

any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the other person, or (c) if the other person is an investment company, any investment adviser of that person.

2. Due to Old Mutual's ownership interest in Primedia, Primedia is an affiliated person of an affiliated person of the Trust. The sale of Primedia Shares to the Trust thus would be prohibited by section 17(a) of the Act.

3. Section 17(b) of the Act provides that the SEC may exempt a transaction from the prohibitions of section 17(a) if the terms of the proposed transaction, including the consideration to be paid, are reasonable and fair and do not involve overreaching on the part of any person concerned, and the proposed transaction is consistent with the policy of the registered investment company concerned and with the general purposes of the Act.

4. Applicants submit that the requested relief meets the standards set forth in section 17(b). Applicants state that the board of trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the trustees who are not interested persons of the Trust, approved the purchase of the Primedia Shares. Applicants also state that the transaction will comply with the requirements of rule 17a-7 under the Act, except that (i) the Purchase Price will be below the current market price, and (ii) the Trust and Primedia are affiliated persons by reason other than having a common investment adviser, common directors, and/or officers. Finally, applicants represent that the Trust will not purchase the Primedia Shares if on the Settlement Date the market price of the Primedia falls below the Purchase Price.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release 34-39700; International Series Release No. 1122; File No. 600-20]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of and Order Approving a Request for Extension of Temporary Registration as a Clearing Agency

February 26, 1998.

Notice is hereby given that on January 7, 1998, the International Securities

Clearing Corporation ("ISCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") an application pursuant to Section 19(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> to extend ISCC's temporary registration as a clearing agency.<sup>2</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice and order to solicit comments from interested persons and to extend ISCC's temporary registration as a clearing agency through February 28, 1999.

On May 12, 1989, the Commission granted, pursuant to Sections 17A and 19(a) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 17Ab2-1(c) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> the application of ISCC for registration as a clearing agency on a temporary basis for a period of eighteen months.<sup>5</sup> Since that time, the Commission has extended ISCC's temporary registration through February 28, 1998.<sup>6</sup>

One of the primary reasons for ISCC's registration as a clearing agency was to enable it to provide for the safe and efficient clearance and settlement of international securities transactions by providing links between centralized, efficient processing systems in the United States and foreign financial institutions. ISCC serves this function through its Global Clearance Network service and through its settlement links with foreign clearing entities such as the Euroclear system, which is operated by the Brussels Office of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York ("Euroclear").<sup>7</sup>

As a part of ISCC's temporary registration, the Commission granted ISCC a temporary exemption from compliance with Section 17A(b)(3)(C) of the Act,<sup>8</sup> which requires that the rules of a clearing agency assure the fair representation of its shareholders or members and participants in the selection of its directors and administration of its affairs. The Commission granted this temporary exemption due to ISCC's limited participant base at that time. The

Commission recently approved ISCC's new structure for matters relating to its corporate governance.<sup>9</sup> As a result of these changes, ISCC's board now consists of seven directors. Of the seven directors, NSCC selects two directors, both for one year terms. The other five directors ("participant directors") are divided into three classes with staggered three year terms.

ISCC's nominating committee selects candidates for all vacancies on the nominating committee and for participant directors. Participants have the right to nominate candidates for the nominating committee and for participant directors through a petition signed by the lesser of 5% of all participants or fifteen participants. If a participant petition is filed or if the board nominates additional candidates to the nominating committee, the participants select the person to fill that vacancy.

In the order approving ISCC's governance changes, the Commission stated that ISCC's procedures for election of directors were consistent with its obligations to provide fair representation to its participants. Therefore, the Commission is eliminating ISCC's exemption from Section 17A(b)(3)(C) of the Act. The Commission believes that several issues need to be resolved prior to ISCC obtaining permanent registration. In particular, the Commission is reviewing the appropriate standard(s) of liability of a clearing agency to its members. Therefore, the Commission believes that ISCC's temporary registration should be extended for an additional twelve months.<sup>10</sup>

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing application, including whether such application is consistent with the Act. Such written data, views, and arguments will be considered by the Commission in granting registration or instituting proceedings to determine whether registration should be denied in accordance with Section 19(a)(1) of the Act.<sup>11</sup> Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the application and all written comments will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room,

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(a).

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Julie Beyers, Associate Counsel, ISCC (January 6, 1998) ("Registration Letter").

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1 and 78s(a).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 17Ab2-1(c).

