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RULES AND RELATED MATTERS

U.S. SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO FILING AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

The Commission today announced the adoption of amendments to the beneficial ownership disclosure rules which were to have become effective April 30, 1978, and the deferral of the effectiveness of such rules, as amended, until late May, 1978. The Commission also proposed amendments to implement new Section 13(g) of the Exchange Act, which requires beneficial ownership information by certain persons not heretofore required to report.

The actions stem from Sections 13(d) and 13(c) of the Exchange Act which require certain persons who beneficially own more than five percent of certain classes of equity securities to disclose their ownership, together with additional information. The Commission previously had adopted new rules under Section 13(d) in Rel. 34-13291 (February 24, 1977); those rules were scheduled to go into effect on April 30, 1978, however today's action will amend those rules and defer the effective date of the rules, as amended, until thirty days following the publication of this release in the Federal Register.

The new rules define the term "beneficial ownership" as including the power to vote the subject securities, or to direct the vote, and/or the power to dispose of the securities, or to direct their disposition. Today's actions do not revise this definition, which was previously announced in February, 1977.

The short form Schedule 13G will be available to insurance companies and generally need to be filed annually.

If an institutional investor is required to shift from a short form to a long form it might be subject to a requirement not to vote the subject securities nor acquire more such securities for a ten-day period.

The new rules also contain a provision which would require an institutional investor eligible to use the short form to make a filing on that form within ten days after the end of any month in which, as of the last day of that month, its beneficial ownership interest of the subject securities exceeded ten percent.

The Commission also proposed for comment rules to implement newly enacted Section 13(g) of the Exchange Act. The proposed rules include requiring persons to file on the short form who acquired beneficial ownership prior to December 22, 1970, persons who acquire not more than two percent of a class of securities within a twelve month period and persons who acquired through a stock exchange for stock registered under the Securities Act. Comments should be submitted in triplicate to George A. Fitzsimmons, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 500 North Capitol Street, Washington, D.C. 20549. Comment letters should refer to File No. S7-739 and will be available for public inspection. (Rel. 33-5925 and 33-5926)

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COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

STOCK TRANSACTIONS OF SELECTED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND FOREIGN INVESTORS, 1977

According to estimates released by the SEC, private noninsured pension funds, open-end investment companies, life insurance companies and property-liability insurance companies purchased \$36.4 billion of common stock and sold \$34.2 billion; net purchases were \$2.2 billion. In 1976 gross purchases were \$40.6 billion; gross sales were \$33.1 billion resulting in net purchases of \$7.4 billion. For details, see the April issue of the SEC Statistical Bulletin.

**DETERMINATION AS TO RESTRICTION OF REFUNDABILITY OF BONDS
AND PREFERRED STOCK**

On October 23, 1975 (Rel. 35-19224) the Commission invited comments as to whether there was need to modify the provisions of its statements of policy with respect to bonds and preferred stocks issued by members of registered holding companies, which required that such senior securities be freely refundable after the expiration of five years from the date of issuance. This release did not propose an amendment, but sought specific data as to the need or advisability of a change. After reviewing the eighteen comments submitted, and in light of current market conditions, it was determined that no amendment was needed. (Rel. 35-20509)

COURT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

PAUL L. HUNTSMAN, JR. PLEADS GUILTY

The New York Regional Office announced that on April 6 Paul L. Huntsman, Jr. pleaded guilty to one count in satisfaction of three counts of an indictment originally returned on March 2. The subject count charged him with conspiracy to provide false and misleading information to the Commission and a federal grand jury in connection with an investigation into the securities of Dimensional Entertainment Corporation. (U.S. v. Paul L. Huntsman, Jr., 78 Crim. 141, LFM). (LR-8375)

GARY L. DIGIROLAMO ENTERS PLEAS

The San Francisco Branch Office and the Seattle Regional Office announced that on April 11 Gary L. DiGirolamo entered pleas of nolo contendere in the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii, before Judge Dick Yin Wong, to five counts of an indictment charging securities fraud, wire fraud, mail fraud, and the interstate transportation of a security knowing the same to have been taken by fraud.

DiGirolamo, formerly of Honolulu, Hawaii, was indicted on December 1, 1977, by a federal grand jury in Honolulu, Hawaii, for 27 counts of securities fraud, 8 counts of wire fraud, 14 counts of mail fraud, and one count of the interstate transportation of a security knowing the same to have been taken by fraud in connection with the offer and sale of limited partnership interests to the public. The criminal prosecution of DiGirolamo was based on facts obtained during the course of investigations by the San Francisco Branch Office, the Postal Inspection Service, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii. Sentencing is expected to take place in September, following completion of a presentence investigation and report. (U.S. v. Gary L. DiGirolamo, D. Hawaii, Criminal No. 77-01344). (LR-8376)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

ADMIRALTY FUND UNIT PLAN

An order has been granted on an application of Admiralty Fund Unit Plan declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-10211 - Apr. 20)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

GULF POWER COMPANY

An order has been issued authorizing a proposal of Gulf Power Company, subsidiary of The Southern Company, to enter into an agreement with Jackson County, Mississippi, for the financing of pollution control facilities through the issuance and sale by the County of its revenue note in an amount estimated at \$1,500,000. (Rel. 35-20508 - Apr. 19)

