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## RULES AND RELATED MATTERS

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### PROPOSED RULEMAKING IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEXT STAGE OF EDGAR MODERNIZATION

The Commission has issued a release proposing new rules and amendments to existing rules and forms in connection with the next stage of modernization of the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval (EDGAR) system. The release provides for a comment period of 30 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register.

When the programming for the next stage of modernization is accomplished, EDGAR will include the following new features that the Commission addresses in the release:

- \* the ability to include graphic and image files in HTML filings;
- \* the ability to use hyperlinks in HTML filings, including links between documents within a submission and to previously filed documents on our public web site EDGAR database at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov); and
- \* the addition of the Internet, and removal of diskettes, as an available means of transmitting filings to the EDGAR system.

The release also proposes the removal of the requirement for filers to submit Financial Data Schedules and requests comment concerning future EDGAR rulemaking projects in connection with EDGAR modernization and bringing more Commission filings into the EDGAR system on a mandatory basis.

For further information about the proposed rules, please contact: in the Division of Investment Management, Ruth Armfield Sanders, Senior Special Counsel, or Shaswat Das, Attorney, (202) 942-0978; and in the Division of Corporation Finance, Carol P. Newman Weiss, Accountant, (202) 942-2940. For questions about the development of the modernized EDGAR system, please contact Richard D. Hercux, (202) 942-8885, in the Office of Information Technology. (Rels. 33-7803; 34-42462; 35-27142; 39-2382; IC-24319; File No. S7-05-00)

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**ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS**

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**INITIAL DECISION IN THE MATTER OF EURO-ATLANTIC SECURITIES, INC., ET AL.**

On February 25, an administrative law judge issued an initial decision in the matter of Euro-Atlantic Securities, Inc., et al. Respondents William Avent, John A. Dilworth II, Darlan E. Gordon, and Brian A. Schmidt allegedly violated Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, and Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, in that they contributed, by way of material omissions, misstatements, and other acts, to a fraudulent scheme or device involving a purported lease of U.S. Treasury Bills and a related "high yield trading program." The initial decision sustains the charges in part, and dismisses them in part. The Order Instituting Proceedings, in so far as it alleged a violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, is dismissed.

The initial decision orders Respondents Avent, Dilworth, Gordon, and Schmidt to cease and desist from committing any violations or future violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act. Respondents Avent, Dilworth, and Gordon are ordered to jointly and severally disgorge \$300,000, plus prejudgment interest from August 28, 1995. Respondent Schmidt is ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$100,000 and is barred from association with any broker or dealer. The registration of Euro-Atlantic Securities, Inc. is revoked. (Initial Decision No. 161; File No. 3-9402)

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**INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES**

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**PFL WRIGHT VARIABLE ANNUITY ACCOUNT**

An order has been issued under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act declaring that PFL Wright Variable Annuity Account has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-24295 - February 23)

**ALEXANDER HAMILTON VARIABLE INSURANCE TRUST**

An order has been issued under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act declaring that the Alexander Hamilton Variable Insurance Trust has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-24296 - February 23)

**AMERICAN SKANDIA LIFE ASSURANCE CORPORATION VARIABLE ACCOUNT C**

An order has been issued under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act declaring that American Skandia Life Assurance Corporation Variable Account C has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-24297 - February 23)

### **FARM BUREAU LIFE ANNUITY ACCOUNT III**

An order has been issued under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act declaring that Farm Bureau Life Annuity Account III has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-24310 - February 23)

### **GENERAL AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY SEPARATE ACCOUNT TWO**

An order has been issued under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act declaring that General American Life Insurance Company Separate Account Two has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-24311 - February 23)

### **AMERICAN EQUITY LIFE VARIABLE ACCOUNT**

An order has been issued under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act declaring that American Equity Life Variable Account has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-24312 - February 23)

### **HT INSIGHT FUNDS, INC., ET AL.**

An order has been issued on an application filed by HT Insight Funds, Inc., et al. under Section 17(b) of the Investment Company Act for an exemption from Section 17(a) of the Act. The order permits certain series of Harris Insight Funds Trust to acquire all of the assets and liabilities of all of the series of HT Insight Funds, Inc. Because of certain affiliations, applicants may not rely on Rule 17a-8 under the Act. (Rel. IC-24313 - February 23)

### **HARRIS & HARRIS GROUP, INC.**

A certification has been issued pursuant to Section 851(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that Harris & Harris Group, Inc. was, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, principally engaged in the furnishing of capital to other corporations which are principally engaged in the development or exploitation of inventions, technological improvements, new processes or products not previously generally available. (Rel. IC-24314 - February 24)

