

Under this alternative the NRC would not approve future license applications. This alternative serves as a baseline for comparison of the potential environmental impacts.

*Proposed action*—The proposed action is the construction, operation, and decommissioning of an ISL uranium mill. Implementation of the proposed action would require the issuance of an NRC license under the provisions of 10 CFR part 40.

*Alternatives*—The conventional milling process is one alternative. Other alternatives not listed in this notice may be identified through the scoping process.

### 3.0 Environmental Impact Areas To Be Analyzed

The following resource areas have been tentatively identified for analysis in the GEIS:

- Public and Occupational Health*: addressing the potential public and occupational consequences from construction, routine operation, transportation, and credible accident scenarios (including natural events), and decommissioning;
- Waste Management*: addressing the types of wastes expected to be generated, handled, stored or subject to re-use or disposal;
- Land Use*: addressing land use plans, policies and controls;
- Transportation*: addressing the transportation modes, routes, quantities, and risk estimates;
- Geology and Soils*: addressing the physical geography, topography, geology and soil characteristics;
- Water Resources*: addressing the surface and ground water hydrology, water use and quality, and the potential for degradation;
- Ecology*: addressing wetlands, aquatic, terrestrial, economically and recreationally important species, and threatened and endangered species;
- Air Quality*: addressing meteorological conditions, ambient background, pollutant sources, and the potential for degradation;
- Noise*: addressing ambient noises, sources, and sensitive receptors;
- Historical and Cultural Resources*: addressing historical, archaeological, and traditional cultural resources;
- Visual and Scenic Resources*: Addressing landscape characteristics, man-made features and viewshed;
- Socioeconomics*: Addressing the demography, economic base, labor pool, housing, transportation, utilities, public services/facilities, education, recreation, and cultural resources;

—*Environmental Justice*: Addressing the potential disproportionately high and adverse impacts to minority and low-income populations; and

—*Cumulative Effects*: Addressing the impacts from past, present, and reasonably foreseeable actions at and near the site.

The examples under each resource areas are not intended to be all inclusive, nor is this list an indication that environmental impacts will occur. The list is presented to facilitate comments on the scope of the GEIS. Additions to, or deletions from, this list may occur as a result of the public scoping process.

### 4.0 Tiering

Tiering refers to the coverage of general matters in broader environmental impact statements with subsequent narrower statements or environmental analyses incorporating by reference the general discussions and concentrating solely on the issues specific to the narrower statement (40 CFR 1508.28). The NRC intends to use the GEIS to address common issues associated with environmental reviews of ISL uranium milling facilities located in the western United States and then develop site-specific environmental assessments or site-specific environmental impact statements which will tier off the common issues identified and evaluated in the GEIS.

### 5.0 Scoping Comments

Scoping is an early and open process designed to determine the range of actions, alternatives, and potential impacts to be considered in the GEIS, and to identify the significant issues related to the proposed action. Scoping is intended to solicit input from the public and other agencies so that the analysis can be more clearly focused on issues of genuine concern.

Written comments should be mailed to the address listed above in the **ADDRESSES** section. Scoping comments may also be submitted electronically via email to [NRCREP@nrc.gov](mailto:NRCREP@nrc.gov). Please refer to the “Uranium Recovery GEIS” when submitting comments. The NRC staff will prepare a scoping summary report, in which it will summarize public comments. The NRC will make the scoping summary report and project-related materials, along with other relevant information on the GEIS, available at an NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/fuel-cycle-fac/licensing/geis.html> so that the public can keep abreast of the current schedule and progress on the development of the GEIS.

### 6.0 The NEPA Process

The GEIS will be prepared according to NEPA and NRC’s NEPA implementing regulations contained in 10 CFR part 51.

After the scoping process is complete, the NRC will prepare a draft GEIS. The draft GEIS is scheduled to be published by April 2008. A public comment period on the draft GEIS is planned, and public meetings to receive comments will be held approximately 3 weeks after publication of the draft GEIS.

Availability of the draft GEIS, the dates of the public comment period on the draft GEIS, and information about the public comment meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register**, on NRC’s Web page, and in the local news media. The final GEIS is expected to be published in January 2009 and will address, as appropriate, the public comments received on the draft GEIS.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of October, 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Larry W. Camper,**

*Director, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-28037]

### Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

October 26, 2007.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of October, 2007. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC’s Public Reference Branch (tel. 202-551-5850). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC’s Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on November 19, 2007, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, 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 Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

*For Further Information Contact:* Diane L. Titus at (202) 551-6810, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-4041.

