whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and purpose of information collection: Application for Survivor Death Benefits: OMB 3220–0031.

Under Section 6 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), lump-sum death benefits are payable to surviving widow and widowers, children and certain other dependents. Lump-sum death benefits are payable after the death of a railroad employee only if there are no qualified survivors of the employee immediately eligible for annuities. With the exception of the residual death benefit, eligibility for survivor benefits depend on whether the employee was ''insured'' under the RRA at the time of death. If a deceased employee was not so insured, jurisdiction of any survivor benefits payable is transferred to the Social Security Administration and survivor benefits are paid by that agency instead of the RRB. The collection obtains the information required by the RRB to determine entitlement to and amount of the survivor death benefits applied for.

The RRB currently utilizes Form(s) AA–11a (*Designation for Change of Beneficiary for Residual Lump-Sum*), AA–21cert, (*Application Summary and Certification*), AA–21 (*Application for Lump-Sum Death Payment and Annuities Unpaid at Death*), G–131 (*Authorization of Payment and Release of All Claims to a Death Benefit or Accrued Annuity Payment*), and G–273a (*Funeral Director's Statement of Burial Charges*), to obtain the necessary information. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to obtain benefits.

The RRB proposes non-burden impacting, editorial and formatting changes to Form G–273a and Form G–131. No other changes are proposed.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

[The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:]

Form Nos.	Annual responses	Time (min.)	Burden (hrs.)
AA–11a	400	10	67
AA–21cert (with assistance)	9,700	20	3,233
AA–21 manual (without assistance)	300	40	200
G–131	600	5	50
G–273a	9,600	10	1,600
Total	20,600	.....	5,150

Additional Information or Comments: To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751–3363 or send an e-mail request to *Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV*. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–2092 or send an e-mail to *Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV*. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Charles Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of Aquacell Technologies, Inc. To Withdraw Its Common Stock, $.001 Par Value, From Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC File No. 1–16165

January 9, 2006.

On December 23, 2005, Aquacell Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (''Issuer''), filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission''), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act'')[1] and Rule 12d2–2(d) thereunder,[2] to withdraw its common stock, $.001 par value (''Security''), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC (''Amex'').

On December 14, 2005, the Board of Directors (''Board'') of the Issuer unanimously approved a resolution to withdraw the Security from listing and registration on Amex and list the Security on the OTC Bulletin Board. The Issuer stated that the Board is taking such action following discussions regarding a letter received from Amex regarding the Issuer's listing status and the benefits of maintaining the listing and the costs associated with listing on Amex.

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all applicable laws in effect in the State of Delaware, in which it is incorporated, and providing written notice of withdrawal to Amex.

The Issuer's application relates solely to withdrawal of the Security from listing on Amex and from registration under section 12(b) of the Act,[3] and shall not affect its obligation to be registered under section 12(g) of the Act.[4]

Any interested person may, on or before February 2, 2006, comment on the facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of Amex, and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. All comment letters may be submitted by either of the following methods:

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78*l*(d).

[2] 17 CFR 240.12d2–2(d).

[3] 15 U.S.C. 78*l*(b).

[4] 15 U.S.C. 78*l*(g).

Electronic Comments

• Use the Commission's Internet comment form (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml*); or

• Send an e-mail to *rule-comments@sec.gov.* Please include the File Number 1–16165 or;

Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–9303.

All submissions should refer to File Number 1–16165. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help us process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml*). Comments are also available for public inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. All comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.[5]

Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of Sony Corporation To Withdraw its American Depositary Shares, Each Presenting One Share of Common Stock, No Par Value, From Listing and Registration on the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. File No. 1–06439

January 9, 2006.

On December 21, 2005, Sony Corporation, a company incorporated in Japan (''Issuer''), filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission''), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act'')[1] and Rule 12d2–2(d) thereunder,[2] to withdraw its American Depositary Shares, each representing one share of common stock, no par value (''Security''), from listing and registration on the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. (''CHX'').

The Board of Directors (''Board'') of the Issuer approved a resolution on October 26, 2005 to withdraw the Security from CHX. The Issuer stated that the primary factor considered by the Board was that most of the trading volume in the Security occurs on the New York Stock Exchange (''NYSE''), with very little trading volume occurring on CHX. The Issuer stated that the Security will continue to trade on NYSE. The Issuer believes that delisting the Security from CHX will cause no substantial inconvenience to the Issuer's shareholders and investors.

The Issuer stated in its application that it has complied with the rules of CHX by complying with all applicable laws in effect in Japan, the jurisdiction in which the Issuer is incorporated and by providing CHX with the required documents governing the withdrawal of securities from listing and registration on CHX.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on CHX and shall not affect its continued listing on NYSE or its obligation to be registered under section 12(b) of the Act.[3]

Any interested person may, on or before February 2, 2006, comment on the facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of CHX, and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. All comment letters may be submitted by either of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

• Send an e-mail to *rule-comments@sec.gov.* Please include the File Number 1–06439 or;

Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE.,Washington, DC 20549–9303.

All submissions should refer to File Number 1–06439. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help us process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml*). Comments are also available for public inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. All comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.[4]

Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–53060; File No. 10–137]

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice of Registration as a National Securities Exchange Pursuant to Section 6(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc.

January 5, 2006.

Section 6(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act'')[1] provides that an exchange may register as a national securities exchange for the sole purpose of trading security futures products by filing a written notice with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') if such exchange is a board of trade, as that term is defined by the Commodity Exchange Act,[2] that is designated as a contract market by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission or registered as a derivative transaction execution facility under Section 5a of the Commodity Exchange Act.[3] Rule 6a–4 under the Act[4] requires that such an exchange submit written notice of registration to the Commission on Form 1–N.[5] An exchange's registration

[5] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(1).

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78*l*(d).

[2] 17 CFR 240.12d2–2(d).

[3] 15 U.S.C. 78*l*(b).

[4] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(1).

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78f(g).

[2] 7 U.S.C. 1a(2).

[3] 7 U.S.C. 7a.

[4] 17 CFR 240.6a–4.

[5] Upon receipt of a Form 1–N, the Division of Market Regulation examines the notice to determine whether all necessary information has been supplied and whether all other required documents have been furnished in proper form. Rule

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