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### **SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS**

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### **WITHDRAWAL OF A PROPOSED RULE CHANGE**

The Chicago Stock Exchange submitted the withdrawal of a proposed rule change (SR-CHX-99-14) relating to "Stop" and "Stop Limit" Orders. Publication of the notice is expected in the Federal Register during the week of February 28. (Rel. 34-42449)

## AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

Amendment No. 1 to a proposed rule change has been filed by the National Association of Securities Dealers (SR-NASD-99-41) relating to the opening of day-trading accounts. Publication of the proposal is expected in the Federal Register during the week of February 28. (Rel. 34-42452)

## IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVENESS OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

A proposed rule change (SR-CHX-00-01) filed by the Chicago Stock Exchange to amend its rules relating to the filing of FOCUS Reports by its members has become effective under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Publication of the proposal is expected in the Federal Register during the week of February 28. (Rel. 34-42454)

## PROPOSED OPTION MARKET LINKAGE PLANS

The Commission issued notice of proposed options market linkage plans submitted pursuant to Rule 11Aa3-2(c)(3)(i) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by the American Stock Exchange, Chicago Board Options Exchange, International Securities Exchange, Pacific Exchange, and Philadelphia Stock Exchange. Publication of the proposal is expected in the Federal Register during the week of February 28. (Rel. 34-42456, File No. 4-429)

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## RECENT 8K FILINGS

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Form 8-K is used by companies to file current reports on the following events

- Item 1 Changes in Control of Registrant
- Item 2 Acquisition or Disposition of Assets
- Item 3 Bankruptcy or Receivership
- Item 4 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant
- Item 5 Other Materially Important Events
- Item 6 Resignations of Registrant's Directors
- Item 7 Financial Statements and Exhibits
- Item 8 Change in Fiscal Year
- Item 9 Regulation S Offerings

The following companies have filed 8-K reports for the date indicated and/or amendments to 8-K reports previously filed, responding to the item(s) of the form specified. 8-K reports may be obtained in person or by writing to the Commission's Public Reference Branch at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549 or at the following e-mail box address <publicinfo@sec.gov>. In most cases, this information is also available on the Commission's website <www.sec.gov>

NAME OF ISSUER	STATE CODE	8K ITEM NO.									DATE	COMMENT
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
ACCUIIMAGE DIAGNOSTICS CORP	NV				X		X				12/29/99	AMEND
ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC	DE				X		X				02/25/00	

NAME OF ISSUER	STATE CODE	BK ITEM NO.									DATE	COMMENT
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
ALL STAR GAS CORP	MO				X	X					02/23/00	
APPLIED ANALYTICAL INDUSTRIES INC	DE				X	X					02/24/00	
APPLIED MEDICAL DEVICES INC	CO			X		X					02/25/00	
ASTRO MED INC /NEW/	RI					X					12/14/99	AMEND
AUTOBYTEL COM INC	DE		X			X					02/15/00	
AUTOLIV INC	DE		X			X					02/25/00	
BAMS MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFIC ATES SERIES 1999-6	NC				X	X					07/25/99	
BAMS MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFIC ATES SERIES 1999-6	NC				X	X					08/25/99	
BAMS MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFIC ATES SERIES 1999-6	NC				X	X					09/25/99	
BAMS MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFIC ATES SERIES 1999-6	NC				X	X					10/25/99	
BAMS MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFIC ATES SERIES 1999-6	NC		NO ITEMS								05/07/00	
BAMS MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFIC ATES SERIES 1999-8	DE				X	X					08/25/99	
BAMS MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFIC ATES SERIES 1999-8	DE				X	X					09/25/99	
BAMS MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFIC ATES SERIES 1999-8	DE				X	X					10/25/99	
BAMS MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFIC ATES SERIES 1999-8	DE				X	X					11/25/99	
BAMS MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFIC ATES SERIES 1999-9	DE				X	X					08/25/99	
BAMS MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFIC ATES SERIES 1999-9	DE				X	X					08/25/99	
BAMS MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFIC ATES SERIES 1999-9	DE				X	X					09/25/99	
BAMS MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFIC ATES SERIES 1999-9	DE				X	X					10/25/99	
BAMS MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFIC ATES SERIES 1999-9	DE				X	X					11/25/99	
BILLING CONCEPTS CORP	DE				X	X					02/22/00	
C H ROBINSON WORLDWIDE INC	DE					X					12/16/99	AMEND
CAMBRIDGE MOLDINGS LTD	CO			X		X					02/25/00	
CENTENARY INTERNATIONAL CORP	NV		X		X	X					12/30/99	
CENTRAL EUROPEAN MEDIA ENTERPRISES LTD					X						02/21/00	
CHAMPION INTERNATIONAL CORP	NY				X	X					02/17/00	
CHECKPOINT SYSTEMS INC	PA					X					12/10/99	AMEND
CHEVY CHASE AUTO RECEIVABLES TRUST 1996-1	MD				X						01/31/00	
CHEVY CHASE AUTO RECEIVABLES TRUST 1996-2	MD				X						01/31/00	
CHEVY CHASE AUTO RECEIVABLES TRUST 1997-1	MD				X						01/31/00	
CHEVY CHASE AUTO RECEIVABLES TRUST 1997-2	MD				X						01/31/00	
CHEVY CHASE AUTO RECEIVABLES TRUST 1997-3	MD				X						01/31/00	
CHEVY CHASE AUTO RECEIVABLES TRUST 1997-4	MD				X						01/31/00	
CHEVY CHASE AUTO RECEIVABLES TRUST 1998-1	MD				X						01/31/00	
CHEVY CHASE AUTO RECEIVABLES TRUST 1998-2	MD				X						01/31/00	
CHEVY CHASE HOME LOAN TRUST 1996-1	MD				X						01/31/00	
CHEVY CHASE HOME LOAN TRUST 1997-1	MD				X						01/31/00	
CLAYTON HOMES INC	DE				X	X					02/17/00	

