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Signed at Washington, DC this 9th day of July 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration**

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 99-26; Exemption Application No. D-10702, et al.]

Grant of Individual Exemptions; Hanson Operating Company, et al.

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Grant of Individual Exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains exemptions issued by the Department of Labor (the Department) from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Notices were published in the **Federal Register** of the pendency before the Department of proposals to grant such exemptions. The notices set forth a summary of facts and representations contained in each application for exemption and referred interested persons to the respective applications for a complete statement of the facts and representations. The applications have

been available for public inspection at the Department in Washington, DC. The notices also invited interested persons to submit comments on the requested exemptions to the Department. In addition the notices stated that any interested person might submit a written request that a public hearing be held (where appropriate). The applicants have represented that they have complied with the requirements of the notification to interested persons. No public comments and no requests for a hearing, unless otherwise stated, were received by the Department.

The notices of proposed exemption were issued and the exemptions are being granted solely by the Department because, effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978 (43 FR 47713, October 17, 1978) transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type proposed to the Secretary of Labor.

Statutory Findings

In accordance with section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and the procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990) and based upon the entire record, the Department makes the following findings:

(a) The exemptions are administratively feasible;

(b) They are in the interests of the plans and their participants and beneficiaries; and

(c) They are protective of the rights of the participants and beneficiaries of the plans.

Hanson Operating Company, Inc., Defined Benefit Pension Plan (the Plan), Located in Roswell, New Mexico

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 99-26; Exemption Application No. D-10702]

Exemption

The restrictions of sections 406(a), 406(b)(1) and (b)(2) of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (E) of the Code, shall not apply to the proposed sale by the Plan of certain closely-held stock (the Stock) to Douglas L. McBride and Basil R. Willis, parties in interest with respect to the Plan, provided that the following conditions are satisfied: (a) The sale is a one-time transaction for cash; (b) the Plan pays no commissions nor other expenses relating to the sale; and (c) the Plan receives an amount that is no less than the fair market value of the Stock as of

the date of the sale, as determined by a qualified, independent appraiser.

For a more complete statement of the facts and representations supporting the Department's decision to grant this exemption, refer to the notice of proposed exemption published on April 22, 1999 at 64 FR 19815.

Written Comments

The Department received no written comments or requests for a public hearing with respect to the notice of proposed exemption (the Notice). However, the applicants informed the Department that they inadvertently failed to inform interested persons of the deadline for making written comments or requests for a public hearing with respect to the Notice, which was provided by personal delivery. The applicants state that, therefore, an additional memorandum extending the comment period to June 20, 1999 was circulated by personal delivery to all interested persons.

The Department believes that the required procedure for notifying interested persons was satisfied. Accordingly, based upon the information contained in the entire record, the Department has determined to grant the exemption as proposed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karin Weng of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Western Petroleum Company Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan), Located in Eden Prairie, Minnesota

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 99-27; Exemption Application No. D-10743]

Exemption

The restrictions of sections 406(a), 406(b)(1) and (b)(2) of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (E) of the Code, shall not apply to the proposed sale by the individual account (the Account) of James W. Emison in the Plan of certain closely-held stock (the Stock) to Mr. Emison, a party in interest with respect to the Plan, provided that the following conditions are satisfied: (a) the sale is a one-time transaction for cash; (b) the Account pays no commissions nor other expenses relating to the sale; and (c) the Account receives an amount that is no less than the fair market value of the Stock as of the date of the sale, as determined by a qualified, independent appraiser.

For a more complete statement of the facts and representations supporting the Department's decision to grant this exemption, refer to the notice of

proposed exemption published on May 27, 1999 at 64 FR 28836.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karin Weng of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Gaetano Lombardo Individual Retirement Account (the IRA), Located in St. Louis, Missouri

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 99-28; Exemption Application No. D-10749]

Exemption

The sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (E) of the Code, shall not apply to the proposed sale by the IRA of 26,306 shares of stock (the Stock) of Courtesy Manufacturing Company (Courtesy) to Courtesy, a disqualified person with respect to the IRA, provided that the following conditions are satisfied: (1) The sale of Stock by the IRA is a one-time transaction for cash; (2) no commissions or other expenses are paid by the IRA in connection with the sale; and (3) the IRA receives the greater of: (a) The fair market value of the Stock as determined by a qualified independent appraiser as of October 31, 1998, or (b) the fair market value of the Stock as of the time of the sale.¹

For a more complete statement of the facts and representations supporting the Department's decision to grant this exemption refer to the notice of proposed exemption published on June 3, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary H. Lefkowitz of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

General Information

The attention of interested persons is directed to the following:

(1) The fact that a transaction is the subject of an exemption under section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code does not relieve a fiduciary or other party in interest or disqualified person from certain other provisions to which the exemptions does not apply and the general fiduciary responsibility provisions of section 404 of the Act, which among other things require a fiduciary to discharge his duties respecting the plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan and in a prudent fashion in accordance with section 404(a)(1)(B) of the Act; nor does

¹ Pursuant to 29 CFR 2510.3-2(d), the IRA is not within the jurisdiction of Title I of the Act. However, there is jurisdiction under Title II of the Act pursuant to section 4975 of the Code.

it affect the requirement of section 401(a) of the Code that the plan must operate for the exclusive benefit of the employees of the employer maintaining the plan and their beneficiaries;

(2) These exemptions are supplemental to and not in derogation of, any other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including statutory or administrative exemptions and transactional rules. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative or statutory exemption is not dispositive of whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction; and

(3) The availability of these exemptions is subject to the express condition that the material facts and representations contained in each application are true and complete and accurately describe all material terms of the transaction which is the subject of the exemption. In the case of continuing exemption transactions, if any of the material facts or representations described in the application change after the exemption is granted, the exemption will cease to apply as of the date of such change. In the event of any such change, application for a new exemption may be made to the Department.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 12th day of July, 1999.

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Administration, Department of Labor.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Veterans' Employment and Training Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: Analysis of the Veterans Automated Resume Referral System

AGENCY: Veterans' Employment and Training Service, DOL.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on the proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)].