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DECISIONS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

HERSHEY CORPORATION REVOKED AND PRESIDENT BARRED. The SEC has issued an order revoking the registration of The Hershey Corporation, Chicago, Ill., as an investment adviser and barring its president, Robert Scott Hershey, from association with any broker, dealer or investment adviser or acting in various capacities for a registered investment company for one year, following which period he may apply to the Commission for permission to act in certain nonsupervisory capacities, subject to such supervision and other conditions as the Commission may deem appropriate.

Hershey was also president of The R. S. Hershey Fund, a registered investment company. The sanctions imposed were based on findings that during the period from about May 23, 1969, to January 17, 1973, the corporation violated, and Hershey aided and abetted in violations of, several provisions of the securities laws by serving as the fund's investment adviser when no written advisory contract was in effect; by borrowing money from and causing the fund to lend money in contravention of its stated investment policies; and by failing, and causing the fund to fail, to maintain and keep current certain records and reports.

The Commission's action was taken pursuant to an offer of settlement in which the respondents consented to the findings and sanctions without admitting or denying the charges. (Rel. 34-10303)

CENTAUR CAPITAL CORP. BARRED. The SEC announced the issuance of an order barring Centaur Capital Corporation, of Salt Lake City, parent corporation of Centaur Securities, Ltd., formerly a registered broker-dealer, from association with any broker-dealer.

The sanction imposed was based on findings that Centaur Capital aided and abetted violations by Centaur Securities of net capital, record-keeping and reporting requirements.

Centaur Capital, without admitting or denying the charges against it, consented to the above findings and the indicated sanction. (Rel. 34-10309)

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRADING SUSPENDED IN SECURITIES OF SEGGOS INDUSTRIES. The SEC has announced the temporary suspension of the over-the-counter trading in the securities of Seggos Industries, Inc. for one ten-day period commencing on July 31, 1973 and terminating at midnight (EDT) August 9, 1973.

The Commission initiated the suspension because of questions raised concerning the control of the company and the nature of its business and because the company failed to comply with the reporting provisions of the Exchange Act resulting in the lack of current and accurate information available to the public. (Rel. 34-10311)

COMMISSION REVIEW OF OPTION TRADING. The Commission announced that it has under review and is requesting public comment on the question of whether specialists, market makers, floor traders and block positioners should be permitted to trade or otherwise have an interest in options (puts and calls) in any securities in which they are registered, make a market, or trade for their own accounts on exchanges, either from on or off the floor or in the over-the-counter market.

Accordingly, the Commission invites comments on the questions of whether and to what extent, the various participants in the exchange and over-the-counter markets whose activities may effect the pricing mechanism of securities traded therein should be permitted to have an interest in options in the same securities.

The period during which interested parties may submit their views and comments terminates on September 29, 1973. (Rel. 34-10312)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

ALABAMA POWER COMPANY. The SEC has issued an order authorizing Alabama Power Company, Birmingham subsidiary of The Southern Company, to issue and sell up to \$100,000,000 of first mortgage bonds at competitive bidding. Alabama will use the net proceeds, together with other funds, to finance its 1973 construction program (estimated at \$364,710,000), to pay short-term promissory notes, and for other corporate purposes. (Rel. 35-18042)

MIDDLE SOUTH UTILITIES. The SEC has issued a notice giving interested persons until August 24 to request a hearing on proposals of Middle South Utilities, Inc., a registered holding company, to issue and sell to a group of banks unsecured short-term promissory notes, not to exceed \$30,000,000, constituting the initial borrowing from said banks under a \$135,000,000 revolving credit agreement, dated July 1, 1973. Middle South intends to use \$10,000,000 of the proceeds to make capital contributions to Mississippi Power & Light Company, its wholly-owned electric utility subsidiary, and the \$20,000,000 balance to pay off a similar principal amount of short-term bank notes. (Rel. 35-18043)

AMFAC. The SEC has issued a notice giving interested persons until August 28 to request a hearing on an application of Kekaha Sugar Company, Limited, Pioneer Mill Company, Limited, Puna Sugar Company, Limited, The Lihue Plantation Company, Limited, and Oahu Sugar Company, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Amfac, Inc., for an order exempting those companies from the provisions of the Act. (Rel. 35-18044)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

