

of-Coolant Accident,” describes methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing regulatory requirements with respect to the sumps and suppression pools performing the functions of water sources for emergency core cooling, containment heat removal, or containment atmosphere cleanup. The guide also provides guidelines for evaluating the adequacy of the availability of the sump and suppression pool for long-term recirculation cooling following a loss-of-coolant accident.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, MD this 5th day of November 2003.

Ashok C. Thadani,

Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings

and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 11Ac1-5, SEC File No. 270-488, OMB Control No. 3235-0542

Rule 11Ac1-6, SEC File No. 270-489, OMB Control No. 3235-0541

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 11Ac1-5 requires market centers to make available to the public monthly order execution reports in electronic form. The Commission believes that many market centers retain most, if not all, the underlying raw data necessary to generate these reports in electronic format. Once the necessary data is collected, market centers could either program their systems to generate the statistics and reports, or transfer the data to a service provider (such as an independent company in the business of preparing such reports or a self-regulatory organization (“SRO”)) that would generate the statistics and reports.

The collection of information obligations of Rule 11Ac1-5 apply to all market centers that receive covered orders in national market system securities. The Commission estimates that approximately 367 market centers are subject to the collection of information obligations of Rule 11Ac1-5. Each of these respondents is required to respond to the collection of information on a monthly basis.

The Commission staff estimates that, on average, Rule 11Ac1-5 causes respondents to spend 6 hours per month in additional time to collect the data necessary to generate the reports, or 72 hours per year. With an estimated 367 market centers subject to Rule 11Ac1-5, the total data collection cost to comply with the monthly reporting requirement is estimated to be 26,424 hours per year.

Rule 11Ac1-6 requires broker-dealers to prepare and disseminate quarterly order routing reports. Much of the information needed to generate these reports already should be collected by broker-dealers in connection with their periodic evaluations of their order routing practices. Broker-dealers must conduct such evaluations to fulfill the duty of best execution that they owe their customers.

The collection of information obligations of Rule 11Ac1-6 applies to broker-dealers that route non-directed

customer orders in covered securities. The Commission estimates that out of the currently 2678 broker-dealers that are subject to the collection of information obligations of Rule 11Ac1-6, clearing brokers bear a substantial portion of the burden of complying with the reporting and recordkeeping requirements of Rule 11Ac1-6 on behalf of small to mid-sized introducing firms. There currently are approximately 330 clearing brokers. In addition, there are approximately 610 introducing brokers that receive funds or securities from their customers. Because at least some of these firms also may have greater involvement in determining where customer orders are routed for execution, they have been included, along with clearing brokers, in estimating the total burden of Rule 11Ac1-6.

The Commission staff estimates that each firm significantly involved in order routing practices incurs an average burden of 40 hours to prepare and disseminate a quarterly report required by Rule 11Ac1-6, or a burden of 160 hours per year. With an estimated 940 broker-dealers significantly involved in order routing practices, the total burden per year to comply with the quarterly reporting requirement in Rule 11Ac1-6 is estimated to be 150,400 hours.

Rule 11Ac1-6 requires broker-dealers to respond to individual customer requests for information on orders handled by the broker-dealer for that customer. Clearing brokers generally bear the burden of responding to these requests. The Commission staff estimates that an average clearing broker incurs an annual burden of 400 hours (2000 responses \times 0.2 hours/response) to prepare, disseminate, and retain responses to customers required by Rule 11Ac1-6. With an estimated 330 clearing brokers subject to Rule 11Ac1-6, the total burden per year to comply with the customer response requirement in Rule 11Ac1-6 is estimated to be 132,000 hours.

The collection of information obligations imposed by Rule 11Ac1-5 and Rule 11Ac1-6 are mandatory. The response will be available to the public and will not be kept confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to comply with, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of

Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: November 10, 2003.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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Extension:

Rule 11Ac1-3, SEC File No. 270-382, OMB Control No. 3235-0435.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

- Rule 11Ac1-3 Customer account statements

Rule 11Ac1-3, 17 CFR 240.11Ac1-3, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires disclosure on each new account and on a yearly basis thereafter, on the annual statement, the firm's policies regarding receipt of payment for order flow from any market makers, exchanges or exchange members to which it routes customers' order in national market system securities for execution; and information regarding the aggregate amount of monetary payments, discounts, rebates or reduction in fees received by the firm over the past year.

It is estimated that there are approximately 6,752 registered broker-dealers.¹ The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary for each broker-dealer to comply with Rule 11Ac1-3 is fourteen hours annually. Thus, the total burden is 94,528 hours

annually. The average cost per hour is approximately \$85. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for broker-dealers is \$8,034,880.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: November 13, 2003.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC (The Ziegler Companies, Inc., Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value) File No. 1-10854

November 13, 2003.

The Ziegler Companies, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation ("Issuer"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its Common Stock, \$1.00 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange").

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer unanimously approved a resolution on October 28, 2003 to withdraw the Issuer's Security from listing on the Amex. The Board of the Issuer states that the reasons it is taking

such action is as follows: (i) The continuing costs to the Issuer of complying with the Exchange Act and other obligations placed upon the Issuer the Exchange; (ii) the significant new costs that the Issuer would be obligated to incur to comply with certain of the recently-enacted provisions of the Exchange Act, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and the resulting negative effect on the Issuer's profitability; (iii) the Issuer does not seem to be enjoying the benefits of being listed on the Exchange and being a reporting company under the Exchange Act, which include access to capital, potentially higher valuations through analyst coverage and institutional investor interest, ability to use equity as currency for acquisitions and a liquid trading market, all of which perceived benefits have either been not available to the Issuer or only of limited availability or utility; (iv) the availability of an alternative to the Exchange in the form of the Pink Sheets quotation service; (v) the availability of an alternative to Exchange specialists in the form of market makers to facilitate an orderly market for the Issuer's shares; and (vi) the ability of the Issuer, subject to the availability of adequate resources and the Board continuing to believe that such programs are in or not opposed to the best interest of shareholders, to continue its share buy-back program and its dividend.

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all applicable laws in the State of Wisconsin, in which it is incorporated, and with the Amex's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Securities from listing on the Amex and from registration under Section 12(b) of the Act³ shall not affect its obligation to be registered under Section 12(g) of the Act.⁴

Any interested person may, on or before December 8, 2003, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Amex and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date

¹ This estimate is based on FYE 2002 Focus Reports received by the Commission.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78l(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 781(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 781(g).