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U.S. EECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

DECISIONS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

OMEGA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., OTHERS CITED

Administrative proceedings have been ordered against Omega Financial Group, Inc., a registered broker-dealer located in Castro Valley, California; Eric W. Taylor, its president and co-owner; and Frank J. Duffy and Hugh O. Potter, Jr., its present and former registered representatives, respectively. The proceedings are based upon allegations that each of the respondents violated the antifraud provisions and that, in addition, Omega and Taylor violated the broker-dealer recordkeeping provisions of the securities laws.

Simultaneously with its order for proceedings, the Commission terminated the proceedings as to Omega, Taylor and Potter by accepting from them offers of settlement which were tendered without admitting or denying the allegations of the order. Based on the offers of settlement, the Commission made findings of wilful violations and ordered sanctions which included the suspension of Omega's registration as a broker-dealer for four months; the suspension of Taylor and Potter from association with any broker-dealer, investment adviser, investment company or municipal securities dealer for periods of four months and thirty days, respectively, followed, in Potter's case, by a period of three months in which his activities shall be limited to acting as a super-vised employee in a non-supervisory capacity. (Rel. LR-7780 and Rel. 34-13284)

THOMAS LANGBEIN SUSPENDED AND TODD & CO., INC., CENSURED

The Commission has suspended Thomas Langbein of New Jersey from association with any broker or dealer or investment adviser for a period of five days and censured Todd & Co., Inc., a broker-dealer registered with the Commission. The sanctions against Langbein and Todd were based on findings that Langbein and Todd had wilfully violated the antifraud provisions of the securities laws. Without admitting or denying the charges against them, Langbein and Todd consented to the above findings and sanctions. (Rel. 34-13285)

ORDERS FOR PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS

ORDER FOR PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS ON MARSHALL COMPANY, OTHERS AMENDED

The SEC announced that it has amended its order for public proceedings in In the Matter of Marshall Company, et al., as to Morris Cohen and Marshall Company, the remaining respondents in the proceeding. The amendments allege that respondents Marshall Company a New York City broker-dealer, and Morris Cohen, its principal and sole proprietor, wilfully violated the Commission's order in another proceeding in which they were respondents, In the Matter of Morris Cohen doing business as Marshall Company. (Rel. 34-13111, Dec. 27, 1976). In its order of December 27, 1976 the Commission revoked Marshall Company's broker-dealer registration and barred Cohen from association with any other broker or dealer, with the proviso that Cohen could apply to the Commission six months after the issuance of the order for permission to become so associated in a non-supervisory capacity, upon a showing that he will be adequately supervised. The amended order alleges that Cohen, doing business as Marshall Company, effected approximately 40 transactions for customers after being served with the Commission's order. In addition, the amended order alleges that Cohen and Marshall Company wilfully violated Section 17(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in that Cohen refused to allow representatives of the Commission to reasonably examine the books and records of Marshall Company on three different occasions. (Rel. 34-13328)

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARING ON OPTIONS OF THE SAME CLASS SCHEDULED

Pursuant to a request of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. (PHLX), the SEC announced that on March 17 interested persons, including representatives of national securities exchanges, may appear before the Commission to present their views concerning the practice of allowing options of the same class and expiration date to be traded on more than one exchange (dual trading), and whether such dual trading of options is in the public interestrat this time. This meeting of the Commission will be open to the public pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b (Sunshine Act) and will be held at 2:00 p.m. in Room 776 at Commission headquarters, 500 North Capitol Street, Washington, D.C.

No rulemaking proposal by the PHLX or by the Commission itself is contemplated at this time. Nevertheless, the Commission invites all interested persons to file written submissions and to appear before the Commission to present their views on the existing Commission policy permitting dual trading of options. Persons desiring to appear before the Commission should so inform the Secretary of the Commission in writing, and should file six copies of their intended statements to the Commission with the Secretary of the Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, 500 North Capitol Street, Washington, D.C. 20549, at least two days prior to the appearance date cited above. Persons who do not desire to appear before the Commission, but who desire to make their views known on the subject of dual trading of options, may file six copies of a written submission with the Secretary of the Commission by the appearance date cited above. All comments should refer to File No. S7-681.

Persons seeking additional information concerning this meeting of the Commission should contact Sheldon Rappaport, Associate Director, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. (202) 755-1156. (Rel. 34-13325)

LETTER TO PACIFIC STOCK EXCHANGE REGARDING "MULTIPLE CYCLE TRADING"

The Commission announced the mailing of a letter to the Pacific Stock Exchange regarding that Exchange's proposal to commence so-called "multiple cycle trading". (Rel. 34-13327)

COURT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

LEON MAYER CONVICTED

The New York Regional Office announced that on December 15 the Honorable Charles H. Tenney of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York sentenced Lawrence Goral and Anthony L. Greco, Jr., of Bricktown, N.J. to a two year suspended sentence and placed both on probation for a period of two years. On January 7 Murray Lichtman (M. Lichtman) was given a two year suspended sentence and probation for two years and Joseph Lichtman (J. Lichtman) was given the same sentence and additionally fined \$1,000. On January 17 Ivan Alan Ezrine was sentenced to a three year suspended sentence, placed on probation for a period of five years and fined \$2,000. Goral, Greco, M. Lichtman, J. Lichtman and Ezrine had previously pled guilty to conspiracy to commit securities fraud in connection with the public offering of the common stock of Minute Approved Credit Plan, Inc. (Minute).

