

Dated: May 5, 1999.

**Don A. Christensen,**

*Associate Administrator for Investment.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[License No. 05/05-0212]

**Polaris Capital Corporation; Notice of Surrender of License**

Notice is hereby given that Polaris Capital Corporation, 2100 Northwestern Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404, has surrendered their license to operate as a small business investment company under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (the Act). Polaris Capital Corporation was licensed by Small Business Administration on February 9, 1990.

Under the authority vested by the Act and pursuant to the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the surrender was accepted on this date, and accordingly, all rights, privileges, and franchises derived therefrom have been terminated.

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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Emergency Consideration Request**

In compliance with Pub. L. 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, SSA is providing notice of its information collections that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). SSA is requesting emergency consideration from OMB by May 21, 1999 of the information collection listed below.

Annual Registration Statement Identifying Separated Participants with Deferred Benefits, Schedule SSA—0960-NEW (1999 edition). Schedule SSA is a form filed annually by pension plan administrators as part of a series of pension plan documents required by section 6057 of the IRS Code. SSA maintains the information until a claim for Social Security benefits has been approved. At that time, SSA notifies the beneficiary of his/her potential

eligibility for payments from private pension plans.

On September 3, 1997, the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) collectively published a notice requesting comments on the burden hour estimates and the methodologies used to estimate burden for preparing and filing Form 5500 and its schedules, including Schedule SSA. The comments generally indicated that the estimates were too low. In an effort to respond to those comments, an evaluation of the burden estimation methodologies has been undertaken for the purpose of developing a revised, uniform methodology. The evaluation has not yet been completed. Therefore, for the purposes of this notice, SSA is providing burden estimates using the current methodology. A decision regarding the burden methodology to be used is expected to be made by the end of May 1999. SSA will modify these burden estimates based on a revised methodology.

*Number of Respondents:* 107,174.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 17 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 69,842 hours.

A computerized processing system (the ERISA filing and Acceptance System, or EFAST) is being developed to simplify and expedite the processing of the Form 5500 series, including Schedule SSA, by relying on computer scannable forms and electronic filing technologies. A **Federal Register** notice will be published announcing the opportunity to comment on the electronic filing options and computer scannable forms designed as part of the EFAST project. The final computer scannable version of the forms, which will be required to be used for 1999 plan years, will be published in the **Federal Register** following the evaluation of public comments.

PWBA, IRS and PBGC have obtained OMB clearance for the 1999 Form 5500 and their respective schedules. It is essential that Schedule SSA be on the same timeline as the Form 5500 and other schedules so that there is a coordinated effort in making changes in burden methodology and in the format and processing of the forms. Therefore, we are requesting emergency consideration for Schedule SSA.

You can obtain a copy of the collection instrument and/or OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him. (SSA Address)

Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235

Date: May 7, 1999.

**Frederick W. Brickenkamp,**

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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request**

In compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Social Security Administration (SSA) is providing notice of its information collections that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

I. The information collections listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, comments and recommendations regarding the information collections would be most useful if received by the Agency within 60 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the address listed at the end of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him at the address listed at the end of this publication.

1. Marriage Certification—0960-0009. Form SSA-3 is used by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to determine whether the spouse's claimant has the necessary relationship to the worker as required by section 216 (h)(1) of the Social Security Act (the Act). The respondents are applicants for Spouse's Benefits.

*Number of Respondents:* 180,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 15,000 hours.

2. Claimant's Work Background—0960-0300. The information collected on Form HA-4633 is used by SSA in