MOODY'S CAPITAL FUND. The SEC has issued a notice giving interested persons until August 27 to request a hearing on a proposal to declare that Moody's Capital Fund, Inc., of New York, has ceased to be an Investment Company. (Rel. IC-7911)

PUTNAM INVESTORS FUND. The SEC has issued a notice giving interested persons until August 24 to request a hearing on an application of Putnam Investors Fund, Inc., Boston mutual fund, for orders permitting the Fund's securities to be issued without sales load in exchange for substantially all of the assets of (a) Southern Mill Supply Company, Inc., and (b) Refractory Service, Inc. (Rel. IC-7912 and IC-7913)

NEW AMERICA FUND. The SEC has issued an order exempting the sale by New America Fund, Inc., of Los Angeles, closed-end investment company, to Stewart A. Resnick of 152,548 shares of common stock of American Protection Industries, Inc. (Rel. IC-7914)

BLC GROWTH FUND. The SEC has issued an order on an application by BLC Growth Fund, Inc., BLC Income Fund, Inc., BLC Fund Inc., and BLC Equity Services Corp., the principal underwriter for two of the funds, declaring that Herschel G. Langdon, a director of each of the Funds, shall not be deemed an "interested person" of the Funds or of the principal underwriter of such Funds, within the meaning of the Act, solely by reason of his status as a director of two life insurance companies having wholly-owned subsidiaries which are registered broker-dealers. (Rel. IC-7915)

MASSACHUSETTS BAY INCOME SHARES. The SEC has issued an order on a proposal to declare that Massachusetts Bay Income Shares, of Boston, Massachusetts, has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-7916)

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS FILED

(Note: "Per share maximum" prices referred to in the following summaries of registration statements are prices estimated for the purpose of computing the registration fee and are not necessarily prices at which the securities will be sold.)

GUARANTY CORPORATION, 929 Government St., (P. O. Box 2231), Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821 - 135,741 shares of Class AA common stock. It is proposed to offer these shares in exchange for the Class A common stock of General Life of Missouri Investment Company at the rate of one Guaranty share for 12 General shares. Guaranty owns majority interest in Guaranty Income Life Insurance Company, and in recent years has expanded its business to include broadcasting, mortgage banking, rental properties, and real estate and general insurance agencies. General sells and underwrites ordinary life insurance. (File 2-48356 - June 20)

DUKE POWER COMPANY, 422 South Church St., Charlotte, N.C. 28201 - 300,000 shares of common stock issuable through the company's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan. (File 2-48368 - June 20)

ADR's FOR ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED. First National City Bank, 111 Wall St. New York, N.Y. 10015- filed a registration statement seeking registration of 100,000 American Depository Receipts for Ordinary Shares of Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Limited, a South African corporation. (File 2-48370 - June 20)

LAVA FINANCIAL COMPANY (the General Partner) Suite 2210 Union Bank Bldg., San Diego Calif. 92101 - \$10 million of partnership interests in Lava Cattle Funds (the Partnership), to be offered for sale at \$2,500 per unit, with a minimum purchase of two units, by Lava Securities Corporation. The Partnership will be formed to engage in cattle feeding. (File 2-48375 - June 21)

ISRAEL BANK OF AGRICULTURE LTD., 83 Hashmonaim St., Tel Aviv, Israel - 130,000 shares of 7-1/2% cumulative redeemable linked preference "C" shares, to be offered for sale (to non-residents of Israel) at \$100 per share by Capital for Israel, Inc. The Bank was formed for the purpose of financing agricultural enterprises in Israel. Net proceeds will be used for working capital of the Bank for agricultural purposes. (File 2-48376 - June 21)

STAUFFER CHEMICAL COMPANY, Westport, Conn. - 100,000 shares of common stock to be offered for sale by the John Stauffer Estate, selling shareholder, at prices prevailing at the time of sale (\$43.75 per share maximum) or in private transactions. (File 2-48377 June 22)

