

II. Public Comments

To encourage the submission of public comments on the community support performance of Bank members, on or before April 30, 2001, each Bank will notify its Advisory Council and nonprofit housing developers, community groups, and other interested parties in its district of the members selected for community support review in the 2000–01 fifth quarter review cycle. 12 CFR 944.2(b)(2)(ii). In reviewing a member for community support compliance, the Finance Board will consider any public comments it has received concerning the member. 12 CFR 944.2(d). To ensure consideration by the Finance Board, comments concerning the community support performance of members selected for the 2000–01 fifth quarter review cycle must be delivered to the Finance Board on or before the May 25, 2001 deadline for submission of Community Support Statements.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.
Dated: March 27, 2001.

James L. Bothwell,

Managing Director.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise

noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than May 10, 2001.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690–1414:

1. *Mahaska Investment Company ESOP*, Oskaloosa, Iowa; to acquire an additional .76 percent, for 14.92 percent, of the voting shares of Mahaska Investment Company, Oskaloosa, Iowa and thereby indirectly acquire shares of Mahaska State Bank, Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Pella State Bank, Pella, Iowa. Mahaska Investment Company also controls Central Valley Bank, Ottumwa, Iowa and Midwest Federal Savings & Loan of Eastern Iowa, Burlington, Iowa, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(4) of Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. *Gideon Management L.L.C.*, Topeka, Kansas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Gideon Enterprises L.P., Topeka, Kansas, and thereby indirectly acquire Silver Lake Bank, Topeka, Kansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 10, 2001.

Robert deV. Frierson

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely

related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than May 4, 2001.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690–1414:

1. *First Indiana Corporation*, Indianapolis, Indiana; to acquire First Indiana Bank, FSB, Indianapolis, Indiana, and thereby indirectly acquire Pioneer Service Corporation, Indianapolis, Indiana, and thereby engage in community development activities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 10, 2001.

Robert deV. Frierson

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants

were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION

Transaction No.	Acquiring person	Acquired person	Acquired entities
Transactions Granted Early Termination—03/19/2001			
20011555	ABN AMRO Holding N.V	ING Groep N.V	ING Groep N.V.
20011559	Republic Services, Inc	Bay Collection Services, Inc	Bay Collection Services, Inc.
20011560	Republic Services, Inc	Bay Landfills, Inc	Bay Landfills, Inc.
20011565	Paul G. Desmarais	MacKenzie Financial Corporation	MacKenzie Financial Corporation.
20011588	Hudson United Bancorp	Vereniging AEGON	Vereniging AEGON.
20011597	Green Equity Investors, L.P	Oshman's Sporting Goods, Inc	Oshman's Sporting Goods, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—03/20/2001			
20011590	AMVESCAP PLC	National Asset Management Corporation	National Asset Management Corporation.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—03/21/2001			
20000686	DTE Energy Company	MCN Energy Group Inc	MCN Energy Group Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—03/22/2001			
20011543	REMY Capital Partners III, L.P	Patterson Energy, Inc	Patterson Energy, Inc.
20011556	Pope Resources	Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc	Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—03/23/2001			
20011539	Logitech International S.A	Labtec Inc	Labtec Inc.
20011540	Boston Scientific Corporation	Interventional Technologies, Inc	Interventional Technologies, Inc.
20011591	Fiber Mark, Inc	Rexam PLC	Rexam DSI Inc.
20011600	Ledcor Inc	NetRail, Inc	NetRail, Inc.
20011604	Performance Food Group Company	Henry Torres	Empire Imports, Inc. Empire Seafood Holding Corp.
20011606	Briggs & Stratton Corporation	The Beacon Group III—Focus Value Fund, L.P	Generac Portable Products, Inc.
20011608	Peregrine Systems, Inc	Extricity, Inc	Extricity, Inc.
20011612	Commemorative Brands Holding Corp.	Paul C. and Ann W. Krouse	Educational Communications, Inc.
20011613	Lockheed Martin Corporation	Intelsat, Ltd	Intelsat, Ltd.
20011616	Aon Corporation	ASO Solutions Incorporated	ASO Solutions Incorporated.
20011618	Intel Corporation	VxTel, Inc	VxTel, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—03/26/2001			
20011584	Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe, VIII, L.P.	Peter T. Loftin	BTI Telecom Corp.
20011611	Alamosa Holdings, Inc	Southwest PCS Holdings, Inc	Southwest PCS Holdings, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—03/27/2001			
20011621	The First American Corporation	Credit Management Solutions, Inc	Credit Management Solutions, Inc.
20011626	American Capital Strategies, Ltd	Roy F. Weston, Inc	Roy F. Weston, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—03/29/2001			
20011445	Northrop Grumman Corporation	Litton Industries, Inc	Litton Industries, Inc.
20011614	Exel plc	Joseph T Coughlin	Coughlin Transportation. Coughlin Worldwide Logistics, L.L.C.
20011617	GTCR Fund VII, L.P	PSINet, Inc	F.X. Coughlin Co., Inc. PSINet Transaction Solutions Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—03/30/2001			
20011629	i2 Technologies, Inc	Internet Capital Group, Inc	Right Works Corporation.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—Continued

