Applicants for orders under the Advisers Act can include registered investment advisers, affiliated persons of registered investment advisers, and entities seeking to avoid investment adviser status, among others. Commission staff estimates that it receives approximately 9 applications per year submitted under rule 0–4 of the Act. Although each application typically is submitted on behalf of multiple applicants, the applicants in the vast majority of cases are related entities and are treated as a single respondent for purposes of this analysis. Most of the work of preparing an application is performed by outside counsel and, therefore, imposes no hourly burden on respondents. The cost outside counsel charges applicants depends on the complexity of the issues covered by the application and the time required. Based on conversations with applicants and attorneys, the cost ranges from approximately $7,000 for preparing a well-precedented, routine application to approximately $80,000 to prepare a complex or novel application. We estimate that the Commission receives 2 of the most time-consuming applications annually, 4 applications of medium difficulty, and 3 of the least difficult applications subject to rule 0–4. This distribution gives a total estimated annual cost burden to applicants of filing all applications of $355,000 [2 × $80,000] + [4 × $43,500] + (3 × $7,000)]. The estimates of annual burden hours and costs are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and are not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

The requirements of this collection of information are required to obtain or retain benefits. Responses will not be kept confidential. 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. Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Charles Boucher, Director/CIO, 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.


Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request


Extension: Regulation S (17 CFR 230.901 through 230.905) includes rules governing offers and sales of securities made outside the United States without registration under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.). The purpose of Regulation S is to provide clarification of the extent to which Section 5 of the Securities Act applies to offers and sales of securities outside of the United States. Regulation S is assigned one burden hour for administrative convenience.

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

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 500–1]


May 13, 2010.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of BVR Technologies Ltd. (n/k/a Technoprises Ltd.) because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended December 31, 2004. It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Crystal Graphite Corp. because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended August 31, 2004. It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Devine Entertainment Corp. because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended September 30, 2008. It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of GEE TEN Ventures, Inc. because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended May 31, 2004. It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of National Construction, Inc. (n/k/a E.G. Capital, Inc.) because it has not filed any...

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periodic reports since the period ended February 28, 2003.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of SHEP Technologies, Inc. because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended December 31, 2004.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of WHEREVER.Net Holding Corp. because it has not filed any periodic reports since it filed a Form 8–A on April 26, 2000.

The Commission is of the opinion that the public interest and the protection of investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of the above-listed companies. Therefore, it is ordered, pursuant to Section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that trading in the securities of the above-listed companies is suspended for the period from 9:30 a.m. EDT on May 13, 2010 and terminating at 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 26, 2010.

By the Commission.

Jill M. Peterson,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Amex LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Establish Strike Price Intervals and Trading Hours for Options on Index Linked Securities

May 10, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) 1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, 2 notice is hereby given that, on April 28, 2010, NYSE Amex LLC (“NYSE Amex” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice so investors may comment on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 903 Commentary .05 to establish strike price intervals for options on Index Linked Securities, 3 and to amend Rule 901NY Commentary .02, to establish trading hours for these products. The text of the proposed rule change is available on NYSE Amex’s Web site at http://www.nyse.com, on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.sec.gov, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization 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 those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to amend Rule 903 Commentary .05, and to amend Rule 901NY Commentary .02, to establish strike price intervals and trading hours for options on Index-Linked Securities (“ILS”), also known as Exchange-Traded Notes (“ETN”), prior to the Exchange actually listing and trading these products.

The Commission has approved the Exchange’s proposal, as well as the proposals of other options exchanges, to enable the listing and trading of options on ILS (ETN). 4 Options trading has not commenced to date and is contingent upon the Commission’s approval of The Options Clearing Corporation’s (“OCC”) proposed supplement to the Options Disclosure Document (“ODD”) that will provide disclosure regarding options on Index-Linked Securities. 5

$1 Strikes for ILS (ETN) Options

Prior to the commencement of trading options on Index-Linked Securities, the Exchange is proposing to establish that strike price intervals of $1 will be permitted where the strike price is less than $200. Where the strike price is greater than $200, $5 strikes will be permitted. These proposed changes are reflected by the addition to Commentary .05 to Rule 903.

The Exchange is seeking to establish $1 strikes for ILS (ETN) options where the strike price is less than $200 because the Exchange believes the marketplace and investors will be expecting these types of options to trade in a similar manner to options on exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”). Strike prices for ETF options are permitted in $1 or greater intervals where the strike price is $200 or less and $5 or greater where the strike price is greater than $200. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that the rationale for permitting $1 strikes for ETF options equally applies to permitting $1 strikes for ILS (ETN) options, and that investors will be better served if $1 strike price intervals are available for ILS (ETN) options where the strike price is less than $200. The Exchange believes that $1 strike price intervals are more identifiable underlying securities, commodities, currencies, derivative instruments or market indexes. The Exchange’s listing standards for options on Index-Linked Securities were established in September, 2008. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58571 (September 17, 2008), 73 FR 55188 (September 24, 2008) (SR–Phlx–2008–63); Other Exchanges have established similar listing standards. See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 58571 (September 17, 2008), 73 FR 55188 (September 24, 2008) (SR–Phlx–2008–63) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness); 58204 (July 22, 2008), 73 FR 43807 (July 28, 2008) (SR–CBOT–2008–64) (approval order); 58203 (July 22, 2008), 73 FR 43812 (July 28, 2008) (SR–NYSEArca–2008–57) (approval order); and 58985 (November 20, 2008), 73 FR 72538 (November 28, 2008) (SR–ISE–2008–86) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness).

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Trading Hours for ILS (ETN) Options

The Exchange proposes to amend Commentary .02 to Rule 901NY to provide that options on exchange-traded notes including Index-Linked Securities may be traded on the Exchange until 1:15 p.m. (Pacific Time) each business day. This will establish similar trading hours for ILS (ETN) options as the

1 See supra Note 3.