so likely to involve a material conflict of interest as to make it necessary in the public interest or for the protection of investors to disqualify Bankers Trust Company from acting as trustee under these Indentures. (Rel. 39-343)

**UNLISTED TRADING SOUGHT.** Notices have been issued giving interested persons until October 12 to request a hearing upon applications of the Cincinnati Stock Exchange for unlisted trading privileges in the common stocks of the following companies: Aetna Life and Casualty Company; Amerada Hess Corporation; American Telephone & Telegraph Company; American Hospital Supply Corporation; Baxter Laboratories, Inc.; Becton, Dickinson and Company; Braniff Airways, Inc.; The Chase Manhattan Corporation; Chessie System, Inc.; City Investing Company; Continental Telephone Corporation; Control Data Corporation; Esmark, Incorporated; First National City Corporation; Georgia-Pacific Corporation; Holiday Inns Incorporated; Howard Johnson Company; Hughes Tool Company; Imperial Corporation of America; Johns-Manville Corporation; The Louisiana Land & Exploration Company; Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.; Northwest Airlines, Incorporated; Philadelphia Electric Company; Polaroid Corporation; Public Service Electric and Gas Company; Pennzoil Company; Seaboard Coast Line Industries, Inc.; Shell Oil Company; Singer Company; Sony Corporation; Southern California Edison Company; Southern Natural Resources, Inc.; Teledyne, Incorporated; Texel Corporation (The); Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Textron, Incorporated; Travelers Corporation; UAL Incorporated; Union Oil Company of California; United States Gypsum Company; Virginia Electric and Power Company; Winnebago Industries, Inc. (Rel. 34-10409)

## RECENT FORM 8-K FILINGS

Form 8K is a report which must be filed with the SEC by the 10th of the month after any of the following important events or changes: changes in control of the registrant; acquisition or disposition of assets; legal proceedings; changes in securities (i.e., collateral for registered securities); defaults upon senior securities; increase or decrease in the amount of securities outstanding; options to purchase securities; revaluation of assets; submission of matters to a vote of security holders.

The companies listed below have filed Form 8-K reports for the month indicated, responding to the item of the form specified. Photocopies may be purchased from the Commission's Public Reference Section (in ordering, please give month and year of report). An index of the captions of the items of the form was included in Monday's News Digest.

COMPANY	ITEM NO.	MONTH
TEXACO INC	3	08/73
TEXAS GULF INC	3,7,8	08/73
TEXAS OIL & GAS CORP	7	08/73
THOMAS & BETTS CO	13	08/73
TIME CO INC	13	08/73
TREASURE ISLE INC	13	08/73
TRUNKLINE GAS CO	13	08/73
TYLER CORP	4,7,8,14	08/73
UIP CORP	3	08/73
UNAGUSTA CORP	2,11,12,14	08/73
UNION CARBIDE CORP	3,10,13,14	08/73
UNION ELECTRIC CO	3	08/73
UNION PACIFIC CORP	3	08/73
UNION TANK CAR CO	7,14	08/73
UNIKROYAL INC	3	08/73
UNISHOPS INC	13,14	08/73
UNITED NATIONAL CORP	8	08/73
UNITED STANDARD ASSET GROWTH CORP	13	08/73
UNITED STATES STEEL CORP	3	08/73
UV INDUSTRIES INC	7,8	08/73
VALLEY METALLURGICAL PROCESSING CO INC	2,3,14	08/73
VANCE SANDERS & CO INC	3,14	08/73
VAPORTECH CORP	13	08/73
VICO CORP	13,14	08/73
VIDEO SYSTEMS CORP	2,14	07/73
VIDEO SYSTEMS CORP	1,14	08/73
VIRANY CREATIONS LTD	9,14	08/73
WARNER COMMUNICATIONS INC	3	08/73
WEATHERHEAD CO	13	08/73
WILSON FREIGHT CO	4,13,14	08/73
WINDE GROUP INC	2,14	07/73
WYLY CORP	3	08/73
WYMAN GORDON CO	3,7,14	08/73
ZEKU MANUFACTURING CO	8	08/73
ADDRESSOGRAPH MULTIGRAPH CORP	10,14	08/73
ADVANCED MEMORY SYSTEMS INC	10,14	08/73
AFFILIATED BANKSHARES OF COLORADO INC	13	08/73
AIR KING CORP	11,13,14	08/73
AIR MICHIGAN INC	13	08/73
AIR PRODUCTS & CHEMICALS INC	8	08/73
AIRWICK INDUSTRIES INC	7	08/73
ALTS INC	7,9,13,14	08/73
AJ INDUSTRIES INC	3,11,13	08/73
ALL TECH INDUSTRIES INC	7	08/73
ALTEC CORP	3,14	08/73
ALUMINUM CO OF CANADA LTD	13,14	08/73
AMAREX FUNDS OF DELAWARE INC	2,13,14	08/73
AMAREX INC	2,13,14	08/73

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Copies of registration statements may be ordered from the Commission's Public Reference Section. All other referenced material is available in the issue of the SEC Docket indicated in parentheses below the News Digest Issue No. Both the News Digest (\$33.00 a year, first class mail; \$8.25 additional for foreign mailing; \$25.00 additional for air mail) and the SEC Docket (\$17.00 a year, first class mail; \$4.25 additional for foreign mailing) are for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.