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TRADING SUSPENSIONS

TRADING SUSPENDED IN W. T. GRANT CO.

The SEC has announced the temporary suspension of exchange and over-the-counter trading in the securities of W. T. Grant Co. (Grant), a Delaware corporation located in New York, New York, for the single ten-day period beginning on February 10 and terminating at midnight (EST) on February 19, 1976.

The Commission ordered the suspension of trading in Grant's securities pending clarification of the status of the company as debtor in the Chapter XI proceedings. (Rel. 34-12092)

TRADING SUSPENDED IN OMEGA-ALPHA, INC.

The SEC announced the temporary suspension of over-the-counter trading in the securities of Omega-Alpha, Inc. (O-A), a Delaware corporation located in Dallas, Texas, for the single ten-day period beginning at 3:35 p.m. on February 10 and terminating at midnight (EST) on February 19, 1976.

The Commission suspended trading in order to permit time for dissemination of information concerning a proposed plan of reorganization under Chapter X of the National Bankruptcy Act proposed to be filed in the U.S. District Court in Dallas, Texas on February 13, 1976 and so that holders of O-A 6-1/2% subordinated debentures due July 15, 1988, who are being asked to tender their debentures to Valhi, Inc., as well as holders of other securities of O-A, may consider such information in making their investment decisions. The suspension shall not prevent debenture holders from exercising their withdrawal rights. (Rel. 34-12097)

ADDITIONAL ACTION ON ONE TRADING SUSPENSION

The SEC has announced the suspension of exchange and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Equity Funding Corp. for the further ten-day period February 11 - 20, inclusive.

COURT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

COMPLAINT NAMES STELBER INDUSTRIES, INC.

The SEC announced the filing of a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on February 6 seeking a court order directing Stelber Industries, Inc., (Stelber), Medford, New York, to comply with the reporting provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and seeking a permanent injunction against further such violations. According to the Commission's complaint against Stelber, the company failed to file with the Commission its annual report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended June 30, 1975, and its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1975. (SEC v. Stelber Industries, Inc., U.S.D.C., D.C., Civil Action No. 76-0231). (LR-7268)

INJUNCTIVE ACTION COMMENCED AGAINST J. S. ROBERTS & CO.

The New York Regional Office announced that on February 2 an injunctive action was commenced against J. S. Roberts & Co., a broker-dealer located in Westfield, New Jersey seeking to enjoin J. S. Roberts & Co. from violations of the net capital, bookkeeping and supplemental reporting provisions under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. On February 3, 1976, U.S. District Judge Herbert J. Stern of the District of New Jersey temporarily restrained J. S. Roberts & Co. from violating the above provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and appointed a temporary receiver for J. S. Roberts & Co. (SEC v. J. S. Roberts & Co., D.N.J.). (LR-7269)

JERALD (JERRY) ZELIN ENJOINED

The New York Regional Office announced that on February 3 a final judgment of permanent injunction by consent was entered enjoining Jerald (Jerry) Zelin (Zelin), from violations of the antifraud, reporting and proxy requirements of the securities laws. The judgment also provided for certain ancillary relief, preventing Zelin from voting or influencing the voting of shares of Generics Corporation of America (Generics) in which he has or had a record of beneficial interest; requiring Zelin to report to the Court and the Commission all of his transactions in securities of Generics or Environmental Hydronics, Inc., a former subsidiary of Generics; and preventing Zelin from holding any position as an officer or director of Generics or any of its subsidiaries.

The Commission's complaint was filed on December 18, 1975. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the other defendants, Generics, Stuart Friedman and S. M. (Jesse) Stancarone, consented to the entry of final judgments of permanent injunction. Furthermore, certain ancillary relief was obtained against Generics. (SEC v. Generics Corporation of America, et al., D.N.J., 75 Civil Action No. 2179). (LR-7270)

COMPLAINT NAMES JOHN H. CLIFTON

The SEC announced that on February 6 it filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia against John H. Clifton seeking to enjoin him from violating the securities laws and certain other relief. Also filed was a stipulation whereby Clifton, without admitting or denying the allegations in the complaint, consented to entry of a Court order directing him not to violate the antifraud provisions of the securities laws and to reimburse J. C. Oil, Ltd.-1974 for certain expenses improperly charged to that limited partnership. The complaint charged Clifton with violations in connection with his sponsorship of oil and gas drilling partnerships in 1973 and 1974. Among other things, the complaint charged him with committing \$24,000 to two wells which he knew to be dry while he was continuing to sell limited partnership interests to investors. Clifton had also consented to the institution of Commission administrative proceedings and to a Commission order which could delay the effective date of his broker-dealer registration statement be delayed for sixty days following the filing of such registration with the Commission. (SEC v. John H. Clifton Civil Action No. 76-225, D.D.C.). (LR-7271)