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CLIMACHEM INC	OK				X	X					12/30/99	
COMC INC	IL				X						02/21/00	
COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC	DE	X									02/07/00	
COMPAQ COMPUTER CORP	DE				X	X					02/24/00	
CROWN CRAFTS INC	GA				X	X					02/23/00	
CUBIC ENERGY INC	OK				X	X					02/18/00	
CWMBS INC	DE						X				02/25/00	
DEPARTMENT 56 INC	DE				X	X					02/25/00	
DIEHL GRAPHISOFT INC	NJ	X									02/18/00	
DOLLAR FINANCIAL GROUP INC	NY		X								02/25/00	
DUALSTAR TECHNOLOGIES CORP	DE					X					02/25/00	
E FINANCIAL DEPOT COM	DE				X	X					02/21/00	
E-NET COM CORP	NV		X		X	X					02/11/00	
EATON CORP	OH		X								02/25/00	
EMCORE CORP								X			02/24/00	
ENCOMPASS SERVICES CORP	TX		X				X				02/22/00	
FARMER MAC MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP	DE	X									01/12/00	
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ATLANTA					X	X					01/31/00	
FIRSTCOM CORP	TX				X	X					02/22/00	
FLORIDA POWER CORP /	FL				X						02/24/00	
FLORIDA PROGRESS CORP	FL				X						02/24/00	
FONDA GROUP INC	DE						X				12/27/99	AMEND
FRONTIER INSURANCE GROUP INC	DE						X				01/20/00	AMEND
GARY PLAYER DIRECT INC	DE				X	X					02/22/00	
GS MORTGAGE SEC CORP II COMM MORT P A THRO CERT SER 1997-GLL	DE	X									02/13/00	
GUARANTY BANCSHARES INC /TX/	TX				X	X					01/19/00	AMEND
HELLER FINANCIAL COMMERCIAL MORT AS SET CORP SERIES 1999 PH 2	DE		X				X				02/24/00	
HEMASURE INC	DE				X	X					02/25/00	
HOST MARRIOTT CORP/	DE				X	X					02/24/00	
HOST MARRIOTT L P	DE				X	X					02/24/00	
INSILCO CORP/DE/	DE		X			X					02/11/00	
INSILCO HOLDING CO	DE		X			X					02/11/00	
INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES INC	DE				X	X					02/25/00	
ITURF INC	DE		X				X				02/15/00	
JAWS TECHNOLOGIES INC /NY	NV	X									01/28/00	AMEND
KEY PLASTICS LLC	MI				X						02/15/00	
L 3 COMMUNICATIONS CORP	DE		X				X				02/24/00	
L 3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS INC	DE		X				X				02/24/00	
LANGUAGEWARE NET CO LTD					X	X					02/14/00	AMEND
LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS INC	DE				X						02/24/00	
LIMITED INC	DE				X	X					02/22/00	
LOEWEN GROUP INC					X	X					02/21/00	
METROCALL INC	DE				X	X					02/18/00	
MICROMUSE INC	DE		X				X				12/31/99	
MIGHTY STAR HOLDINGS LTD	CO	X									03/31/00	
MMCA AUTO OWNER TRUST 1997-1	DE						X				01/31/00	
MMCA AUTO OWNER TRUST 1998-1	DE						X				01/31/00	
MMCA AUTO OWNER TRUST 1999-2	DE						X				01/31/00	
MODEM MEDIA POPPE TYSON INC	DE		X				X				02/10/00	
NEOWARE SYSTEMS INC	DE				X	X					02/14/00	
NET VALUE HOLDINGS INC	DE				X						02/22/00	
NETWOLVES CORP	NY		X				X				02/10/00	
NEW CENTURY HOME EQ LOAN TRUST 99 N CD ASSET BAC PASS THR CER					X	X					02/28/00	
NEWSOUTH BANCORP INC	VA		X				X				02/18/00	
NORTH BANCSHARES INC	DE		X								02/25/00	
ONYX ACCEPTANCE FINANCIAL CORP	DE				X	X					02/23/00	
PAYFORVIEW COM CORP/	NV	X	X		X	X					02/22/00	

