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COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION MEETINGS

CLOSED MEETING - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2000 - 11:00 A.M.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, is: Amicus participation.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED AND SETTLED AGAINST THOMAS PARKER AND JACK HERNDON, JR. FOR FAILING REASONABLY TO SUPERVISE JOSEPH TAYLOR

On February 2, the Commission instituted public administrative proceedings against Thomas J. Parker (Parker), sole owner of the parent company of Advanced Financial Planning Securities Corporation (Advanced Financial), a registered broker-dealer and investment adviser with its main office in Brentwood, Tennessee, and Jack C. Herndon, Jr., (Herndon), Advanced Financial's president and compliance officer. Parker and Herndon consented to the issuance of the Order and the sanctions it contains without admitting or denying the allegations contained in the Order.

The Order alleges that Taylor operated out of a branch of Advanced Financial in Knoxville, Tennessee, and was supervised by both Parker and Herndon. Primarily during 1994 and 1995, Taylor violated the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws by operating a large-scale Ponzi scheme by which he defrauded a large number of victims, some of whom were Advanced Financial clients. Taylor committed suicide on November 3, 1995. The Order alleges that Parker and Herndon failed to respond adequately to certain information they received during the summer of 1995 from one of

Taylor's former employees providing evidence of his misdeeds. Parker and Herndon gave Taylor an undue amount of time to produce documentation supporting his explanations. During the time between Parker and Herndon's receipt of the letter and Taylor's death, Taylor was able to raise \$61.5 million as part of his scheme.

By the terms of the Order, both Parker and Herndon are censured and directed to pay civil penalties of \$10,000 each. Parker is suspended from association in a supervisory capacity with any broker, dealer or investment adviser for six months. Herndon is suspended from association with any broker, dealer or investment adviser for one month, to be followed by a six month suspension from association in a supervisory capacity with any broker, dealer or investment adviser. (Rels. 34-42375; IA-1853; File No. 3-10136)

J. SCOTT ESKIND BARRED

On February 2, the Commission issued an Order Making Findings and Imposing Remedial Sanctions (Order) against J. Scott Eskind (Eskind) of Atlanta, Georgia. The Order bars Eskind from association with any investment adviser. The Order finds that the Commission filed a civil injunctive action (SEC v. J. Scott Eskind, Civil Action No. 1:97-CV-1790-CAM, ND Ga.) against Eskind in June 1997, alleging violations of the federal securities laws. The Commission's complaint alleged, among other things, that during the period from in or about November 1994 through April 1996, Eskind, while the secretary and treasurer of an investment adviser, misrepresented his background in the securities industry to persons investing in a limited partnership which was a client of the adviser, misappropriated assets of the partnership, and falsified the books of the partnership to conceal his actions. The Order further finds that Eskind was enjoined from future violations by a court order issued in January 1998. Eskind consented to the Order without admitting or denying the violations. (Rel. IA-1852; File No. 3-10053)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

THE VICTORY PORTFOLIOS, ET AL.

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until February 28 to request a hearing on an application filed by the Victory Portfolios, et al. to amend a prior order that permits non-money market series of a registered open-end management investment company to purchase shares of one or more of the money market series of such registered investment company by adding a registered open-end management investment company and an investment adviser as applicants. (Rel. IC-24274 - February 1)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

ENERGY EAST CORPORATION, ET AL.

An order has been issued authorizing a proposal by Energy East Corporation (Energy East), a public-utility holding company exempt under Section 3(a)(1) from all provisions of the Act, except Section 9(a)(2), and Merger Co., a corporation wholly owned by Energy East and not currently subject to the Act, to acquire all of the stock of Connecticut Energy Corporation, a public-utility holding company exempt from registration under Section 3(a)(1) from all provisions of the Act, except Section 9(a)(2). In addition, the order exempts under Section 3(a)(1), Energy East and Merger Co. from all provisions of the Act, except Section 9(a)(2), following the proposed acquisition. (Rel. 35-27128)

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange filed a proposed rule change (SR-Phlx-99-46) relating to registration of trading floor personnel. Publication of the notice is expected in the Federal Register during the week of January 31. (Rel. 34-42365)

DELISTING GRANTED

An order has been issued granting the application of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange to strike from listing and registration The Options Clearing Corporation, call and put option contracts respecting the U.S. Top 100 Index. (Rel. 34-42373)

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS

The following registration statements have been filed with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933. The reported information appears as follows: Form, Name, Address and Phone Number (if available) of the issuer of the security; Title and the number and/or face amount of the securities being offered; Name of the managing underwriter or depositor (if applicable); File number and date filed; Assigned Branch; and a designation if the statement is a New Issue.

Registration statements 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>. In most cases, this information is also available on the Commission's website: <www.sec.gov>.