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The following stock exchanges have filed proposed rule changes pursuant to Rule 19b-4: The Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. (SR-CBOE-78-9) to adopt procedures which implement CBOE rules 2.9, 7.2, 7.3, 7.10 and 7.11. (Rel. 34-14688); (SR-CBOE-78-10)

to establish a schedule of charges to be imposed on CBOE members for contract executions by Board Brokers. (Rel. 34-14687); and New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (SR-NYSE-78-20) to amend in certain respects the NYSE's qualification requirements for registered representatives. (Rel. 34-14689)

Publication of the above proposals are expected to be made in the Federal Register during the week of April 24.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The Commission has approved a proposed rule change filed by the American Stock Exchange, Inc. The rule change (SR-Amex-78-2) would amend Amex's minimum margin requirements to conform them to recent changes in Regulation T, exempt loans extended by member firms to customers for purposes other than purchasing, carrying or trading securities and clarify that member firms must always obtain initial margin sufficient to satisfy Regulation T. (Rel. 34-14683)

MISCELLANEOUS

LOUISIANA AND SOUTHERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

An order has been issued granting the application of Louisiana and Southern Life Insurance Company (Applicant), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Charter Insurance Group, Inc., pursuant to Section 12(h) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, for an exemption from the reporting requirements of Section 15(d) of the Act. It appeared to the Commission that the grant of the requested exemption would not be inconsistent with the public interest in view of the fact that none of Applicant's securities are held publicly. (Rel. 34-14686)

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-14) AGUIRRE CORPORATION OF PUERTO RICO, Rodriguez Portela Bldg., A St., GPO Box G-4825, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936 (809) 783-1502 - 1,500,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-61290 - Apr. 14)
- (S-8) FORD MOTOR COMPANY, The American Rd., Dearborn, Mich. 48121 - 10,000,000 shares of common stock and \$128 million of participations. The company is engaged in the manufacture, assembly and sale of cars and trucks, and related parts and accessories. (File 2-61332 - Apr. 19)
- (S-8) RAYMOND PRECISION INDUSTRIES INC., 217 Smith St., Middletown, Conn. 06457 - 40,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-61339 - Apr. 20)
- (S-8) CROWN ZELLERBACH CORPORATION, One Bush St., San Francisco, Cal. 94119 (415) 823-5855 - 750,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-61340 - Apr. 20)
- (S-14) HAYES-ALBION CORPORATION, 1999 Wildwood Ave., Jackson, Mich. 49202 (517) 782-9421 - 300,207 shares of common stock. (File 2-61341 - Apr. 20)
- (S-8) MALLINCKRODT, INC., 675 Brown Rd., P.O. Box 5840, St. Louis, Mo. 63134 - 250,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-61342 - Apr. 20)
- (S-8) ANCHOR HOCKING CORPORATION, 109 North Broad St., Lancaster, Ohio 43130 (614) 687-2339 - 300,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-61343 - Apr. 20)
- (S-8) SOUTHEAST BANKING CORPORATION, 100 South Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Fla. 33131 - 1,300,000 shares of common stock. The company is a bank holding company. (File 2-61344 - Apr. 20)
- (S-8) THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC., 1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10020 - 5,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-61346 - Apr. 20)

In a separate statement the company seeks registration of 200,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-61347 - Apr. 20)

- (S-14) TRUST COMPANY OF GEORGIA, One Park Place, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30303 (404) 588-7711 - 265,029 shares of common stock. (File 2-61348 - Apr. 20)
- (S-8) PANHANDLE EASTERN PIPE LINE COMPANY, 3000 Bissonnet Ave., Houston, Tex. 77005 - 500,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-61349 - Apr. 20)
- (S-7) THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY, 300 Madison Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43652 - 200,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-61350 - Apr. 20)
- (S-6) THE GOVERNMENT SECURITIES INCOME FUND, THIRD GNMA SERIES, One Liberty Plaza, 165 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10080 - 55,000 units of beneficial interest. Depositors: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc., One Liberty Plaza, 165 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10080, Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., and Bache Halsey Stuart Shields Inc. (File 2-61351 - Apr. 20)
- (S-8) LEHIGH VALLEY INDUSTRIES, INC., 200 East 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10017 - 380,500 shares of common stock. (File 2-61353 - Apr. 18)
- (S-8) AMERICAN MEDICAL BUILDINGS, INC., 735 North Water St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53202 - 225,303 shares of common stock. (File 2-61355 - Apr. 17)

REGISTRATIONS EFFECTIVE

Apr. 13: Kanab Services, Inc., 2-60870.

Apr. 14: American Affiliates, Inc., 2-60915; Bally Manufacturing Corp., 2-61066; Bank Building & Equipment Corp. of America, 2-60947; Boston Oil Limited 1978, 2-60692 (90 days); Cambridge Memories, Inc., 2-60556; Central Illinois Light Co., 2-60969; Indianapolis Power & Light Co., 2-60819; Magic Chef, Inc., 2-60193; NJB Prime Investors, 2-60772; National Utilities & Industries Corp., 2-60948; Trans Union Corp., 2-60995.

NOTE TO DEALERS. When applicable the 90-day period of time dealers are required to use the prospectus is noted above in parentheses after the name of the issuer. As to the other issuers, there may be no such requirement to use a prospectus, or the requirement may be for a period of only 40 days; see Section 4(3) of the Securities Act of 1933 and Rule 174 (17 CFR 230.174) thereunder.

NOTICE

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