

following applicant: Michael J. Libeck
Permit No.: 2006 WM-001.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

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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 permit modification 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, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 19, 2005, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a Waste Management permit modification request received. A modification to a Waste Management permit was issued on October 24, 2005, to the following applicant: Rennie S. Holt—Permit No. 2002 WM-002 Mod. 1.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-05233]

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment for the Conopco, Inc., D.B.A. Unilever Research and Development (Unilever), Facility in Edgewater, NJ

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Betsy Ullrich, Commercial and R&D Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, 19406, telephone (610) 337-5040, fax (610) 337-5269; or by e-mail: exu@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuing a license amendment to Conopco, Inc., d.b.a. Unilever Research and Development (Unilever), for Materials License No. 29-00304-02, to authorize release of its facility in Edgewater, New Jersey, for unrestricted use. NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this action in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate.

II. EA Summary

The purpose of the proposed action is to authorize the release of the licensee's Edgewater, New Jersey, facility for unrestricted use. Unilever was authorized by NRC from 1956 to use radioactive materials for research and development purposes at the site. On May 23, 2005, Unilever requested that NRC release the facility for unrestricted use. Unilever has conducted surveys of the facility and provided information to the NRC to demonstrate that the site meets the license termination criteria in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20 for unrestricted use.

The NRC staff has prepared an EA in support of the license amendment. The facility was remediated and surveyed prior to the licensee requesting the license amendment. The NRC staff has reviewed the information and final status survey submitted by Unilever. Based on its review, the staff has determined that there are no additional remediation activities necessary to complete the proposed action. Therefore, the staff considered the impact of the residual radioactivity at the facility and concluded that since the residual radioactivity meets the requirements in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20, a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The staff has prepared the EA (summarized above) in support of the license amendment to terminate the license and release the facility for unrestricted use. The NRC staff has evaluated Unilever's request and the results of the surveys and has concluded that the completed action complies with the criteria in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20. The staff has found that the radiological environmental impacts from the action are bounded by the impacts evaluated by NUREG-1496, Volumes 1-3, "Generic Environmental

Impact Statement in Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Facilities" (ML042310492, ML042320379, and ML042330385). Additionally, no non-radiological or cumulative impacts were identified. On the basis of the EA, the NRC has concluded that the environmental impacts from the action are expected to be insignificant and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the action.

IV. Further Information

Documents related to this action, including the application for the license amendment and supporting documentation, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS accession numbers for the documents related to this Notice are: Environmental Assessment Related to an Amendment of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Materials License No. 29-00304-02, issued to Conopco, Inc. [ML052930082] and the Final Status Survey Report, Unilever Research and Development—Edgewater (URDE), Edgewater, New Jersey, NRC License No. 29-00304-02, May 2005 [ADAMS Accession Nos. ML051780048, ML051780060, ML051780061, ML051780068, ML051780093, ML051780095, ML051780096, ML051780097, ML051780098, ML051780100, ML051780102, ML051780103, ML051780105]. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at (800) 397-4209 or (301) 415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Documents related to operations conducted under this license not specifically referenced in this Notice may not be electronically available and/or may not be publicly available. Persons who have an interest in reviewing these documents should submit a request to NRC under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Instructions for submitting a FOIA request can be found on the NRC's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/foia-privacy.html>.

Dated at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania this 20th day of October, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
James P. Dwyer,
 Chief, Commercial and R&D Branch, Division
 of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region I.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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 2005-093]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Eliminate Rule 891 Relating to Transfer Agents

October 18, 2005.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ notice is hereby given that on September 19, 2005, American Stock Exchange LLC (“Amex”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by Amex. Amex has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule, pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act,² which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested parties.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to eliminate Amex’s Rule 891 relating to obsolete transfer agent requirements.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, Amex included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. Amex has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B),

and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.³

(A) Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

On March 17, 2000, Amex amended its Company Guide to eliminate the qualification of transfer agents, registrars, and bond trustees.⁴ Amex believed that the Commission’s rules governing transfer agents made Amex’s rules unnecessary or inappropriate. However, at that time Amex did not eliminate transfer agent requirements in its rules.

The purpose of this filing is to conform Amex’s rules to the changes made to the Company Guide. Rule 891 of Amex’s rules currently lists the requirements to qualify as a transfer agent for securities listed on Amex, which includes among other things a requirement to maintain office facilities that are located south of Chambers Street in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, that allow the issuer to receive and redeliver securities. In light of the amendments to the Company Guide, Amex has determined that Rule 891 is obsolete and no longer in use and proposes to eliminate that Rule 891.

Section 6(b)(5) of the Exchange Act requires the Amex rules be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Amex believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Exchange Act⁵ in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁶ and the rules and regulations thereunder because it makes consistent the requirements of the Company Guide with the requirements in Amex rules and further clarifies the compliance obligations of transfer agents acting for issuers listed on Amex.

³ The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by the Amex.

⁴ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42539 (March 17, 2000); 65 FR 15672 (March 23, 2000); [File No. SR-Amex-99-39].

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(5).

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

Amex does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

(C) Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments relating to the proposed rule change have been solicited or received. Amex will notify the Commission of any written comments received by Amex.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(1)⁸ thereunder because it constitutes a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule. At any time within sixty days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission’s Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>) or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-Amex-2005-093 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-9303.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Amex-2005-093. This file number should be included on the

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(i).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(i).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).