

ACTION: Notice of Prospective Patent License.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that Face International Corporation, 427 West 35th Street, Norfolk, VA 23502, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the invention described in NASA Case Numbers LAR 15348-1-CA, LAR 15348-1-DE, LAR 15348-1-FR, LAR 15348-1-GB, LAR 15348-1-JP, LAR 15348-2-GB, LAR 15348-2-IT, LAR 15348-2-FR, and LAR 15348-2-DE all of which are entitled "Thin Layer Composite Unimorph Ferroelectric Driver and Sensor," which are assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to NASA Langley Research Center. NASA has not yet made a determination to grant the requested license and may deny the requested license even if no objections are submitted within the comment period.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by August 31, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barry V. Gibbens, Patent Attorney, Mail Stop 212, NASA Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA 23681-2199, (757) 864-7141; Fax (757) 864-9190.

Dated: August 6, 2004.

Keith T. Sefton,

Deputy General Counsel, Administration and Management.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Fellowships Advisory Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Fellowships Advisory Panel, Literature section (Poetry Fellowships category) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on from September 21-23, 2004 in Room 716 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

A portion of this meeting, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on September 23rd, will be open to the public for policy discussion. The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on September 21st, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on September 22nd, and from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on September 23rd, will be closed.

The closed portions of this meeting are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 14, 2004, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call (202) 682-5691.

Dated: August 9, 2004.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Room 755, National Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 7, 2004, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on August 10, 2004 to: Mahlon C. Kennicutt, II, Permit No. 2005-008; John C. Priscu, Permit No. 2005-009; and W. Berry Lyons, Permit No. 2005-010.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Summary: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board ("RRB") will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and purpose of information collection:

Self-Employment and Substantial Service Questionnaire; OMB 3220-0138.

Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act ("RRA") provides for payment of annuities to qualified employees and their spouses. In order to receive an age and service annuity, Section 2(e)(3) states that an applicant must stop all railroad work and give up any rights to return to such work. A disability applicant must give up all railroad work, but does not have to relinquish rights to return to railroad work until he or she attains full retirement age, or, if earlier, a spouse annuity or supplemental annuity becomes payable. Under the 1988 amendments to the RRA, an applicant is no longer required to stop work for a "Last Pre-Retirement Nonrailroad Employer" ("LPE"). LPE is defined as any non-railroad individual, company, or institution for whom an annuitant is working on the annuity beginning date, or for whom they stopped working in order to receive an annuity. Section 2(f)(6) of the RRA requires that a portion of the employee's Tier II benefit and supplemental annuity be deducted for earnings from an "LPE" employer.

The RRB currently utilizes Form AA-4, *Self-Employment and Substantial Service Questionnaire*, when an applicant claims to be self-employed to obtain information needed to determine if the applicant's work is LPE, railroad service, or self-employment. If the work is self-employment, the questionnaire identifies any months in which the

applicant did not perform substantial service. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is voluntary. However, failure to complete the form could result in the nonpayment of benefits.

The RRB proposes significant, burden-impacting, editorial, and formatting changes to Form AA-4. The addition of many new items of information regarding an applicant's self-employment, largely intended to provide clarification regarding whether an applicant is a self-employed independent contractor or an employee of his client corporation, is being proposed. Other changes include dividing items that currently contain multiple questions into separate Yes/No responses. Checklists have also been added to many items to obtain more detailed and standardized responses. The completion time for the AA-4 is estimated at between 45 and 75 minutes. The RRB estimates that approximately 600 AA-4's are completed annually.

Additional Information or Comments: To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363 or send an E-mail request to Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or send an E-mail to Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Charles Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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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 6a-4; SEC File No. 270-496; OMB Control No. 3235-0554.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,¹ the Securities and Exchange

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

Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")² sets out a framework for the registration and regulation of national securities exchanges. Under the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000, a futures market may trade security futures products by registering as a national securities exchange. Rule 6a-4³ sets forth these registration procedures and directs futures markets to submit a notice registration on Form 1-N. Form 1-N calls for information regarding how the futures market operates, its rules and procedures, its criteria for membership, its subsidiaries and affiliates, and the security futures products it intends to trade. Rule 6a-4 also would require entities that have submitted an initial Form 1-N to file: (1) Amendments to Form 1-N in the event of material changes to the information provided in the initial Form 1-N; (2) periodic updates of certain information provided in the initial Form 1-N; (3) certain information that is provided to the futures market's members; and (4) a monthly report summarizing the futures market's trading of security futures products. The information required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 6a-4 is designed to enable the Commission to carry out its statutorily mandated oversight functions and to ensure that registered and exempt exchanges continue to be in compliance with the Act.

The respondents to the collection of information are futures markets.

The Commission estimates that the total annual burden for all respondents to provide the amendments and periodic updates under Rule 6a-4 would be 105 hours (15 hours/respondent per year × seven respondents) and \$10,066 (\$1438/response × seven responses/year). The Commission estimates that the total annual burden for the filing of the supplemental information and the monthly reports required under Rule 6a-4 would be 87.5 hours (25 filings/respondent × seven respondents × 0.5 hours/response). The SEC estimates that the total annual cost for all supplemental filings would be \$3675 (25 filings × 7 respondents per year × \$21/response).

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: (a) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission by sending an e-mail to: David.Rostker@omb.eop.gov, and (b) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: July 27, 2004.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 1-15064]

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of GB Holdings, Inc. To Withdraw Its Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value, From Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC

August 10, 2004.

On June 30, 2004, GB Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Issuer"), 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, \$.01 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange").

On June 23, 2004, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer determined to withdraw the Issuer's Security from listing on the Amex. The Board concluded that the existing listing has not resulted in an active trading market which, the Board believes, results from several factors, including the fact that: (i) There are only 10 holders of record of the Security; (ii) in the past 30 days on average, approximately 14,500 shares of the Security were traded per day on the Amex; and (iii) approximately 83.1% of the outstanding Security is held by two different groups of stockholders, including approximately 77.5% which is owned by affiliates of the Issuer. The Board states that it believes, for the

² 15 U.S.C. 78f.

³ 17 CFR 240.6a-4.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

¹ 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*