

shareholders and potential shareholders regarding an LTSE Listings Issuer's long-term voting structure and regarding how they can accrue additional voting power over time. The Commission also believes that it is appropriate for the Exchange to not apply the minimum market maker requirements of IEX Rules 14.310 and 14.320 when another national securities exchange is the Primary Listing Market for the LTSE Listings Issuer's dually-listed securities. The Commission believes that Amendment No. 1 does not raise any new or novel regulatory issues, and provides additional transparency to investors, further facilitating the Commission's ability to make the findings set forth above to approve the Exchange's proposed rule change. For these reasons, the Commission finds good cause, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁷⁸ to approve the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, on an accelerated basis.

VIII. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁷⁹ that the proposed rule change (SR-IEX-2018-06), as modified by Amendment No. 1, be, and hereby is, approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁸⁰

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-83570; File No. SR-NYSE-2017-53]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Withdrawal of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Listed Company Manual for Special Purpose Acquisition Companies To Lower the Initial Holders Requirement From 300 to 150 Round Lot Holders and To Eliminate Completely the Public Stockholders Continued Listing Requirement, To Require at Least \$5 Million in Net Tangible Assets for Initial and Continued Listing, and To Impose a 30-Day Deadline To Demonstrate Compliance With Certain Initial Listing Requirements Following a Business Combination

June 29, 2018.

On November 16, 2017, New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to amend the Listed Company Manual ("Manual") for Special Purpose Acquisition Companies ("SPACs") to lower the initial holders requirement from 300 to 150 round lot holders and to eliminate the continued listing requirement of 300 public stockholders completely, to require at least \$5 million in net tangible assets for initial listing and continued listing, and to allow companies 30 days to demonstrate compliance with the applicable holder requirements of Section 102.01A in the Manual following a business combination.³ Finally, NYSE proposed to eliminate certain alternative initial listing distribution criteria for securities of SPACs that list in connection with a transfer or quotation.

The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 6, 2017.⁴ The Commission received two comments on the proposal in response.⁵ On January 18, 2018, the Commission extended the

time period within which to approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, to March 6, 2018.⁶ On March 5, 2018, the Commission issued an order instituting proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.⁷ The Commission received one additional comment.⁸ On May 31, 2018, the Commission designated a longer period for the Commission to issue an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change.⁹ On June 21, 2018, the Exchange withdrew the proposed rule change (SR-NYSE-2017-53).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10457]

Certification Pursuant to Section 7045(a)(4)(B) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2017

By virtue of the authority vested in me as the Secretary of State, including pursuant to section 7045(a)(4)(B) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act 2017 (Div. J, Pub. L. 115-31), I hereby certify that the central Government of Guatemala is taking effective steps, which are in addition to those steps taken since the certification and report submitted during the prior year, to:

- Work cooperatively with an autonomous, publicly accountable entity to provide oversight of the Plan;
- Combat all forms of government and international agency corruption and impunity when credibly alleged;
- Implement reforms, policies, and programs to improve transparency and strengthen public institutions, including

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82531 (January 18, 2018), 83 FR 3371.

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82804, 83 FR 10530 (March 9, 2018).

⁸ See Letter to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, from Jeffrey P. Mahoney, General Counsel, Council of Institutional Investors, dated March 26, 2018 ("CII Letter II").

⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 83355, 83 FR 26331 (June 6, 2018).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ SPAC initial listing requirements are currently set forth in Section 102.06 of the Manual and SPAC continued listing requirements are in Section 802.01B of the Manual.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82180 (November 30, 2017), 82 FR 57632.

⁵ See Letters to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, from Michael Kitlas, dated November 30, 2017 ("Kitlas Letter"); Jeffrey P. Mahoney, General Counsel, Council of Institutional Investors, dated December 20, 2017 ("CII Letter").

¹⁷⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹⁷⁹ *Id.*

¹⁸⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

increasing the capacity and independence of the judiciary and the Office of the Attorney General;

- Implement a policy to ensure that local communities, civil society organizations (including indigenous and other marginalized groups), private sector, faith-based organizations, and local governments are consulted in the design and participate in the implementation and evaluation of activities of the Plan that affect such communities, organizations, and governments;

- Counter the activities of criminal gangs, drug traffickers, and organized crime;

- Investigate and prosecute in the civilian justice system government personnel, including military and police personnel, who are credibly alleged to have violated human rights and to ensure that such personnel are cooperating in such cases;

- Cooperate with commissions against corruption and impunity and with regional human rights entities;

- Support programs to reduce poverty, expand education and vocational training for at-risk youth, create jobs, and promote equitable economic growth particularly in areas contributing to large numbers of migrants;

- Implement a plan that includes goals, benchmarks, and timelines to create a professional, accountable civilian police force and end the role of the military in internal policing, and to make such plan available to the Department of State;

- Protect the rights of all citizens, including protection of freedom of the press;

- Increase government efficiencies, including implementing tax reforms and strengthening customs agencies to promote a more stable economy and job creation;

- Resolve commercial disputes, including the confiscation of real property, between U.S. entities and such government.

This certification shall be published in the **Federal Register** and, along with the accompanying Memorandum of Justification, shall be reported to Congress.

Dated: June 28, 2018.

Michael R. Pompeo,
Secretary of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36204]

Cairo Public Utility Company— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Line of Alabama Railroad Co., Inc., d/b/a Shawnee Terminal Railroad Co.

Cairo Public Utility Company (CPUC), a non-carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate 2.5 miles of rail lines owned by Alabama Railroad Co., Inc. d/b/a Shawnee Terminal Railway Co. (STR), between milepost 256.9 and milepost 259.4 in or near Cairo, in Alexander County, Ill. (the Line).

CPUC states that it has reached an agreement with STR for CPUC to acquire the Line. CPUC further states that the acquisition is part of a long-term goal of creating a transload facility along the Mississippi River. According to CPUC, the proposed acquisition and operation of the Line does not involve a provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

CPUC certifies that the proposed transaction will not result in CPUC becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier and that the projected annual revenue of CPUC will not exceed \$5 million.

CPUC states that the transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or before September 15, 2018. The earliest this transaction may be consummated is July 20, 2018, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than July 13, 2018 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. 36204, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Richard H. Streeter, Law Office of Richard H. Streeter, 5255 Partridge Lane NW, Washington, DC 20016.

According to CPUC, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

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Decided: June 29, 2018.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman,
Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Brendetta Jones,
Clearance Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR-2018-0022]

Annual Review of Country Eligibility for Benefits Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of review, public hearing, and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initiation of the annual review of the eligibility of the sub-Saharan African countries to receive the benefits of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). The AGOA Implementation Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (Subcommittee) is developing recommendations for the President on AGOA country eligibility for calendar year 2019. The Subcommittee is requesting written public comments for this review and will conduct a public hearing on this matter. The Subcommittee will consider the written comments, written testimony, and oral testimony in developing recommendations for the President. Comments received related to the child labor criteria also may be considered by the Secretary of Labor in the preparation of the U.S. Department of Labor's report on child labor as required under the Trade Act of 1974. This notice identifies the eligibility criteria that must be considered under AGOA, and lists those sub-Saharan African countries that are currently eligible for the benefits of AGOA and those that were ineligible for such benefits in 2018.

DATES:

August 1, 2018: Deadline for filing requests to appear at the August 16, 2018 public hearing, and for filing pre-hearing briefs, statements, or comments on sub-Saharan African countries' AGOA eligibility.

August 16, 2018: The Subcommittee will convene a public hearing on AGOA country eligibility.