COMPLAINT NAMES JOSEPH B. ERNI, OTHERS

The Denver Regional Office announced that on February 5 a complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado naming Joseph B. Erni, Armon Systems of Colorado, Inc., Western Armon Systems, Inc., a Colorado corporation, Western Armon Systems, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation, Western Armon Systems, Inc., a Virginia corporation, Bio-Systems Enterprises, Inc., and Summer Hills, Inc. from violations of the registration and antifraud provisions of the securities laws in connection with the offer for sale and sale of common stock and investment contracts in the nature of exclusive territorial licensing agreements of the above named defendants. (SEC v. Summer Hills, Inc., et al., U.S.D.C. COLO.). (LR-7272)

COMPLAINT NAMES CANYON SILVER COMPANY AND URCLE C. CAMPBELL

The Seattle Regional Office filed a complaint on January 16 in Federal District Court, Missoula, Montana seeking to enjoin Canyon Silver Company, a Nevada corporation and Urcle C. Campbell of Thompson Falls, Montana from violations of the registration and antifraud provisions of the securities laws.

The alleged violations stem from the sale of unregistered shares of Canyon Silver Company common stock to members of the public. The complaint alleges untrue statements about the use of proceeds of the stock sale, the company's expected profitability, and financial condition. (SEC v. Canyon Silver Company, et al., D. Mont. Missoula Div. CV-76-10-M). (LR-7273)

COMPLAINT NAMES RIO GRANDE OIL COMPANY, OTHERS

The Fort Worth Regional Office announced that on February 6 a civil complaint was filed in Federal District Court at Houston, Texas against Rio Grande Oil Company, Thomas Norton, David Worthington and Lynn W. Machen, all of Houston, seeking to enjoin them from violations of the registration and antifraud provisions of the securities laws.

The complaint alleges that Rio Grande Oil Company and Norton, Worthington and Machen violated the registration and antifraud provisions in connection with the offer and sale of fractional undivided interests in oil and gas leases located in Caldwell, Colorado, Guadalupe, Taylor and Montgomery Counties, Texas.

Material assistance was rendered in this investigation by the Texas Securities Board. (SEC v. Rio Grande Oil Company, et al., S.D. Tex.). (LR-7274)

MASTER DRILLERS, INC., OTHERS ENJOINED

The Fort Worth Regional Office announced that on February 4 orders of permanent injunction by consent were entered enjoining Master Drillers, Inc., Standard Energy Corporation, Transland Energy Corporation, Kenneth F. McCarroll, Jack T. Redden, all of Dallas, Kent D. Gilmer, Robert D. Philpot, both of Deer Park, Texas, and Ernest Peltzer and Jasper P. Scalise, both of Pasadena, Texas, from violations of the registration and antifraud provisions of the securities laws.

In addition, on December 30, 1975, orders of permanent injunction by consent were entered enjoining Edrie T. Blake, Dallas, and Walter L. George, Jr., Shreveport, Louisiana, from violations of the registration and antifraud provisions of the securities laws.

Master Drillers, Inc., Standard Energy Corporation, Transland Energy Corporation, Blake, George, Gilmer, McCarroll, Peltzer, Philpot, Redden and Scalise all consented to the entry of the permanent injunctions without admitting or denying the allegations in the Commission's complaint. (SEC v. Master Drillers, Inc., et al., N.D. Tex.). (LR-7275)

WILLIAM M. REESE ENJOINED

The Fort Worth Regional Office announced that on January 30 Federal District Judge William M. Taylor, Jr., at Dallas, Texas, entered an order granting the Commission's motion for summary judgment permanently enjoining William M. Reese, Jr., Arlington, Texas, from violations of the securities laws. The complaint charged that Reese, Jr. offered and sold unregistered common stock in American Southwest Development Corporation, Dallas, through the use of false and misleading statements. (SEC v. American Southwest Development Corporation, et al., N.D. Tex.). (LR-7276)

COMPLAINT NAMES REPUBLIC MINERAL CORPORATION AND EDWARD GREGG WALLACE, JR.