Transaction No.	Acquiring person	Acquired person	Acquired entities
20011631	XL Capital Ltd	Credit Suisse Group	Winterthur International America, Winterthur International.
20011641	Xcel Energy Inc	George T. Lewis, Jr. and Betty G. Lewis (husband and wife).	LSP Batesville Holdings, LLC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra M. Peay or Parcellena P. Fielding, Contact Representatives, Federal Trade Commission, Premerger Notification Office, Bureau of Competition, Room 303 Washington, D.C. 20580, (202) 326-3100.

By direction of the Commission.

Benjamin I. Berman,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 001 0212]

Siemens AG, et al.; Analysis To Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed consent agreement.

SUMMARY: The consent agreement in this matter settles alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices or unfair methods of competition. The attached Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes both the allegations in the complaint that accompanies the consent agreement and the terms of the consent order—embodied in the consent agreement—that would settle these allegations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yolanda Gruendel, FTC/S-2308, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326-2971.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46 and section 2.34 of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 2.34), notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days. The following Analysis to Aid

Public Comment describes the terms of the consent agreement, and the allegations in the complaint. An electronic copy of the full text of the consent agreement package can be obtained from the FTC Home Page (for April 6, 2001), on the World Wide Web, at "http://www.ftc.gov/os/2001/04/index.htm." A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room H-130, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-3627.

Public comment is invited. Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20580. Two paper copies of each comment should be filed, and should be accompanied, if possible, by a 3½ inch diskette containing an electronic copy of the comment. Such comments or views will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii)).

Analysis of Agreement Containing Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") has accepted, subject to final approval, an Agreement Containing Consent Order ("Consent Agreement") from Siemens AG ("Siemens") and Vodafone Group Plc ("Vodafone"), which is designed to remedy the anticompetitive effects resulting from Siemen's acquisition of certain voting securities of Atecs Mannesmann AG ("Atecs"), a subsidiary of Vodafone. Atecs is comprised of Mannesmann Rexroth AG ("Rexroth"), Mannesmann Dematic AG ("Dematic"), Mannesmann Demag Krauss-Maffei Kunststofftechnik GmbH ("Demag Krauss-Maffei"), Mannesmann VDO AG ("VDO") and Mannesmann Sachs AG ("Sachs"). Under the terms of the Consent Agreement, Siemens and Vodafone will be required to divest Vodafone's Mannesmann Dematic Postal Automation business ("MDPA business") to Northrop Grumman Corp. ("Northrop") no later than ten (10) days

from the date Siemens consummates its acquisition.¹

The proposed Consent Agreement has been placed on the public record for thirty (30) days for the reception of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After thirty (30) days, the Commission will again review the proposed Consent Agreement and the comments received, and will decide whether it should withdraw from the proposed Consent Agreement or make final the Decision and Order.

Pursuant to an April 14, 2000 Share Purchase Agreement and related amendments, Siemens agreed to acquire just over 50% of the voting securities of Atecs from Vodafone, and subsequently to purchase the remainder of the Atecs voting securities through the exercise of a "Put-Call-Option." The total value of the transaction is expected to exceed \$9 billion. Under the terms of the agreement, Siemens will operate and retain ownership of four Atecs subsidiaries, Dematic, VDO, Demag Krauss-Maffei and Sachs. Robert Bosch GmbH will lease from Siemens the right to operate the fifth Atecs subsidiary, Rexroth. The Commission's complaint alleges that the acquisition, if consummated, would violate section 7 of the Clayton Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 18, and Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. 45, in the market for the research, development, manufacture, integration, sale and service of postal automation systems.

Siemens and Vodafone, through its Atecs Dematic subsidiary, are the two leading suppliers of postal automation systems in the world. Public postal services throughout the world purchase these systems to process letter mail and flat mail, which includes over-sized envelopes, catalogs, and magazines. These highly integrated systems are able to cancel stamps or meter marks, read addresses using optical character recognition technology, translate

¹ Because Vodafone will no longer have control over the assets to be divested following the acquisition, its obligations under the Consent Agreement terminate at the time the acquisition is consummated.