S-3 WHITEHALL JEWELLERS INC, 155 N WACKER DR, SUITE 500, CHICAGO, IL 60606
(312) 782-6800 - 3,363,750 (\$84,514,219) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-95465 -
JAN. 27) (BR. 2)

S-3 SANMINA CORP/DE, 355 EAST TRIMBLE ROAD, SAN JOSE, CA 95131
(408) 954-5500 - 5,175,000 (\$561,972,915) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-95467 -
JAN 27) (BR. 5)

S-3 CREDESCENCE SYSTEMS CORP, 215 FOURIER AVE, FREMONT, CA 94539 (510) 657-7400
- 2,300,000 (\$221,950,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-95469 - JAN. 27)
(BR 5)

S-1 NEXTEL PARTNERS INC, 4500 CARILLON POINT, KIRKLAND, WA 98033
(425) 828-1713 - \$513,475,000 COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-95473 - JAN 27)
(BR 7)

S-8 IBIZ TECHNOLOGY CORP, 1919 WEST LONE CACTUS, PHOENIX, AZ 85201
(623) 920-0 - 3,025,000 (\$3,841,750) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-95475 -
JAN 27) (BR 9)

S-8 PARKER HANNIFIN CORP, 6035 PARKLAND BOULEVARD, CLEVELAND, OH 44124
(216) 896-3000 - 4,500,000 (\$211,500,000) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-95477 -
JAN 27) (BR 6)

S-8 PHOTON DYNAMICS INC, 6325 SAN IGNACIO AVENUE, SAN JOSE, CA 95119
(408) 226-9900 - 843,986 (\$44,152,016 46) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-95479 -
JAN 27) (BR. 5)

S-1 FURNITURE COM INC, 1881 WORCESTER ROAD, FRAMINGHAM, MA 01701
(508) 416-6300 - \$50,000,000 COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-95481 - JAN 27)
(BR 8)

S-1 ARROWPOINT COMMUNICATIONS INC, 235 LITTLETON RD, WESTFORD, MA 01886 -
\$86,250,000 COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-95509 - JAN 27)

S-1 GOLDEN AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE CO /NY/, 1475 DUNWOODY DRIVE, SUITE 400,
WEST CHESTER, PA 19380 (610) -42-5-35 - \$165,000,000
VARIABLE ANNUITY ISSUES (FILE 333-95511 - JAN 27) (BR 20)

S-1 ALLSCRIPTS INC /IL, 2401 COMMERCE DRIVE, 847-680-3515, LIBERTYVILLE, IL
60046 (847) 680-3515 - 2,300,000 (\$106,518,750) COMMON STOCK (FILE
333-95521 - JAN. 27) (BR 1)

S-3 ATMOS ENERGY CORP, 1800 THREE LINCOLN CTR, 5430 LBJ FREEWAY, DALLAS, TX
75240 (972) 934-9227 - 2,000,000 (\$34,687,500) COMMON STOCK (FILE
333-95525 - JAN. 27) (BR. 2)

S-4 READ RITE CORP /DE/, 345 LOS COCHES ST, MILPITAS, CA 95035
(408) 262-6700 - 256,000,000 (\$154,225,000) STRAIGHT BONDS 26,363,275
(\$137,994,609) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-95527 - JAN. 27) (BR 5)

S-8 HEI INC, 1495 STEIGER LAKE LN, P O BOX 5000, VICTORIA, MN 55386
(612) 443-2500 - 425,000 (\$4,568,750) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-95529 -
JAN. 27) (BR 5)

S-3 LANDEC CORP \CA\, 3603 HAVEN AVE, MENLO PARK, CA 94025 (415) 261-3697 -
2,562,503 (\$15,695,331) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-95531 - JAN 27) (BR. 6)

S-8 CAMINUS CORP, 747 THIRD AVE, NEW YORK, NY 10017 (212) 888-3600 - 95,238
(\$1,428,570) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-95533 - JAN 27) (BR 8)

S-8 RENTECH INC /CO/, 1331 17TH STREET SUITE 720, DENVER, CO 80202
(303) 298-8008 - 500,000 (\$345,000) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-95537 -
JAN 27) (BR 2)

S-4 WESTELL TECHNOLOGIES INC, 750 N COMMONS DRIVE, AURORA, IL 60504
(800) 323-6883 - 19,267,337 (\$256,897,828) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-95539 -
JAN 27) (BR 7)

SB-2 WHITE PINE SOFTWARE INC, 542 AMHERST ST, SUITE 201, NASHUA, NH 03063
(603) 886-9050 - 1,302,084 (\$29,459,651) COMMON STOCK (FILE 333-95541 -
JAN 27) (BR 9)

S-1 USINTERNETWORKING INC, ONE USI PLAZA, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 (410) 897-4400
- 6,900,000 (\$388,987,500) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-95543 - JAN 27)
(BR 3)

S-8 HEI INC, 1495 STEIGER LAKE LN, P O BOX 5000, VICTORIA, MN 55386
(612) 443-2500 - 600,000 (\$6,450,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-95551 -
JAN. 27) (BR 5)

S-8 BRAUNS FASHIONS CORP, 2400 XENIUM LANE NORTH, PLYMOUTH, MN 55441
(612) 551-5000 - 337,500 (\$5,508,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 333-95553 -
JAN 27) (BR 2)