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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Required Interest Rate Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regulations. These rates and assumptions are published elsewhere (or can be derived from rates published elsewhere), but are collected and published in this notice for the convenience of the public. Interest rates are also published on the PBGC's Web site (<http://www.pbgc.gov>).

DATES: The required interest rate for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in December 2004. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in January 2005.

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Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024. (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Variable-Rate Premiums

Section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and § 4006.4(b)(1) of the PBGC's regulation on Premium Rates (29 CFR part 4006) prescribe use of an assumed interest rate (the "required interest rate") in determining a single-employer plan's variable-rate premium. Pursuant to the Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004, for premium payment years beginning in 2004 or 2005, the required interest rate is the "applicable percentage" (currently 85 percent) of the annual rate of interest determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on amounts invested conservatively in long-term investment grade corporate bonds for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid. Thus, the required interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in December 2004 is 4.75 percent (*i.e.*, 85 percent of the 5.59 percent composite corporate bond rate for November 2004 as determined by the Treasury).

The following table lists the required interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between January 2004 and December 2004.

For premium payment years beginning in:	The required interest rate is:
January 2004	4.94
February 2004	4.83
March 2004	4.79
April 2004	4.62
May 2004	4.98
June 2004	5.26
July 2004	5.25
August 2004	5.10
September 2004	4.95
October 2004	4.79
November 2004	4.73
December 2004	4.75

Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

The PBGC's regulation on Duties of Plan Sponsor Following Mass Withdrawal (29 CFR part 4281) prescribes the use of interest assumptions under the PBGC's regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans (29 CFR part 4044). The interest assumptions applicable to valuation dates in January

2005 under part 4044 are contained in an amendment to part 4044 published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**. Tables showing the assumptions applicable to prior periods are codified in appendix B to 29 CFR part 4044.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of Plymouth Rubber Company To Withdraw Its Class A and Class B Common Stock, \$.01 par Value, From Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC File No. 1-05197

December 9, 2004.

On November 30, 2004, Plymouth Rubber Company, Inc., a Massachusetts 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)² thereunder,² to withdraw its class A and class B common stock, \$.01 par value ("Securities"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex").

The Issuer states that the reasons it is taking such action to withdraw its Securities from listing and registration on the Amex are as follows: (i) The Issuer's current non-compliance with certain Amex quantitative standards for continued listing; and (ii) the likely inability of the Issuer to regain compliance with Amex quantitative standards, in accordance with a plan of compliance the Issuer submitted to Amex, which the Amex approved in 2003, by the end of the current fiscal year on December 3, 2004. The Issuer states that it is currently considering the alternative over-the-counter markets to trade the Securities.

The Issuer states in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all applicable laws in the State of Massachusetts, in which it is incorporated, and with the Amex's rules governing an issuer's voluntary

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78l(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).