

deposit towards the participation fee. The Commission believes that these requirements are reasonably tailored to ensure that only serious applicants are given access to sensitive Linkage information before becoming a full participant.

Amendment No. 5 also proposes to limit the duration of interim access to one year. The Commission believes that this time frame is reasonable, and anticipates that one year will be sufficient for most applicants to be prepared to join the Linkage as full participants. The Commission notes that in the event that an applicant has not joined the Linkage after one year, Amendment No. 5 provides that it can request an additional period of access, and the Linkage participants will not unreasonably deny such a request.

In sum, the Commission believes that implementation of Amendment No. 5 will generally enhance competition by providing a potential new options market with earlier access to Linkage-related material and thus, facilitate its ability to prepare to join the Linkage.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to section 11A of the Act⁸ and rule 11Aa3-2 thereunder,⁹ that the proposed Linkage Plan amendment is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Jill M. Peterson,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 500-1]

Sedona Software Solutions Inc.; Order of Suspension of Trading

January 29, 2003.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Sedona Software Solutions Inc. ("Sedona"), trading under the stock symbol SSSI. Questions have been raised regarding the accuracy and completeness of information about Sedona on Internet websites, in press releases, and in other sources publicly available to investors concerning, among other things, Sedona's planned merger with Renaissance Mining Corp.

("Renaissance"), a privately-held company; the assets and business operations of Renaissance; and trading in Sedona common stock in connection with the announced merger.

The Commission is of the opinion that the public interest and the protection of investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of the above listed company.

Therefore, it is ordered, pursuant to section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that trading in the above listed company is suspended for the period from 3 p.m. EST, January 29, 2003, through 11:59 p.m. EST, on February 11, 2003.

By the Commission.

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-47267; File No. SR-Amex-2002-113]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Regarding Listing Standards for Closed-End Management Investment Companies Registered Under the Investment Company Act of 1940

January 28, 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 December 23, 2002, 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 Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons and to grant accelerated approval to the proposed rule change.

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

The Exchange is proposing to make permanent its pilot regarding specific initial and continued listing standards applicable to closed-end management investment companies registered under

the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("closed-end funds").³ The Amex is also proposing to renumber section 101(e) of the *Amex Company Guide* to section 101(f).⁴

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, Amex, and at the Commission.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Amex included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to permanently amend sections 101 and 1003 of the *Amex Company Guide* to incorporate initial and continued listing standards specifically applicable to closed-end funds into the *Amex Company Guide*. The proposed listing standards were approved by the Commission on a five-month pilot basis on November 7, 2002.⁵ Under the pilot, Amex permits the initial listing of a closed-end fund with a market value of publicly held shares or net assets of at least \$20,000,000, which also satisfies the distribution criteria specified in

³ The five-month pilot was approved by the Commission on November 7, 2002. See Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 46785, 67 FR 69578 (November 18, 2002) (approving File No. SR-Amex-2002-55).

⁴ The Amex is renumbering the rule text to accommodate a proposed rule change submitted by the Amex on November 20, 2002. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 47119 (January 3, 2003), 68 FR 1494 (January 10, 2003) (approving File No. SR-Amex-2002-97). Telephone conversation between Claudia Crowley, Assistant General Counsel, Amex, and Terri Evans, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission, on January 27, 2003.

⁵ See Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 46785 (November 7, 2002), 67 FR 69578 (November 18, 2002) (approving File No. SR-Amex-2002-55). Previously, closed-end funds were evaluated for listing pursuant to the general listing standards contained in section 101 of the *Amex Company Guide*, as well as specialized internal procedures applicable to closed-end funds.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1.

⁹ 17 CFR 240.11Aa3-2.

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(29).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.