

and a default definition based on the ANSI 14-33 standard.

### III. Further Information

Documents related to this action are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/isg/spent-fuel.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Documents 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 provided in the following table. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

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These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's PDR, O 1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee. Comments and questions on the draft SFPO ISG-1 Rev 2 should be directed to the NRC contact listed below by January 29, 2007. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date. Robert Einziger PhD, Sr., Materials Engineer, Structural, Mechanics, and Materials Branch, Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20005-0001. Comments can also be submitted on the form provided at the Web site, by fax, or e-mail, which are as follows: telephone: (301) 415-2597; fax number: (301) 415-8555; e-mail: [REE1@nrc.gov](mailto:REE1@nrc.gov). Submittals should be in either Word or WordPerfect; no PDF files.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of December, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

### Repository Development; Yucca Mountain, NV

*Board Meeting:* January 24, 2007—Las Vegas, Nevada.

The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will meet to discuss U.S. Department of Energy efforts to develop the proposed Yucca Mountain repository.

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will meet in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Wednesday, January 24, 2007. The meeting agenda will include updates on Department of Energy (DOE) technical and scientific activities to the proposed repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain in Nevada. The meeting will be open to the public, and opportunities for public comment will be provided. The Board is charged by Congress with reviewing the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by DOE related to nuclear waste disposal as stipulated in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and to continue until approximately 6 p.m. It will be held at the Atrium Suites Hotel; 4255 South Paradise Road; Las Vegas, NV 89109; (tel.) 702-369-4400; (fax) 702-369-3770.

A final agenda detailing meeting times, topics, and participants will be available approximately one week before the meeting date. Copies of the meeting agenda can be requested by telephone or obtained from the Board's Web site at [nwtrb.gov](http://nwtrb.gov).

Time will be set aside at the end of the day for public comments. Those wanting to speak are encouraged to sign the "Public Comment Register" at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on individual remarks, but written comments of any length may be submitted for the record. Interested parties also will have the opportunity to submit questions in writing to the Board. As time permits, submitted questions relevant to the discussion may be asked by Board members.

Transcripts of the meetings will be available on the Board's Web site, by e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes of the Board's staff, beginning on February 19, 2007.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Atrium Suites Hotel for meeting

participants. When making a reservation, please state that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting. Reservations should be made by January 8, 2007, to ensure receiving the meeting rate.

For more information, please contact Karyn Severson, NWTRB External Affairs; 2300 Clarendon Boulevard; Suite 1300; Arlington, VA 22201-3367; (tel.) 703-235-4473; (fax) 703-235-4495.

Dated: December 8, 2006.

**William D. Barnard,**

*Executive Director, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.*

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## OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provision of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), agencies are required to publish a Notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that Agency is preparing an information collection request for OMB review and approval and to request public review and comment on the submission.

Comments are being solicited on the need for the information, its practical utility, the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate, and on ways to minimize the reporting burden, including automated collection techniques and uses of other forms of technology. The proposed form under review is summarized below.

**DATES:** Comments must be received within 60 calendar days of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the subject form and the request for review prepared for submission to OMB may be obtained from the Agency submitting officer. Comments on the form should be submitted to the Agency Submitting Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** OPIC Agency Submitting Officer: Essie Bryant, Record Manager, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20527; 202-336-8563.

*Summary Form Under Review:*

*Type of Request:* Revised form.

*Title:* OPIC Self-Monitoring

*Questionnaire.*

*Form Number:* OPIC-162.

*Frequency of Use:* Annually for duration of project.

*Type of Respondents:* Business or other institution (except farms); individuals.

*Standard Industrial Classification Codes:* All.

*Description of Affected Public:* U.S. companies or citizens investing overseas.

*Reporting Hours:* 6.5 hours per project.

*Number of Responses:* 350 per year.

*Federal Cost:* \$35,000.

*Authority for Information Collection:* Sections 231, 234(a), 239(d), and 240A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

*Abstract (Needs and Uses):* The questionnaire is completed by OPIC-assisted investors annually. The questionnaire allows OPIC's assessment of effects of OPIC-assisted projects on the U.S. economy and employment, as well as on the environment and economic development abroad.