#### **Dover Regional Financial Shares**

[File No. 811-4744]

*Summary:* Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On December 30, 1994, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$33,885 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on September 18, 2007, and amended on October 23, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 11 Hanover Sq., 12th Floor, New York, NY 10005.

#### **Eaton Vance Global Enhanced Equity Income Fund**

[File No. 811-21711]

#### **Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Buy-Write Research Fund**

[File No. 811-21821]

*Summary:* Each applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicants have never made a public offering of their securities and do not propose to make a public offering or engage in business of any kind.

*Filing Date:* The applications were filed on October 1, 2007.

*Applicants' Address:* The Eaton Vance Building, 255 State St., Boston, MA 02109.

#### **Advisory Hedged Opportunity Fund**

[File No. 811-21288]

*Summary:* Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On November 1, 2005, applicant made a final liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$395,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by RiverSource Investments, LLC, applicant's investment adviser.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on September 25, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 50210 Ameriprise Financial Center, Minneapolis, MN 55474.

#### **BlackRock Europe Fund, Inc.**

[File No. 811-6042]

*Summary:* Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 16, 2006, applicant transferred its assets to BlackRock EuroFund (formerly, Merrill Lynch EuroFund), based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$249,051 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant's investment adviser, Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, L.P. or its affiliates.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on July 13, 2007, and amended on October 23, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 800 Scudders Mill Rd., Plainsboro, NJ 08536.

#### **Merrill Lynch Strategy Series, Inc.**

[File No. 811-9617]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On August 28, 2006, applicant transferred its assets to corresponding series of Merrill Lynch Global Allocation Fund, Inc. (now BlackRock Global Allocation Fund, Inc.) and Merrill Lynch Large Cap Series Funds, Inc. (now BlackRock Large Cap Series Funds, Inc.), based on net asset value. Applicant incurred no expenses in connection with the reorganization.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on July 13, 2007, and amended on October 23, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 800 Scudders Mill Rd., Plainsboro, NJ 08536.

#### **Merrill Lynch Inflation Protected Fund**

[File No. 811-21473]

#### **Master Inflation Protected Trust**

[File No. 811-21518]

*Summary:* Each applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 16, 2006, each applicant transferred its assets to a corresponding series of BlackRock Funds, based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$264,737 and \$582, respectively, incurred in connection with the reorganizations were paid by the acquiring fund's investment adviser, BlackRock, Inc. or its affiliates.

*Filing Dates:* The applications were filed on July 13, 2007, and amended on October 23, 2007.

*Applicants' Address:* 800 Scudders Mill Rd., Plainsboro, NJ 08536.

#### **Colonial New York Insured Municipal Fund**

[File No. 811-9539]

*Summary:* Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 14, 2005, applicant made a final liquidating distribution to its common shareholders, based on net asset value. Applicant distributed to its preferred shareholders an amount equal to the liquidation preference with respect to the preferred shares of beneficial interest, plus an amount equal to all accumulated but unpaid dividends. Expenses of \$45,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on October 21, 2005, and amended on October 3, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* One Financial Center, Boston, MA 02110.

#### **SouthEast Tax Exempt Income Trust**

[File No. 811-2960]

*Summary:* Applicant, a unit investment trust, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On August 15, 2006, applicant made a final liquidating distribution, based on net asset value. Applicant incurred no expenses in connection with the liquidation.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on October 9, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 388 Greenwich St., New York, NY 10013.

#### **Hutton Investment Trust**

[File No. 811-3647]

*Summary:* Applicant, a unit investment trust, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On January 9, 2006, applicant made a final liquidating distribution, based on net asset value. Applicant incurred no expenses in connection with the liquidation.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on October 9, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 388 Greenwich St., New York, NY 10013.

#### **ThomasLloyd Funds**

[File No. 811-9156]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On September 28, 2007, applicant transferred its assets to the Catalyst OPTI-flex® Fund, a series of Catalyst Funds, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$35,452 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by ThomasLloyd Global Asset Management (Americas) LLC, applicant's investment adviser.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on October 11, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 427 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville, NY 10570.

#### **Van Kampen World Portfolio Series Trust**

[File No. 811-6220]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 11, 2001, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of the \$44,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on October 12, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 522 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10036.