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PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT INC	DE					X	X					02/23/00	
PINNACLE GLOBAL GROUP INC	TX					X						01/10/00	
PREFERRED NETWORKS INC	GA						X					12/10/99	AMEND
PREMIER LASER SYSTEMS INC	CA					X						01/05/00	
PRIMA ENERGY CORP	DE					X	X					02/24/00	
PROPHET 21 INC	DE					X	X					01/26/00	AMEND
PROVIDIAN MASTER TRUST							X					02/15/00	
PROVIDIAN NATIONAL BANK /NEW/							X					02/15/00	
PUMA TECHNOLOGY INC	DE	X					X					02/24/00	
RAYTHEON CO/	DE					X	X					02/25/00	
RESIDENTIAL ACCREDIT LOANS INC	DE					X	X					02/24/00	
RESIDENTIAL FUNDING MORTGAGE SECURI	DE						X					01/12/00	
TIES I INC													
SALOMON BROTHERS MORTGAGE SECURITIE	DE						X					02/24/00	
S VII INC													
SBA COMMUNICATIONS CORP	FL	X					X					02/04/00	AMEND
SCG HOLDING CORP	DE					X	X					02/17/00	
SERVICE MERCHANDISE CO INC	TN					X						02/25/00	
SIERRA PACIFIC RESOURCES	NV					X	X					02/25/00	
SIMTEK CORP	CO					X						02/24/00	
SPANLINK COMMUNICATIONS INC	MN						X	X				02/25/00	
SPIGADORO INC	DE	X	X				X					12/29/99	
ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO	DE						X					02/25/00	AMEND
STEELTON BANCORP INC	PA					X	X					02/17/00	
TANDY BRANDS ACCESSORIES INC	DE					X	X					02/24/00	
TANNERS RESTAURANT GROUP INC	TX	X					X					02/10/00	
THEGLOBE COM INC	DE					X	X					02/23/00	
THERMOTREX CORP	DE	X					X					02/25/00	
THOMAS & BETTS CORP	TN					X						02/24/00	
TRUDY CORP	DE					X						02/25/00	
UNITED BANCSHARES INC /PA	PA					X						02/25/00	
UNITED DOMINION REALTY TRUST INC	VA					X						02/25/00	
UNIVERSAL CORP /VA/	VA					X	X					02/24/00	
USA NETWORKS INC	DE					X						02/24/00	
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE & FINANCE INC	TN					X	X					02/17/00	
VENTRO CORP	DE	X					X					02/10/00	
VIROPHARMA,INC	DE					X						02/25/00	
WEBB INTERACTIVE SERVICES INC	CO					X	X					02/18/00	
WILLAMETTE INDUSTRIES INC	OR					X	X					02/25/00	
WISCONSIN POWER & LIGHT CO	WI					X						02/25/00	
WPI GROUP INC	NH					X						02/22/00	
WYNNS INTERNATIONAL INC	DE						X					12/17/99	AMEND
WYOMING OIL & MINERALS INC	WY	X				X	X					02/02/00	
XM SATELLITE RADIO HOLDINGS INC	DE					X	X					12/31/99	