

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

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Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meetings during the week of May 26, 2003:

A Closed Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2003 at 2 p.m., and an Open Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2003 at 10 a.m., in Room 1C30, the William O. Douglas Room.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (5), (7), (8), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(4), (5), (7), (8), (9)(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2003 will be:

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature;
Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;
Consideration of amicus participation; and
Formal orders of investigation.

The subject matter of the Open Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2003 will be:

1. The Commission will consider whether to adopt new rule 2a-8 under the Investment Company Act of 1940

that would provide a nonexclusive safe harbor from the definition of investment company for certain bona fide research and development companies.

2. The Commission will consider whether to adopt rules that were proposed in Release No. 33-8138 (Oct. 22, 2002) [67 FR 66208] regarding Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and rules proposed in Release 33-8212 (March 21, 2003 [68 FR 15600] regarding Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The rules to implement Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 would require a public company, other than registered investment companies, to include in their annual reports a report of management on the company's internal control over financial reporting. Under the rules, the registered public accounting firm that audited the company's financial statements included in the annual report must issue an attestation report on management's assessment of the company's internal control over financial reporting. Companies would be required to file the registered public accounting firm's attestation report as part of the annual report. In addition, the rules add a requirement that management evaluate, as of the end of each fiscal quarter, any change in the company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during such quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the company's internal control over financial reporting. The Commission will also consider whether to adopt amendments to the rules and forms under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940 to require issuers to provide the certifications required by Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 as exhibits to the periodic reports to which they relate.

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.

Dated: May 19, 2003.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by American Stock Exchange LLC Relating to Amendments to Rules 575, 576, 577, and 585 and Sections 721, 722, 723, and 725 of the American Stock Exchange Company Guide To Allow Authorized State-Registered Investment Advisers To Receive and Vote Proxy Materials on Behalf of Beneficial Owners

May 16, 2003.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on May 13, 2003, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposed rule change pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act,³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Amex proposes to amend Amex Rules 575, 576, 577, and 585 and Sections 721, 722, 723, and 725 of the Amex Company Guide to specify that a designated investment adviser may be registered under either the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 or under the laws of a state. The text of the proposed change is below; new language is italicized.

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Giving of Proxies Restricted

Rule 575. No member organization shall give or authorize the giving of a proxy to vote stock registered in its name, or in the name of its nominee, except as required or permitted under the provisions of Rule 577, unless such member organization is the beneficial owner of such stock. Notwithstanding the foregoing:

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).