The Fort Worth Regional Office announced that on February 4 a civil complaint was filed in Federal District Court in Houston, Texas against Republic Mineral Corporation and Edward Gregg Wallace, Jr., both of Houston, seeking to enjoin them from violations of the registration and antifraud provisions of the securities laws. The complaint alleges that Republic Mineral Corporation and Wallace violated the securities laws in connection with the offer and sale of fractional undivided interests in oil and gas drilling programs to be drilled in Ohio, Texas, Nebraska, Arizona and New Zealand by Republic Mineral Corporation. (SEC v. Republic Mineral Corporation, et al., S.D. Tex.). (LR-7277)

PAUL H. BRUMLEY, OTHERS ENJOINED

The Fort Worth Regional Office announced that on February 3 Federal District Judge Robert M. Hill, Dallas, Texas, entered orders of permanent injunction enjoining Paul H. Brumley, a Dallas attorney, and Donnie C. Webb and Webb-Adams, Inc., both of St. Louis, Missouri, from violations of the registration and antifraud provisions of the securities laws.

Previously on January 16, 1976 Judge Hill entered an order of permanent injunction enjoining Archie S. Barnhill, a Dallas certified public accountant, from violations of the registration and antifraud provisions of the securities laws.

Brumley, Webb, Webb-Adams, Inc. and Barnhill all consented to the entry of the injunctions without admitting or denying the allegations in the Commission's complaint which was filed in Federal District Court at Dallas on December 8, 1975. (SEC v. Tex-A-Chief Inc., et al., N.D. Tex.). (LR-7278)

JOSEPH WARREN, III, OTHERS ENJOINED

The Fort Worth Regional Office announced that on January 29 Federal District Judge Frank G. Theis at Wichita, Kansas entered an order of preliminary injunction enjoining Joseph Warren, III, an attorney, and Edwards & Warren, P.A., a law firm, both of Charlotte, North Carolina, from violations of the securities laws in connection with the sale of investment contracts in the form of purchase and maintenance agreements for cattle. Warren and Edwards & Warren, P.A. consented to the entry of the injunction.

Previously Judge Theis on January 6 entered an order of permanent injunction by default enjoining James Don Shelton, individually and doing business as J. Don Shelton & Associates, Greenville, South Carolina, from violations of the registration and antifraud provisions of the securities laws in connection with the sale of investment contracts in the form of purchase and maintenance agreements for cattle.

The Commission's complaint charged that Warren, Edwards & Warren, P.A., Shelton and J. Don Shelton & Associates sold to investors in several states purchase and maintenance agreements for cattle issued by McKinney Cattle Company, Hutchinson, Kansas. (SEC v. Wallace Gene McKinney, et al., Dist. of Kansas). (LR-7279)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until March 5 to request a hearing on a proposal of The Southern Company, a registered holding company, and three of its wholly owned electric utility subsidiary companies, Alabama Power Company, Gulf Power Company and Mississippi Power Company, whereby each company will issue notes to banks and issue and sell commercial paper to dealers in excess of the amounts permitted by Section 6(b) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. The companies propose to issue such short-term debt in the following maximum aggregate principal amounts: Southern, \$65 million; Alabama, \$425 million; Gulf, \$65 million; and Mississippi, \$68 million. The proceeds of the sales are to be used by Southern to make capital contributions to its subsidiaries and by the subsidiaries to finance their respective construction programs. (Rel. 35-19381 - Feb. 10)

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The Commission has approved a proposed rule change (SR-MSE-75-7) filed December 17, 1975, by Midwest Stock Exchange, Inc. defining and limiting specialists' liability on split orders. (Rel. 34-12089)

The Commission has also approved a proposed rule change (SR-NYSE-75-7) filed by the New York Stock Exchange. The rule change redefines a block of stock and allows a member with a block order to trade, under certain circumstances, with the exposed bid (or offer) prior to crossing the block. (Rel. 34-12095)

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS

(S-16) HOSPITAL CORPORATION OF AMERICA

One Park Plaza, Nashville, Tenn. 37203 - 4,168 shares of common stock, which may be offered for sale from time to time at prices and on terms prevailing at the time of sale by certain unaffiliated selling shareowners who received such shares in connection with the exercise of certain stock options. HCA owns and manages proprietary hospitals. (File 2-55414 - Jan. 30)

(S-7) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

P.O. Box 800, Rosemead, Cal. 91770 - \$125 million of first and refunding mortgage bonds, Series GG, to be offered for sale at competitive bidding. The company is a privately owned public utility which is primarily in the business of supplying electric energy. (File 2-55463 - Feb. 9)

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