THE CINCINNATI GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, 139 East Fourth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45201 - \$60 million of first mortgage bonds, due 2003, to be offered for sale at competitive bidding. Net proceeds will be used to repay short-term indebtedness incurred in connection with its construction program and for additional construction and other corporate purposes. Estimated construction expenditures for 1973 are \$135 million, and for the five years 1973-77 \$819 million. (File 2-48379 - June 22)

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:

American Pacesetter, Newport Beach, Calif. (File 2-48347) - 652,500 shares
 Santa Fe International Corporation, Orange, Calif. (File 2-48348) - \$480,000 of interests in plan
 E. I. duPont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington, Del. (File 2-48349) - 300,000 shares
 Pennwalt Corporation, Philadelphia, Pa. (File 2-48351) - 50,000 shares
 New England Nuclear Corporation, Boston, Mass. (File 2-48355) - 132,419 shares
 Ernest W. Hahn, Inc., Hawthorne, Calif. (File 2-48358) - 250,000 shares
 Kentucky Finance Co., Inc., Lexington, Kentucky (File 2-48359) - 200,000 shares
 E-Systems, Inc., Dallas, Texas. (File 2-48360) - 150,000 shares
 Commerce Bancshares, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri (File 2-48364) - 150,000 shares
 Gorman-Rupp Company, Mansfield, Ohio (File 2-48365) - 4,500 shares
 Inland Container Corp., Indianapolis, Indiana (File 2-48369) - 50,000 shares

MISCELLANEOUS

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
PARKER HANNIFIN CORP	4,7,14	06/73
PATRICK OIL & GAS CORP	7,13,14	06/73
PAVELLE CORP	3,14	06/73
PEEL ELDER LTD	11,14	06/73
PENN ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING CORP	3	06/73
PENN METAL FABRICATORS INC	13	06/73
PENNSYLVANIA CO	3,8,11,14	06/73
PENTAIR INDUSTRIES INC	3,13	06/73
PERFORMANCE SYSTEMS INC	13	06/73
PETCOA INDUSTRIES INC	11	06/73
PETRIE STORES CORP	12,14	06/73
PFIZER INC	3	06/73
PHILIPS INDUSTRIES INC	11,13	06/73
PHOENIX STEEL CORP	3,8	06/73
PIONEER NURSING CENTERS INC	2	06/73
PITTSBURGH FURT WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILWAY	13	06/73
PLACER DEVELOPMENT LTD	10,14	06/73
PLASTILINE INC	7,13,14	06/73
POMINEX LTD	11,13,14	06/73
PORT HURON PAPER CO	7,10	06/73
PORTER H K CO INC	10,13,14	06/73
PRIMARY MEDICAL COMMUNICATIONS INC	13	06/73
PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL CORP	3	06/73
PRUDENT REAL ESTATE TRUST	3	06/73
PRUDENTIAL FUNDS INC	3,14	06/73
PULTE HOME CORP	4,7,14	06/73
PUNTA GORDA ISLES INC	11,13,14	06/73
PURIFICATION SYSTEMS INC	11,14	06/73
QUANTOR CORP	7,8,13	06/73
QUEBECOR INC	8	06/73
RADIATION DEVELOPMENT CO LTD	9,14	06/73
RAYCOMM INDUSTRIES INC	13	06/73
REAL ESTATE EQUITIES CORP	4,8,10,11,13,14	06/73

TRADING SUSPENSIONS CONTINUED. The SEC has ordered the suspension of over-the-counter trading in the securities of Royal Properties Incorporated for the further ten-day period August 1 - 10, inclusive.

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Effective July 31: Bandag, Inc., 2-48617; Burroughs Corp., 2-48610; International Multifoods Corp., 2-48457; ML Corporate Income Fund Seventh Monthly Payment Series, 2-48005; National City Corp., 2-48235; Republic Automotive Parts, Inc., 2-48134; Winter Park Telephone Co., 2-48254; ADR's for Zambian Anglo American Limited, 2-48119.

Effective August 1: Cooper Industries, Inc., 2-48650; First Greatwest Corp., 2-48404.

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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.