

Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the Office of Thrift Supervision, and to amend their registrations if the information becomes inaccurate, misleading, or incomplete.

Paragraph 1 of Rule 17Ac-2, requires transfer agents to file a Form TA-1 application for registration with the Commission where the Commission is their appropriate regulatory agency. Transfer agents must also file an amended Form TA-1 application for registration if the existing Form TA-1 becomes inaccurate, misleading, or incomplete. The Form TA-1s must be filed with the Commission electronically, absent an exemption, on EDGAR pursuant to Regulation S-T (17 CFR 232).

The Commission receives on an annual basis approximately 100 applications for registration on Form TA-1 from transfer agents required to register with the Commission. Included in this figure are amendments to Form TA-1 as required by Paragraph (c) of Rule 17Ac2-1 to address information that has become inaccurate, misleading, or incomplete. Based on past submissions, the staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with the requirements of Rule 17Ac-1 and Form TA-1 is one and one-half hours with a total burden of 150 hours per year.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Comments should be directed to Lewis A. Walker, Acting Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312 or send an e-mail to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov).

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**Florence E. Harmon,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension: Rule 24b-1, OMB Control No. 3235-0194, SEC File No. 270-205.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for approval of extension of the existing collection of information provided for in the following rule: Rule 24b-1 (17 CFR 240.24b-1).

Rule 24b-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) requires a national securities exchange to keep and make available for public inspection a copy of its registration statement and exhibits filed with the Commission, along with any amendments thereto.

There are eleven national securities exchanges that spend approximately one half hour each complying with this rule, for an aggregate total compliance burden of five and one half hours per year. The staff estimates that the average cost per respondent is \$65.18 per year, calculated as the costs of copying (\$13.97) plus storage (\$51.21), resulting in a total cost of compliance for the respondents of \$716.98.

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.

Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or by sending an e-mail to: [nfraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:nfraser@omb.eop.gov); and (ii) Lewis W. Walker, Acting Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312 or send an e-mail to [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov). Comments must be submitted within 30 days of this notice.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 28528; 813-332]

### TWB Investment Partnership, L.P., et al.; Notice of Application

Date: December 9, 2008.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application for an order under sections 6(b) and 6(e) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") exempting applicants from all provisions of the Act, except section 9 and sections 36 through 53, and the rules and regulations under the Act. With respect to sections 17 and 30 of the Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder, and rule 38a-1 under the Act, the exemption is limited as set forth in the application.

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicants request an order to exempt certain investment vehicles formed for the benefit of partners and key eligible current and former employees of Perkins Coie LLP ("Perkins") and certain of its affiliates from certain provisions of the Act. Each such entity will be an "employees' securities company" within the meaning of section 2(a)(13) of the Act.

**APPLICANTS:** TWB Investment Partnership, L.P. and TWB Investment Partnership II, L.P. (collectively, the "Investment Funds"), and Perkins.

**FILING DATES:** The application was filed on April 3, 2001, and amended on February 6, 2004 and November 26, 2008.

**HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING:** An order granting the application 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 5, 2009 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