

Signed at Washington, DC, this 13th day of October 2006.

**Linda G. Poole,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-60,222]

#### Textile, Inc., Ronda, NC; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on October 10, 2006 in response to a petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers at Textile Inc., Ronda, North Carolina. The workers at the subject facility produce woven throw blankets.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

**Richard Church,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-60,156]

#### Thermo Electron RMSI, Environmental Instruments Division, Santa Fe, NM; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on September 27, 2006 in response to a petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers at Thermo Electron RMSI, Environmental Instruments Division, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 17th day of October 2006.

**Linda G. Poole,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### Meetings of Humanities Panel

**AGENCY:** The National Endowment for the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of Humanities Panels will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Heather Gottry, Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and/or information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c) (4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* November 2, 2006.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Room:* 415.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Literature, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 25, 2006 deadline.

2. *Date:* November 2, 2006.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Room:* 421.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Museums and Historical Organizations, submitted to the Division of Public

Programs at the September 12, 2006 deadline.

3. *Date:* November 6, 2006.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Room:* 421.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Museums and Historical Organizations, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the September 12, 2006 deadline.

4. *Date:* November 7, 2006.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Room:* 415.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for World Studies II, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 25, 2006 deadline.

5. *Date:* November 8, 2006.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Room:* 421.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Libraries/Special Projects, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the September 12, 2006 deadline.

6. *Date:* November 9, 2006.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Room:* 421.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Museums and Historical Organizations, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the September 12, 2006 deadline.

7. *Date:* November 28, 2006.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Room:* 415.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Visual Art/Architecture, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 25, 2006 deadline.

8. *Date:* November 29, 2006.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Faculty Humanities Workshops, submitted to the Division of Education Programs at the September 15, 2006 deadline.

9. *Date:* November 30, 2006.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Faculty Humanities Workshops, submitted to the Division of Education Programs at the September 15, 2006 deadline.

10. *Date:* November 30, 2006.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Room:* 415.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for American Studies, submitted to the Division of

Preservation and Access at the July 25, 2006 deadline.

**Heather Gottry,**

*Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Codification of Exchange Policy Regarding Specialist Commissions

October 18, 2006.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on October 4, 2006, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments 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 Amex Rule 154 to codify policies regarding specialist commissions. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (<http://www.amex.com>), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, 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 Exchange 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 these 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 aspects of such statements.

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

##### 1. Purpose

The Exchange has a long-standing business policy, which describes the circumstances under which specialists may charge members and member organizations a commission for executing orders. Until recently, this policy had been posted on the Exchange's Web site so that both members and the investing public could know the types of orders for which they could be charged a specialist commission. According to the Exchange, the policy has been removed from the Web site since as a business policy it was not enforceable as a rule of the Exchange, which caused confusion among members and the public. The Exchange therefore proposes to codify in Amex Rule 154 its policy regarding the types of equity orders for which specialists can charge a commission. The Exchange believes that codifying this business policy in a rule would allow the policy to be enforceable across all specialist firms; would provide consistency and clarity to all members and the public that orders sent to the Amex would not be subject to excessive or arbitrary costs; and would preserve the cost competitiveness of the Exchange. The proposed rule, as described more fully below, would apply to equity securities only.

The Exchange proposes to codify in new subparagraph (b) to Amex Rule 154 its policies regarding situations where specialists may charge a commission for trades that are executed in whole or in part. Proposed Amex Rule 154(b) would prohibit specialists from charging a commission on off-floor orders that are electronically delivered to the specialist except in cases of orders that require special handling by the specialist or the specialist provides a service. The proposed rule would prohibit specialists from billing for electronically delivered orders that are executed automatically by the Exchange's order processing facilities upon receipt. Orders executed on an opening or reopening would not be "billable." In addition, proposed Amex Rule 154(b) would reference Amex Rule 152(c), which prohibits specialists from charging a commission where they act as principal in the execution of an order entrusted to them as agent. The proposed rule also would set forth the types of orders specialists

would be allowed (but not required) to bill a commission.

In general, "routine" orders are not subject to specialist commissions, while orders that require special handling or for which the specialist provides a service may be subject to a commission. Thus, proposed Amex Rule 154(b) would provide that specialists may (but are not required to) bill for limit orders that remain on the book for more than two minutes,<sup>3</sup> market on close or limit on close orders, tick sensitive orders (e.g., an order to sell short in a security subject to the Commission's "tick-test"), orders for non-regular way settlement, stop or stop limit orders, orders stopped at one price and executed at a better price, fill-or-kill, and immediate-or-cancel orders, and orders for the account of a competing market maker.

Specialist commissions increase the cost of doing business on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that these increased costs weaken the Exchange's competitive position relative to other markets as other markets do not need to compete as aggressively with the Exchange to cut their prices to investors. The Exchange consequently believes that the proposed rule would benefit investors if implemented and would strengthen the Exchange's competitive position.

##### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations under the Act applicable to a national securities exchange and, in particular, the requirements of section 6(b) of the Act.<sup>4</sup> Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>5</sup> that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. In addition, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> which requires that the rules of an exchange provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and

<sup>3</sup> According to the Exchange, the NYSE's rules are similar to the Exchange's policy in this area. NYSE Rule 123B(b)(1) and Supplementary Material .10 generally prohibit NYSE specialists from charging a commission on orders sent to them electronically unless the order remains on the book for more than five minutes.

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.