Dated: December 6, 2006.

**Eli Landy,**

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Department of Legal Affairs.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 27592; 812-13294]

### The Mexico Equity and Income Fund, Inc.; Notice of Application

December 7, 2006.

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

**APPLICANT:** The Mexico Equity and Income Fund, Inc. (the "Fund").

**ACTIONS:** Notice of application for an order under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act.

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicant seeks an order that would permit in-kind repurchases of shares of preferred stock of the Fund held by certain affiliated shareholders of the Fund.

**FILING DATES:** The application was filed on May 16, 2006, and amended on November 17, 2006.

**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 January 2, 2007, 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, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. Applicant, c/o U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, 615 East Michigan Street, 2nd Floor, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bruce R. MacNeil, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551-6817, or Julia Kim Gilmer, Branch Chief, at (202) 551-6821 (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 Desk, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. 202-551-5850).

### Applicant's Representations

1. The Fund, a Maryland corporation, is registered under the Act as a closed-end management investment company. The Fund's investment objective is to seek high total return through capital appreciation and current income by investing at least 80% of the Fund's assets in equity, convertible and debt securities of Mexican companies and issuers. Applicant states that substantially all of its assets are invested in Mexican securities that are listed on the Bolsa Mexicana de Valores, S.A. de C.V. (the "Mexican Stock Exchange").<sup>1</sup> The Fund has issued shares of common stock and preferred stock, both of which are listed and trade on the New York Stock Exchange. The preferred stock has the same rights and qualifications as the Fund's common stock, with exceptions pertaining to liquidation, voting rights, conversion and the right to participate in the In-Kind Tender Offers (as defined below). Pichardo Asset Management, S.A. de C.V. is registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and serves as the investment manager to the Fund.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant states that as of September 30, 2006, approximately 95.7% of its portfolio was trading on the Mexican Stock Exchange with the balance trading on securities markets in the United States.

2. The Fund proposes to repurchase all of its outstanding shares of preferred stock, through a series of semi-annual in-kind tender offers, which, in each case, will be for up to 25% of the Fund's issued and outstanding shares of preferred stock (the "In-Kind Tender Offers"). Each preferred stock shareholder participating in an In-Kind Tender Offer may tender their preferred stock for repurchase in-kind for a *pro rata* share of the Fund's portfolio securities (with exceptions generally for odd lots, fractional shares and cash items) at a price equal to 99% of net asset value per share of the preferred stock. The In-Kind Tender Offers will be conducted in accordance with section 23(c)(2) of the Act and rule 13e-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

3. Applicant states that the In-Kind Tender Offers are designed to accommodate the needs of both participating and non-participating shareholders. Under the In-Kind Tender Offers, only participating preferred stock shareholders will pay taxes on the gain on appreciated securities distributed in the In-Kind Tender Offers. Non-participating shareholders (both common and preferred) would avoid the imposition of a significant tax liability, which would occur if the Fund sold the appreciated securities to make payments in cash. Applicant further states that the In-Kind Tender Offers' in-kind payments will minimize market disruption, while allowing the Fund to avoid a cascade of distributions, required to preserve its tax status, that would reduce the size of the Fund drastically. Applicant also states that the In-Kind Tender Offers will benefit both the common and preferred shareholders by helping to preserve the value of the portfolio securities received by a participating preferred stockholder and the Fund's common stock shareholders by helping to minimize any disruption to the Fund's net asset value. Applicant requests relief to permit any preferred stock shareholder of the Fund who is an "affiliated person" of the Fund solely by reason of owning, controlling, or holding with the power to vote, 5% or more of the Fund's outstanding voting securities ("Affiliated Shareholder") to participate in the proposed In-Kind Tender Offers.

### Applicant's Legal Analysis

1. Section 17(a) of the Act prohibits an affiliated person of a registered investment company, or any affiliated person of the person, acting as principal, from knowingly purchasing or selling any security or other property from or to the company. Section 2(a)(3) of the Act defines an "affiliated person"