approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 425 (17 CFR 230.425) under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.) requires the filing of certain prospectuses and communications under Rule 135 (17 CFR 230.135) and Rule 165 (17 CFR 230.165) in connection with business combination transactions. The purpose of the rule is to permit more oral and written communications with shareholders about tender offers, mergers and other business combination transactions on a more-timely basis, so long as the written communications are filed on the date of first use. The information provided under Rule 425 is made available to the public upon request. Also, the information provided under Rule 425 is mandatory. Approximately 7,160 issuers file communications under Rule 425 at an estimated 0.25 hours per response for a total of 1,790 annual burden hours (0.25 hours per response × 7,160 responses).

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J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Extension: Rule 17a–11


In response to an operational crisis in the securities industry between 1967 and 1970, the Commission adopted Rule 17a–11 under the Exchange Act on July 11, 1971. Rule 17a–11 requires broker-dealers that are experiencing financial or operational difficulties to provide notice to the Commission, the broker-dealer’s designated examining authority (“DEA”), and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) if the broker-dealer is registered with the CFTC as a futures commission merchant. Rule 17a–11 is an integral part of the Commission’s financial responsibility program which enables the Commission, a broker-dealer’s DEA, and the CFTC to increase surveillance of a broker-dealer experiencing difficulties and to obtain any additional information necessary to gauge the broker-dealer’s financial or operational condition.

Rule 17a–11 also requires over-the-counter (“OTC”) derivatives dealers and broker-dealers that are permitted to compute net capital pursuant to Appendix E to Exchange Act Rule 15c3–1 to notify the Commission when their tentative net capital drops below certain levels.

To ensure the provision of these types of notices to the Commission, Rule 17a–11 requires every national securities exchange or national securities association to notify the Commission when it learns that a member broker-dealer has failed to send a notice or transmit a report required under the Rule.

Compliance with the Rule is mandatory. The Commission will generally not publish or make available to any person notices or reports received pursuant to Rule 17a–11. The Commission believes that information obtained under Rule 17a–11 relates to a condition report prepared for the use of the Commission, other federal governmental authorities, and securities industry self-regulatory organizations responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions.

The Commission expects to receive 343 notices from broker-dealers whose capital declines below certain specified levels or who are otherwise experiencing financial or operational problems and eleven notices each year from national securities exchange or national securities association notifying it that a member broker-dealer has failed to send the Commission a notice or transmit a report required under the Rule. The Commission expects that it will take approximately one hour to prepare and transmit each notice. Therefore, the Commission estimates the total annual reporting burden arising from this section of the rule will be approximately 354 hours.1

Rule 17a–11 also requires broker-dealers engaged in securities lending or repurchase activities to either: (1) File a notice with the Commission and their DEA whenever the total money payable against all securities loaned, subject to a reverse repurchase agreement or the contract value of all securities borrowed or subject to a repurchase agreement, exceeds 2,500% of tentative net capital; or, alternatively, (2) report monthly their securities lending and repurchase activities to their DEA in a form acceptable to their DEA.

The Commission estimates that, annually, six broker-dealers will submit the monthly stock loan/borrow report. The Commission estimates each firm will spend, on average, approximately one hour per month (or twelve hours per year) of employee resources to prepare and send the report or to prepare the information for the FOCUS report (as required by the firm’s DEA, if applicable). Therefore, the Commission estimates the total annual reporting burden arising from this section of the rule will be approximately 72 hours.2

Therefore, the total annual reporting burden associated with Rule 17a–11 is approximately 426 hours.3

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1 343 hours + 11 hours = 354 hours.
2 6 broker-dealers × 12 hours per year = 72 hours.
3 343 hours + 11 hours + 72 hours = 426 hours.
recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to (i) MBX.OMB.OIRA.SEC desk_officer@omb.eop.gov and (ii) David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Cynthia Roscoe, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.


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Extension: Rule 506(e) of Regulation D Felons and Other Bad Actors Disclosure Statement

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 the following request for an extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 506(e) of Regulation D (17 CFR 230.506(e)) under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.) requires the issuer to furnish to each purchaser, a reasonable time prior to sale, a description in writing of any matters that would have triggered disqualification under Rule 506(d)(1) of Regulation D, but occurred before September 23, 2013. The disclosure required by Rule 506(e) is not filed with the Commission, but serves as an important investor protection tool to inform investors of an issuer’s and its covered persons, involvement in past “bad actor” disqualifying events such as pre-existing criminal convictions, court injunctions, disciplinary proceedings, and other sanctions enumerated in Rule 506(d). Without the mandatory written statement requirements set forth in Rule 506(e), purchasers may have the impression that all bad actors are disqualified from participation in Rule 506 offerings.

We estimate there are 19,908 respondents that will conduct a one-hour factual inquiry to determine whether the issuer and its covered persons have had pre-existing disqualifying events before September 23, 2013. Of those 19,908 respondents, we estimate that 220 respondents with disqualifying events will spend ten hours to prepare a disclosure statement describing the matters that would have triggered disqualification under Rule 506(d)(1) of Regulation D, except that these disqualifying events occurred before September 23, 2013, the effective date of the Rule 506 amendments. An estimated 2,200 burden hours are attributed to the 220 respondents with disqualifying events in addition to the 19,908 burden hours associated with the one-hour factual inquiry. In sum, the total annual increase in paperwork burden for all affected respondents to comply with the Rule 506(e) disclosure statement is estimated to be approximately 22,108 hours of company personnel time.

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Goldman Sachs (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd., et al.; Notice of Application and Temporary Order


AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”)

ACTION: Temporary order and notice of application for a permanent order under section 9(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”)

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants have received a temporary order (“Temporary Order”) exempting them from section 9(a) of the Act, with respect to a guilty plea entered on October 22, 2020 (“Guilty Plea”), by Goldman Sachs (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (the “Pleading Entity” or “GS Malaysia”) in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (the “District Court”) in connection with a plea agreement (“Plea Agreement”) between the Pleading Entity and the United States Department of Justice (“DOJ”), until the Commission takes final action on an application for a permanent order (the “Permanent Order,” and with the Temporary Order, the “Orders”). Applicants also have applied for a Permanent Order.


FILING DATE: The application was filed on October 22, 2020.

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 emailing the Commission’s Secretary at Secretaries-Office@sec.gov and serving applicants with a copy of the request, by email. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on November 16, 2020 and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicants, in the form of an affidavit, or for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0–5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission’s Secretary at Secretaries-Office@sec.gov.


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