

copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rust Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549

Extension:

Rule 10b-17, SEC File No. 270-427, OMB Control No. 3235-0476

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 USC 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 10b-17, Untimely announcements of record dates (17 CFR 240.10b-17)

Rule 10b-17 requires any issuer of a class of securities publicly traded by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of the mails or of any facility of any national securities exchange to give notice of the following actions relating to such class of securities: (1) A dividend; (2) a stock split; or (3) a rights or other subscription offering. Notice shall be (1) given to the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; (2) in accordance with the procedures of the national securities exchange upon which the securities are registered; or (3) may be waived by the Commission.

The information required by Rule 10b-17 is necessary for the execution of the Commission's mandate under the Exchange Act to prevent fraudulent, manipulative, and deceptive acts and practices by broker-dealers. The consequence of not requiring the information collection pursuant to Rule 10b-17 is that sellers who have received

distributions as recordholders may dispose of the cash or stock dividends or other rights received as recordholders without knowledge of possible claims of purchasers.

It is estimated that, on an annual basis, there are approximately 29,430 respondents and that each response takes about 10 minutes to complete, thus imposing approximately 4,905 burden hours annually (29,430 x 10 minutes). We believe that the average hourly cost to produce and file a response under the rule is about \$50. Therefore, the annual reporting cost burden for complying with this rule is about \$245,250 (4,905 x \$50).

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 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information 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 Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: July 26, 2002.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549

Extension:

Regulations 13D and 13G; Schedules 13D and 13G, SEC File No. 270-137, OMB Control No. 3235-0145

and

Form F-6 SEC File No. 270-270, OMB Control No. 3235-0292

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 USC 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.

Schedules 13D and 13G are filed pursuant to sections 13(d) and 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act and Regulations 13D and 13G thereunder to report beneficial ownership of equity securities registered under section 12 of the Exchange Act. Regulations 13D and 13G are intended to provide investors and subject issuers with information about accumulations of securities that may have the potential to change or influence control of the issuer. Schedules 13D and 13G are used by persons including small entities to report their ownership of more than 5% of a class of equity securities registered under section 12. Schedule 13D takes approximately 43,500 total burden hours and is filed by 3,000 respondents. The filer prepares 25% of the 43,500 annual burden hours for a total reporting burden of 10,875 hours. Schedule 13G takes approximately 98,800 total burden hours and is filed by 9,500 respondents. The filer prepares 25% of the 98,800 annual burden hours for a total reporting burden of 24,700 hours. Therefore, the reporting burden for both Schedules is 35,575 hours and they are prepared by a total of 12,500 respondents.

The Commission under section 19 of the Securities Act of 1933 established Form F-6 for registration of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) of foreign companies. Form F-6 requires disclosure of information regarding the terms of depository bank, fees charged, and a description of the ADRs. No special information regarding the foreign company is required to be prepared or disclosed, although the foreign company must be one, which periodically furnishes information to the Commission. Such information is available to the public for inspection. The information is needed to ensure that investors in ADRs have full disclosure of information concerning the deposit agreement and foreign company. Approximately 150 respondents file Form F-6 and it takes .9 hours to prepare for a total of 135 annual burden hours. It is estimated that 25% of the 135 total burden hours

(33.75 hours) is prepared by the company. The information provided on Form F-6 is mandatory to best ensure full disclosure of ADRs being issued in the U.S. All information provided to the Commission is available for public review upon request.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether these proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information 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 Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington DC. 20549.

Dated: July 24, 2002.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 25688; 812-12574]

Fremont Mutual Funds, Inc. and Fremont Investment Advisors, Inc.; Notice of Application

July 29, 2002.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order under sections 6(c), 12(d)(1)(f), and 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for exemptions from sections 12(d)(1)(A) and (B) and 17(a) of the Act, and under section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions.

Summary of the Application: The requested order would permit certain registered management investment companies to invest uninvested cash and cash collateral in affiliated money market funds in excess of the limits in sections 12(d)(1)(A) and (B) of the Act.

Applicants: Fremont Mutual Funds, Inc. (the "Company"), all existing and

future registered management investment companies for which Fremont Investment Advisors, Inc. ("Fremont") or any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with Fremont (together with Fremont, the "Adviser"), serves as an investment adviser (all such registered investment companies and their series together with the existing and future series of the Company, collectively, the "Funds") and the Adviser.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on July 13, 2001 and amended on April 25, 2002 and July 19, 2002.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on August 23, 2002, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20549-0609. Applicants, c/o Wendell M. Faria, Esq., Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker, LLP, 1299 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC, 20004-2400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emerson S. Davis, Sr., Senior Counsel, at (202) 942-0714, or Nadya B. Roytblat, Assistant Director, at (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20549-0102 (tel. 202-942-8090).

Applicants' Representations

1. The Company, a Maryland corporation, is registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company. The Company currently offers twelve Funds, including the Fremont Money Market Fund. The Fremont Money Market Fund and any future money market Fund that holds itself out a money market fund and is subject to the requirements of rule 2a-7 under the

Act are referred to as the "Money Market Funds."¹ Fremont, a Delaware corporation, is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act") and serves as investment adviser to the Company.

2. Applicants state that each Fund has, or may have, uninvested cash in an account held by a custodian ("Uninvested Cash"). Uninvested Cash may result from a variety of sources, including dividends or interest received on portfolio securities, unsettled securities transactions, strategic reserves, matured investments, liquidation proceeds of investment securities, or new monies received from investors. The Funds also may participate in a securities lending program under which a Fund may lend its portfolio securities to registered broker-dealers or other institutional investors ("Securities Lending Arrangements"). The loans are continuously secured by collateral equal at all times to at least the market value of the securities loaned. Collateral for these loans may include cash ("Cash Collateral" and together with Uninvested Cash, "Cash Balances").

3. Applicants request an order to permit certain Funds ("Investing Funds") to invest their Cash Balances in shares of one or more of the Money Market Funds, the Money Market Funds to sell their shares to, and redeem their shares from, the Investing Funds and the Adviser to effect such purchases and sales. Investment of Cash Balances in shares of the Money Market Funds will be made only to the extent that such investments are consistent with each Investing Fund's investment restrictions and policies as set forth in its prospectus and statement of additional information. Applicants believe that the proposed transactions may reduce transaction costs, create more liquidity, increase returns, and further diversify holdings.

Applicants' Legal Analysis

1. Section 12(d)(1)(A) of the Act provides, in pertinent part, that no registered investment company may acquire securities of another investment company if such securities represent more than 3% of the acquired company's outstanding voting stock, more than 5% of the acquiring company's total assets, or if such securities, together with the securities of other acquired investment companies,

¹ All Funds that currently intend to rely on the requested relief are named as applicants. Any other Funds that may rely on the relief in the future will do so only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the application.