

destroyed prior to the end of the six-year period, and (ii) no party in interest other than Fifth Third shall be subject to the civil penalty that may be assessed under section 502(i) of ERISA or to the taxes imposed by section 4975(a) and (b) of the Code if the records are not maintained or not available for examination as required by paragraph (q) below.

(q)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (p) above and notwithstanding any provisions of section 504(a)(2) and (b) of ERISA, the records referred to in paragraph (p) above are unconditionally available at their customary location for examination during normal business hours by:

(i) Any duly authorized employee or representative of the Department of Labor or the Internal Revenue Service;

(ii) Any fiduciary of a Plan who has authority to acquire or dispose of shares of the Funds owned by the Plans, or any duly authorized employee or representative of such fiduciary; and

(iii) Any participant or beneficiary of a Plan or duly authorized employee or representative of such participant or beneficiary.

(2) None of the persons described in subparagraph (1)(ii) and (iii) above shall be authorized to examine trade secrets of Fifth Third, commercial or financial information which is privileged or confidential, or records that are unrelated to the Plan(s) that the fiduciary serves or under which the participant or beneficiary is entitled to receive benefits.

(r) Within sixty (60) days of June 24, 2003, Fifth Third will file Form 5330 with the Internal Revenue Service and pay the excise taxes applicable under section 4975(a) of the Code in connection with the error in processing rebates of investment advisory fees during the period beginning October 26, 2001 and ending on March 1, 2003.

### Section III—Definitions

For purposes of this exemption:

(a) “Fifth Third” means Fifth Third Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, and any affiliate thereof (as affiliate is defined below in paragraph (b) of this section).

(b) An affiliate of a person includes:

(1) Any person directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the person;

(2) Any officer, director, employee, relative, or partner in any such person; and

(3) Any corporation or partnership of which such person is an officer, director, partner, or employee.

(c) “Control” means the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a person other than an individual.

(d) “Fund” or “Funds” means the Kent Funds prior to October 26, 2001, the Fifth Third Funds on and after October 26, 2001, and each separate investment portfolio thereof, or any other diversified open-end investment company registered under the 1940 Act for which Fifth Third serves as investment advisor and may also serve (or may in the future serve) as administrator, custodian, accountant, or transfer agent, or provide some other Secondary Service (as defined in paragraph (h) below) which has been approved by the Funds.

(e) “Net asset value” means the amount for purposes of pricing all purchases and sales, calculated by dividing the value of all securities, determined by a method as set forth in a Fund’s prospectus and statement of additional information, and other assets belonging to the Fund or portfolio of the Fund, less the liabilities charged to each such portfolio or Fund, by the number of outstanding shares.

(f) “Relative” means a relative as that term is defined in section 3(15) of ERISA (or a “member of the family” as that term is defined in section 4975(e)(6) of the Code), or a brother, a sister, or a spouse of a brother or a sister.

(g) “Second Fiduciary” means a fiduciary of a Plan who is independent of and unrelated to Fifth Third. For purposes of this exemption, the Second Fiduciary will not be deemed to be independent of and unrelated to Fifth Third if:

(1) Such fiduciary directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with Fifth Third;

(2) Such fiduciary, or any officer, director, partner, employee, or relative of the fiduciary is an officer, director, partner, or employee of Fifth Third (or is a relative of such persons); or

(3) Such fiduciary directly or indirectly receives any compensation or other consideration for his or her own personal account in connection with any transaction described in this exemption.

If an officer, director, partner, or employee of Fifth Third (or relative of such persons), is a director of such Second Fiduciary, and if he or she abstains from participation in (i) the choice of the Plan’s investment advisor, (ii) the approval of such purchase or sale between the Plan and a Fund, and (iii) the approval of any change in fees charged to or paid by the Plan in connection with any of the transactions

described in Section II above, then subparagraph (2) above shall not apply.

(h) “Secondary Service” means a service other than an investment management, investment advisory, or similar service that is (or will in the future be) provided by Fifth Third to a Fund, including (but not limited to) brokerage services, custodian services, transfer and dividend disbursing agent services, administrator or sub-administrator services, accounting services, and shareholder servicing agent services.

(i) “Termination Form” means the form supplied to the Second Fiduciary that expressly provides an election to the Second Fiduciary to terminate on behalf of a Plan the authorization described in paragraph (i) of Section II above. Such Termination Form may be used at will by the Second Fiduciary to terminate an authorization without penalty to the Plan and to notify Fifth Third in writing to effect a termination by selling the shares of the Fund held by the Plan requesting such termination within one business day following receipt by Fifth Third of the form; provided that if, due to circumstances beyond the control of Fifth Third, the sale cannot be executed within one business day, Fifth Third shall have one additional business day to complete such sale.

*Effective Date:* The proposed exemption, if granted, will be effective as of April 2, 2001, the date that Old Kent Financial Corporation, the holding company of Fifth Third, merged with and into Fifth Third Financial Corporation, a newly formed, wholly-owned subsidiary of Fifth Third Bancorp.

### Summary of Facts and Representations

1. Fifth Third (formerly Old Kent Bank and Trust Company), a state-chartered Michigan banking corporation (Fifth Third or the Applicant) with its principal offices in Grand Rapids, Michigan, is a subsidiary of Fifth Third Financial Corporation (FTFC) which is itself a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fifth Third Bancorp (FT Bancorp), a regional bank holding company headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio. As of December 31, 2002, the total assets of Fifth Third were approximately \$81 billion. Fifth Third serves as a fiduciary with investment discretion to various employee benefit plans.

Fifth Third Bank, an Ohio banking corporation (FTB (Ohio)), a wholly-owned subsidiary of FT Bancorp, provides Secondary Services to the Funds, and provided investment advisory services to the Kent Funds from April 2, 2001, through April 30,