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William M. Hill, Jr.,

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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 204-3, SEC File No. 270-42, OMB Control No. 3235-0047

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 204-3 requires an investment adviser to deliver, or offer, to prospective clients a disclosure statement, or "brochure," containing specified information as to the business practices and background of the adviser. The rule also requires that an investment adviser deliver, or offer, its brochure on an annual basis to existing clients. Investors use this information to determine whether to retain or continue to employ the investment adviser. There are currently approximately 8,300 investment advisers subject to this rule; the estimated burden resulting from the rule is 203,350 total annual hours.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written 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 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: February 22, 2000.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-42444; File No. SR-CTA/CQ-00-01]

Consolidated Tape Association; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Second Substantive Amendment to the Second Restatement of the Consolidated Tape Association Plan and the First Substantive Amendment to the Restated Consolidated Quotation Plan

February 18, 2000.

Pursuant to Rule 11A3-2¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),² notice is hereby given that on January 19, 2000, the Consolidated Tape Association ("CTA") and the Consolidated Quotation ("CQ") Plan Participants ("Participants")³ filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") amendments to the Restated CTA Plan and CQ Plan. The amendments propose to adopt, as an additional form under Exhibit D of the Plans, a Consolidated Subscriber Form for use in connection with the implementation of new procedures under which vendors (rather than Network B) will now: (1) Execute directly with professional subscribers a Consolidated Subscriber Form for receipt and use of Network B market data that runs to the benefit of the Network B Participants and (2) assume responsibility for the billing, collecting and forwarding of all Network B subscriber charges to Network B.

Pursuant to Rule 11Aa3-2(c)(3)(ii), the CTA and CQ Participants have designated the amendments as a matter concerned solely with the administration of the Plans on behalf of all of the sponsors and the participants, which renders the amendments effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the amendments, the Commission may summarily

¹ 17 CFR 240.11Aa3-2.

² 15 U.S.C. 78k-1.

³ The amendments were executed by each Participant in each of the Plans. The Participants include American Stock Exchange LLC, Boston Stock Exchange, Inc., Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc., Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc., Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Inc., National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., New York Stock Exchange, Inc., Pacific Exchange, Inc., and Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc.

abrogate the amendment and require that the amendment be refiled in accordance with the paragraph (b)(1) of this section and reviewed in accordance with paragraph (c)(2) of this section, if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or the maintenance of fair and orderly markets, to remove impediments to, and perfect mechanisms of, a national market system or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments from interested persons on the amendments.

I. Description and Purpose of the Amendments

A. Rule 11Aa3-2

Purpose of the Amendments

Currently, Network B uses a Consolidated Subscriber Form that it executes directly with professional subscribers. While the subscriber also executes an agreement with its vendor to receive Network B market data from the vendor (the "Vendor-Subscriber Agreement"), Network B generally bills all subscriber charges directly to the subscriber and collects the fees itself.⁴

Network B is now proposing to shift the billing and collecting functions to the vendors. As part of that effort, Network B is proposing to amend the CTA and CQ Plans by adding a new Consolidated Subscriber Form to Exhibit D of each Plan. The new form implements new procedures pursuant to which vendors will replace Amex as the party that will now (1) execute directly with professional subscribers a Consolidated Subscriber Form for receipt and use of Network B market data that runs to the benefit of Network B Participants and (2) bill and collect all Network B subscriber charges for Network B. The new Consolidated Subscriber Form that will be used for Network B vendor billing will be virtually identical to the existing Consolidated Subscriber Form, except for (1) the vendor signature block (replacing the Network B signature block), (2) language indicating that the agreement runs to the benefit of the Network B Participants as third-party beneficiaries; and (3) minor changes reflecting the shift of the billing and collection functions to the vendors (including such things as allowing vendors to examine records and request equipment descriptions).

The Network B Participants believe that the shift to vendor billing will

⁴ Exhibit D to each Plan sets forth the forms of market data subscriber agreements currently in use.

significantly improve customer service for all subscribers to Network B market data services. Professional subscribers will now receive one bill from the vendor, instead of two bills (one from the vendor and one from Network B). As CTA currently relies on vendor data for subscriber billing and vendors are often late in furnishing such data, many discrepancies occur in billing subscribers. Vendor billing, with single bill and single point of contact, should streamline the billing process and reduce confusion among Network B subscribers. In this regard, the Network B subscriber community has been very supportive of this proposal to shift to vendor billing for Network B market data.

Vendor billing will also enable Network B to reduce its administrative function and thereby realize significant cost savings. Vendors will be able to utilize their current billing infrastructures to bill for Network B subscriber charges, taking advantage of existing efficiencies. This should also allow for a tighter receivable cycle.

These amendments further the objectives of the national market system regarding the dissemination of last sale information delineated in Sections 11A(a)(1)(C), 11A(a)(1)(D) and 11A(a)(3)(B) of the Act.

B. Governing or Constituent Documents

See Exhibit 1 to CTA and CQ Plan Amendments.

C. Implementation of Amendment

The Participants have manifested their approval of the proposed amendments to the CTA and CQ Network B by means of their execution of the amendments. The Participants will begin the conversion process to vendor billing as soon as practicable after the Plan amendments are filed with the Commission.

To accomplish this conversion, the Network B administrator intends to provide written notice to all Network B vendors and subscribers of the planned shift to vendor billing for Network B subscribers. It then plans to visit all Network B vendors, explaining the new procedures to them as well as reconciling their subscriber inventory. Vendors will be required to use the new Consolidated Subscriber Form for all new professional subscribers to Network B market data, executing it directly with those subscribers. All current Network B professional subscribers will be allowed to continue receiving Network B market data under their existing Consolidated Subscriber Form (which they entered into with Amex) without being required to sign the new form.