#### **Alpha Hedge Fund, Inc.**

[File No. 811-21577]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 15, 2007, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of less than \$5,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Adams Asset Advisors, LLC, applicant's investment adviser.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on October 16, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 8150 N. Central Expressway #101, Dallas, TX 75206.

#### **Baron Capital Funds Trust**

[File No. 811-8505]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 5, 2007, Applicant made distributions of its assets to its shareholders in connection with its merger with LVIP Baron Growth Opportunities Fund, a series of Lincoln Variable Insurance Products Trust. Expenses of approximately \$ 475,913 incurred in connection with the merger were paid by applicant's adviser, BAMCO, Inc., and the acquiring fund's sponsor, The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, or one of its affiliates.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on July 12, 2007, and amended on October 19, 2007 and October 24, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 767 Fifth Avenue, 49th Floor, New York, NY 10153.

#### **Jefferson Pilot Variable Fund, Inc.**

[File No. 811-4161]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 27, 2007, Applicant made distributions of

its assets to its shareholders in connection with the merger of its portfolios with certain series ("Acquiring Portfolios") of the Lincoln Variable Insurance Products Trust. Expenses of approximately \$1,090,882 incurred in connection with the merger were paid by Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Janus Capital Management LLC, an investment adviser of one of the Acquiring Portfolios, and some of the Acquiring Portfolios (*i.e.*, LVIP Growth and Income Fund, the LVIP Bond Fund, the LVIP S&P 500 Fund, the LVIP Delaware Managed Fund, and the LVIP Small-Cap Index Fund).

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on July 26, 2007, and amended on October 19, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* One Granite Place, Concord, NH 03301.

#### **PFL Variable Life Account A**

[File No. 811-9579]

*Summary:* Applicant, a unit investment trust, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On May 1, 2006, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its sole shareholder, based on net asset value. Applicant incurred no expenses in connection with the liquidation.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on December 22, 2006, and amended on September 27, 2007.

*Applicant's Address:* 4333 Edgewood Road, NE., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52499.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

**Nancy M. Morris,**  
*Secretary.*

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### **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34-56713; File No. SR-Amex-2007-74]

#### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, Relating to the Listing and Trading of Shares of Funds of the Rydex ETF Trust**

October 29, 2007.

#### **I. Introduction**

On July 13, 2007, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a

proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>2</sup> On July 31, 2007, Amex filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change, as amended, was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 2007 for a 15-day comment period.<sup>3</sup> The Commission received one comment letter regarding the proposal.<sup>4</sup> This order approves the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1.

#### **II. Description of the Proposal**

Amex Rules 1000A-AEMI and 1001A-1005A provide standards for the listing of Index Fund Shares, which are securities issued by an open-end management investment company for exchange trading. These securities are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as well as under the Act. Index Fund Shares are defined in Amex Rule 1000A-AEMI(b)(1) generally as securities based on a portfolio of stocks or fixed income securities that seek to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield of a specified foreign or domestic stock index or fixed income securities index. Amex Rule 1000A-AEMI(b)(2) permits the Exchange to list and trade Index Fund Shares that seek to provide investment results that exceed the performance of an underlying securities index by a specified multiple or that seek to provide investment results that correspond to a specified multiple of the inverse or opposite of the index's performance.<sup>5</sup>

The Exchange proposes to list and trade under Amex Rule 1000A-AEMI shares (the "Shares") of forty-five new funds of the Rydex ETF Trust (the "Trust") that are designated as the Rydex Leveraged Funds (the "Leveraged Funds"), Rydex Inverse Funds (the "Inverse Funds"), and Rydex Leveraged Inverse Funds (the "Leveraged Inverse Funds," and together with the Leveraged Funds and Inverse Funds, collectively, the "Funds"). Each of the

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56218 (August 7, 2007), 72 FR 45469 ("Notice").

<sup>4</sup> See letter to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Commission, from Melanie C. Maloney, Dickstein Shapiro LLP on behalf of ProFund Advisors LLC and ProShare Advisors LLC, dated August 28, 2007 ("ProFunds Letter").

<sup>5</sup> See Amex Rule 1000A-AEMI(b)(2)(iii) and Commentary .02 thereto (providing that the listing and trading of Index Fund Shares under paragraph (b)(2) thereof may not be approved by the Exchange pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e) under the Act (17 CFR 240.19b-4(e)).