

The board is also required to determine, at least on a quarterly basis, that all affiliated transactions effected during the preceding quarter in reliance on the rule were made in compliance with these established procedures. If a fund enters into a purchase or sale transaction with an affiliated person, the rule requires the fund to compile and maintain written records of the transaction.¹ The Commission's examination staff uses these records to evaluate for compliance with the rule.

The Commission estimates that approximately 968 funds enter into transactions effected in reliance on rule 17a-7 each year and, therefore, are subject to the rule's information collection requirements.² The average annual burden for rule 17a-7 is estimated to be approximately two burden hours per respondent, for an annual total of 1935 burden hours for all respondents.³ The estimates of burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules.

Rule 17a-7 requires investment companies to maintain and preserve permanently a written copy of the procedures governing rule 17a-7 transactions. In addition, investment companies are required to maintain written records of each rule 17a-7 transaction for a period of not less than six years from the end of the fiscal year in which the transaction occurred. The collection of information required by rule 17a-7 is necessary to obtain the benefits of the rule. 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.

¹ The written records are required to set forth a description of the security purchased or sold, the identity of the person on the other side of the transaction, and the information or materials upon which the board of directors' determination that the transaction was in compliance with the procedures was made.

² These estimates are based on conversations with the examination and inspections staff of the Commission and fund representatives. Based on these conversations, the Commission staff estimates that most investment companies (3870 of the estimated 4300 registered investment companies) have adopted procedures for compliance with rule 17a-7. Of these 3870 investment companies, the Commission staff estimates that each year approximately 25% (968) enter into transactions affected by rule 17a-7.

³ This estimate is based in turn on the staff's estimate that the approximately 968 funds that rely on rule 17a-7 annually engage in an average of 8 rule 17a-7 transactions and spend approximately 15 minutes per transaction on recordkeeping required by the rule.

General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (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 e-mail to: David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 17Ac2-1; SEC File No. 270-95; OMB Control No. 3235-0084.

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") is publishing the following summary of collection for public comment. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 17Ac2-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") is used by transfer agents to register with the Commission, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and to amend their registration.

It is estimated that on an annual basis, the Commission will receive approximately 100 applications for registration on Form TA-1 from transfer agents required to register as such with the Commission. Included in this figure are amendments made to Form TA-1 as required by Rule 17Ac2-1(c). Based upon past submissions, the staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with the requirements of Rule 17Ac2-1 is one

and one-half hours, with a total burden of 150 hours.

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate 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 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.

Direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 498; File No. 270-435; OMB Control No. 3235-0488.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("Act") [44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*], the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Rule 498 Under the Securities Act of 1933, Profiles for Certain Open-end Management Investment Companies

Rule 498 of the Securities Act of 1933 [17 CFR 230.498] permits open-end management investment companies (or a series of an investment company organized as a series company, which offers one or more series of shares representing interests in separate investment portfolios) ("funds") to

provide investors with a "profile" that contains a summary of key information about a fund, including the fund's investment objectives, strategies, risks and performance, and fees, in a standardized format. The profile provides investors the option of buying fund shares based on the information in the profile or reviewing the fund's prospectus before making an investment decision. Investors purchasing shares based on a profile receive the fund's prospectus prior to or with confirmation of their investment in the fund.

Consistent with the filing requirement of a fund's prospectus, a profile must be filed with the Commission thirty days before first use. Such a filing allows the Commission to review the profile for compliance with Rule 498. Compliance with the rule's standardized format assists investors in evaluating and comparing funds.

It is estimated that approximately 1 initial profile and 252 updated profiles are filed with the Commission annually. The Commission estimates that each profile contains on average 1.25 portfolios, resulting in 1.25 portfolios filed annually on initial profiles and 315 portfolios filed annually on updated profiles. The number of burden hours for preparing and filing an initial profile per portfolio is 25. The number of burden hours for preparing and filing an updated profile per portfolio is 10. The total burden hours for preparing and filing initial and updated profiles under Rule 498 is 3,181, representing a decrease of 1,269 hours from the prior estimate of 4,450. The reduction in burden hours is attributable to the lower number of profiles actually prepared and filed as compared to the previous estimates.

The estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the cost of Commission rules and forms.

The collection of information under Rule 498 is voluntary. The information provided by Rule 498 is not 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.

General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (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 e-mail to: David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R.

Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 27215; 812-13008]

Hutchinson Technology Incorporated; Notice of Application

January 25, 2006.

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

ACTION: Notice of application under section 3(b)(2) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

Summary of Application: Hutchinson Technology Incorporated ("HTI") seeks an order under section 3(b)(2) of the Act declaring it to be primarily engaged in a business other than that of investing, reinvesting, owning, holding or trading in securities. HTI, directly and through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, develops, manufactures, markets and services suspension assemblies for hard disk drives.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on August 18, 2003, and amended on October 23, 2003 and January 23, 2006.

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 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 February 21, 2006, 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 notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-9303. Applicant, c/o John A. Ingleman,

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, 40 W. Highland Park Dr. NE., Hutchinson, Minnesota 55350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn Mann, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551-6813, or Nadya B. Roytblat, Assistant Director, at (202) 551-6821 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Desk, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. 202-551-5850).

Applicant's Representations

1. HTI, a Minnesota corporation, is in the business of developing, manufacturing, marketing and servicing suspension assemblies for hard disk drives. HTI estimates that it produces a majority of all suspension assemblies sold to disk drive manufacturers and their suppliers, including recording head manufacturers, worldwide. HTI represents that suspension assemblies are critical components of disk drives that hold the recording heads in position above the spinning magnetic disks. In addition to HTI's suspension assembly products, HTI has developed a medical device that uses an optical technology to measure local oxygen saturation of hemoglobin in tissue.

2. HTI states that it requires substantial liquid capital to fund its global operations, including research and development activities and capital expenditures. HTI states that the disk drive industry is subject to rapid technological change, and HTI's ability to remain competitive depends on, among other things, its ability to anticipate and respond to these changes. As a result, HTI has devoted and will continue to devote substantial resources to product development and process engineering efforts. HTI also requires substantial liquid capital for capital expenditures. HTI expects that it will need to make substantial capital expenditures over the next several years to remain at the forefront of industry technology transitions. In particular, technology transitions in the disk drive industry require HTI to dramatically increase its level of capital expenditures. HTI also states that demand for disk drives is subject to rapid or unforeseen changes resulting from, among other things, changes in disk drive inventory levels, technological advances, responses to competitive price changes and unpredicted high or low market