The administrator plans to have the new vendor billing program implemented by the end of the third quarter of 2000.

D. Development and Implementation Phases

See Item I(C).

E. Analysis of Impact on Competition

The proposed amendments do not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

F. Written Understanding or Agreements Relating to Interpretation of, or Participation in, Plan

Not applicable.

G. Approval by Sponsors in Accordance With Plans

In accordance with Section IV(b) of the CTA Plan and Section IV(c) of the CQ Plan, each of the Participants has approved the Plan amendments.

H. Description of Operation of Facility Contemplated by the Proposed Amendment

Not applicable.

I. Terms and Conditions of Access

See Item I(A) above.

J. Method of Determination and Imposition, and Amount of Fees and Charges

Vendors will perform the billing and collection functions with respect to all Network B subscriber charges.

K. Method and Frequency of Processor Evaluation

Not applicable.

L. Dispute Resolution

Not applicable.

II. Rule 11Aa3-1 (Solely in Its Application to the Amendment to the CTA Plan)

A. Reporting Requirements

Not applicable.

B. Manner of Collecting, Processing, Sequencing, Making Available and Disseminating Last Sale Information

Not applicable.

C. Manner of Consolidation

Not applicable.

D. Standards and Methods Ensuring Promptness, Accuracy and Completeness of Transaction Reports

Not applicable.

E. Rules and Procedures Addressed to Fraudulent or Manipulative Dissemination

Not applicable.

F. Terms of Access to Transactions Reports

See Item I(A).

G. Identification of Marketplace of Execution

Not applicable.

III. Solicitation of Comments

The CTA has designated these amendments as a matter concerned solely with the administration of the Plans on behalf of all of the sponsors and participants which, under Section 11Aa3-2(c)(3)(i) of the Act, renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission.

The Commission may summarily abrogate the amendment within sixty days of its filing and require refiling and approval of the amendments by Commission order pursuant to Section 11Aa3-2(c)(3)(iii), if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors and maintenance of fair and orderly markets, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a National Market System, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the amendments are consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed plan amendments that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed plan amendments between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CTA. All submissions should refer to the file number in the caption above and should be submitted by March 22, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Margaret H. McFarland.

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3236]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determinations: "Art and Oracle: Spirit Voices of Africa"

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority of October 19, 1999, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Art and Oracle: Spirit Voices of Africa," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, from on or about April 24-July 30, 2000, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of exhibit objects, contact Jacqueline Caldwell, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/619-6982). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44; 301-4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: February 24, 2000.

William P. Kiehl,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice # 3224]

Advisory Committee on Labor Diplomacy; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Labor Diplomacy (ACL D) will hold a meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on March 14, 2000, in room 1107, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20520. Committee Chairman Thomas Donahue, former President of the AFL-CIO, will chair the meeting.

The ACL D is comprised of prominent persons with expertise in the area of international labor policy and labor diplomacy. The ACL D advises the Secretary of State and the President on the resources and policies necessary to implement labor diplomacy programs efficiently, effectively and in a manner that ensures U.S. leadership before the international community in promoting the objectives and ideals of U.S. labor policies now and in the 21st century. The ACL D will make recommendations on how to strengthen the Department of State's ability to respond to the many challenges facing the United States and the federal government in international labor matters. These challenges include the protection of worker rights, the elimination of exploitative child labor, and the prevention of abusive working conditions.

The agenda for the March 14 meeting includes discussion of operational aspects of the State Department's labor diplomacy function and State Department policy as it relates to labor diplomacy.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting as seating capacity allows. As access to the Department of State is controlled, persons wishing to attend the meeting must be pre-cleared by calling or faxing the following information, by close of business March 10, to Mark Simonoff at (202) 647-4327 or fax (202) 647-0431 or email simonoff@state.gov: name; company or organization affiliation (if any); date of birth; and social security number. Pre-cleared persons should use the C Street entrance to the State Department and have a driver's license with photo, a passport, a U.S. Government ID or other valid photo identification.

Members of the public may, if they wish, submit a brief statement to the Committee in writing. Those wishing further information should contact Mr. Simonoff at the phone and fax numbers provided above.

Dated: February 24, 2000.

Harold Hongju Koh,

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, U.S. Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); Public Hearings for the Petitions for the GSP 1999 Country Practices Review, Change in Schedule of Hearings and Deadlines for Submitting Comments on Petitions for the GSP 1999 Country Practices Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Notice of change in schedule of hearings and deadlines for submitting comments on petitions for the GSP 1999 Country Practices Review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Room 518; Washington, DC 20508 (Tel. 202/395-6971).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given of changes in the dates and location, and changes in dates for submission of comments, for the GSP public hearings to be held for country practice petitions accepted for review in the GSP 1999 Country Practices Review. These hearings were scheduled for April 3 and April 4, 2000, beginning at 10 a.m. A **Federal Register** notice regarding these hearings was published on February 14, 2000 (65 FR 7410-7412).

The scheduled dates for the GSP public hearings are changed from Monday, April 3, and Tuesday, April 4, to Thursday, April 13, and Friday, April 14. The location of the GSP hearings is changed from the Annex of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to the White House Conference Center, the Truman Room, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20500. The deadline for Requests to Appear at Public Hearings and Submission of Pre-Hearing Briefs is changed to March 16. The deadline for submission of Post-Hearings Briefs and Rebuttal Briefs is changed to April 28. The hearings will begin at 10 a.m. each day. See attached calendar.

All other information in the notice at 65 FR 7410 (February 14, 2000) remains the same.

Jon Rosenbaum,

Assistant USTR for Trade and Development.

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⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(27).