<sup>5</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 26812 (May 12, 1989), 54 FR 21691.

<sup>6</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 28606 (November 16, 1990), 55 FR 47976; 30005 (November 27, 1991), 56 FR 63747; 33233 (November 22, 1993), 58 FR 63195; 36529 (November 29, 1995), 60 FR 62511; 37986 (November 25, 1996), 61 FR 64184; and 38703 (May 30, 1997), 62 FR 31183.

<sup>7</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 29841 (October 18, 1991), 56 FR 55960 (order approving ISCC's Global Clearance Network service) and 32564 (June 30, 1993), 58 FR 36722 (order approving linkage with Euroclear).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(C).

<sup>9</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 38846 (July 17, 1997), 62 FR 39562.

<sup>10</sup> The Commission expects to continue to process ISCC's request for permanent registration during this temporary registration period.

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(a)(1).

450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. All submissions should refer to the File No. 600-20 and should be submitted by April 3, 1998.

*It is Therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(a) of the Act, that ISCC's registration as a clearing agency (File No. 600-20) be and hereby is temporarily approved through February 28, 1999.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>12</sup>

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### [Declaration of Disaster #3057]

#### State of California; Amendment 1

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated February 13, 1998, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Amador, Fresno, Sacramento, and Solano Counties in the State of California as a disaster area due to damages caused by severe winter storms and flooding beginning on February 2, 1998 and continuing.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous Counties of El Dorado, Inyo, Mono, and Tulare in the State of California may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is April 10, 1998 and for economic injury the termination date is November 9, 1998.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: February 20, 1998.

**Bernard Kulik,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### [Declaration of Disaster #3053; Amendment #3]

#### State of North Carolina

In accordance with notices from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated February 10 and 13, 1998, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Robeson County,

North Carolina as a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms and flooding, and to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning on January 7, 1998 and continuing through February 12, 1998.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous counties of Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, and Scotland in North Carolina and Dillon, Horry, and Marlboro Counties in South Carolina may be filed until the specified date at the above location.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is March 16, 1998 and for economic injury the deadline is October 15, 1998.

The economic injury number for South Carolina is 975100.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: February 19, 1998.

**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### [Declaration of Disaster #3049]

#### State of Tennessee; Amendment #3

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated February 12, 1998, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning on January 6, 1998 and continuing through February 12, 1998.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is March 13, 1998 and for economic injury the deadline is October 13, 1998.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: February 20, 1998.

**Bernard Kulik,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends part S of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority which covers the Social Security

Administration (SSA). Chapter S2 covers the Deputy Commissioner, Operations. Notice is hereby given that Subchapter S2Q, the Office of Telephone Services, is being amended to reflect a revised mission statement, the abolishment of the Service Team, and the establishment of the Teleservice Planning and Operations Procedures Team. The new material and changes are as follows:

#### Section S2Q.00 *The Office of Telephone Services—(Mission):*

Amend to read as follows:

The Office of Telephone Services is responsible for planning, implementing, operating and evaluating SSA's telephone service to the public delivered by the National 800 Number and SSA Field Offices (FOs). The Office plans and conducts studies, pilots and analyses of 800 Number and FO telephone operations to assess and improve the service provided. The Office provides direct support to 36 TSCs and approximately 1,300 FOs, including developing and communicating uniform operating policies and procedures. The Office is responsible for providing the American public with world class 800 Number telephone service which provides: accurate, courteous, one-stop service with 95 percent access within 5 minutes; user-friendly automated services; and tools which empower employees to deliver total customer satisfaction. The Office maintains close, effective working relationships with SSA policy, program, regional and administrative components, with many other Federal agencies and with vendors which have important roles in the delivery and evaluation of SSA's telephone service to the public. This office manages SSA's National 800 Number network operation, designs and administers call routing plans, continuously monitors call handling and adjusts routing to handle emergency situations and to maximize call-answering effectiveness and efficiency.

#### Section S2Q.10 *The Office of Telephone Services—(Organization):*

Amend as follows:

- A. The Associate Commissioner, Office of Telephone Services (S2Q).
- B. The Deputy Associate Commissioner, Office of Telephone Services (S2Q).
- C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner for Telephone Services (S2Q).

Delete:

- D. The Service Team (S2QA).

Establish:

- D. The Teleservice Planning and Operations Procedures Center

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(16).