On November 24, 1976 after an eight day trial Leon Mayer was found guilty by a jury of securities fraud, mail fraud, making false statements to the Commission and conspiracy to violate these statutes in the public offering of the common stock of Minute. On January 17 Judge Tenney imposed on Mayer a two month prison term, a two year suspended sentence and placed him on probation for a period of two years. (U.S. v. Ivan Alan Ezrine, et al., 75 Cr. 363, S.D.N.Y.). (LR-7805)

CATIZONE, OTHERS ENJOINED

The New York Regional Office announced that the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York entered final judgments of permanent injunction against the following defendants: Louis Juliana of Emerson, New Jersey on January 5; Diane Aquino of Jackson Heights, New York, Robert Bossert of Clinton, New Jersey, Pat Catizone of Morristown, New Jersey, Ronald A. Martini of Jackson Heights, New York, Robert Sudol, Jr. of Fairfield, New Jersey and Carol Wynn of Fort Lee, New Jersey on January 14; Marvin S. Bernstein of Emeryville, California on January 28; and Frank Coppa of Staten Island, New York on February 4.

The judgments permanently enjoin Aquino, Catizone, Bernstein, Martini, Coppa and Wynn from violating the registration provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 (Securities Act) and, with the exception of Aquino, from violating the antifraud provisions of the securities laws with respect to the securities of Tucker Drilling Company, Inc. or any other securities. Bossert, Juliana and Sudol are enjoined from violating the antifraud provisions of the securities laws in the offer and sale of Tucker securities or any other securities. All of the aforementioned individuals consented to the entry of these judgments without admitting or denying the allegations of the Commission's complaint. (SEC v. Frank X. Orofino, et al., S.D.N.Y., 76 Civil 5353 (WK)). (LR-7806)

COMPLAINT NAMES GULFPORT OIL & GAS CORP.,

The Fort Worth Regional Office and the Houston Branch Office announced that on February 28 a civil injunctive complaint was filed in Federal District Court at Houston, Texas against Gulfport Oil & Gas Corporation, Houston, Glenn T. Arbuckle, Dallas, Texas, Francis S. Fallon, also known as Mike Fallon, Tampa, Florida, and Bruce A. Yoder, Little Rock, Arkansas. The complaint alleges violations of the registration and antifraud provisions of the securities laws in the offer and sale of fractional undivided working interests in DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, Miller County, Arkansas and Duval County, Texas oil and gas leases issued by Gulfport Oil & Gas Corporation. (SEC v. Gulfport Oil & Gas Corporation, et al., S.D. Tex.). (LR-7807)

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK OF LONG BEACH ENJOINED

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia entered a judgment of permanent injunction against Farmers and Merchants Bank of Long Beach. The Bank was enjoined from violating the antifraud and reporting provisions of the securities laws and ordered to comply with its undertaking to formulate and maintain procedures to prevent certain violations of the securities laws. The judgment was entered by consent and the Bank neither admitted nor denied the allegations in the Commission's complaint. The complaint alleged that the Bank participated in a scheme resulting in diversion of a part of the proceeds of a public offering of Omni-Rx Health Systems securities and in transactions to conceal such diversion. (SEC v. Omni-Rx Health Systems, et al., U.S.D.C. D.C., Civil Action No. 76-1623). (LR-7808)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

EQUITY EXCHANGE FUND

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until March 28 to request a hearing on an application of Equity Exchange Fund (Applicant) for an order declaring that Applicant has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-9661 - Mar. 2)

LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD FUND

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until March 28 to request a hearing on an application of Lutheran Brotherhood Fund, Inc., Lutheran Brotherhood Income Fund, Inc., Lutheran Brotherhood U.S. Government Securities Fund, Inc., and Lutheran Brotherhood Municipal Bond Fund, Inc., investment companies registered under the Act, and Lutheran Brotherhood Securities Corp. for orders: (1) permitting Lutheran Brotherhood Municipal Bond Fund, Inc., to offer to exchange its shares for shares of the other three Lutheran Brotherhood funds on a basis other than the relative net asset value of the fund shares involved at the time of the exchange; (2) exempting Applicants from the provisions of Section 22(d) of the Act and Rule 22d-1 thereunder in connection with such exchange; and (3) exempting Applicants from the provisions of Section 22(d) of the Act and rules and regulations thereunder to the extent necessary to permit the reduction of sales loads where proceeds of certain insurance products are used to purchase shares of the four Lutheran Brotherhood funds under described circumstances. (Rel. IC-9662 - Mar. 2)

MASSMUTUAL INCOME INVESTORS

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until March 25 to request a hearing on an application of MassMutual Income Investors, Inc. (Fund), registered under the Act as a diversified, closed-end management investment company, and Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (Insurance Company), investment adviser to the Fund, for an order, pursuant to Section 17(d) of the Act and Rule 17d-1 thereunder permitting the Insurance Company to purchase \$3 million of a new issue of 10.25% senior notes, due 1988, of Victoria Station, Inc., and pursuant to Section 17(b) of the Act, exempting from the provisions of Section 17(a) of the Act the sale by the Insurance Company to the Fund of \$1,500,000 of such notes. (Rel. IC-9663 - Mar. 3)

LISTING DELISTING AND UNLISTED TRADING ACTIONS

LISTING ACTIONS

The SEC has announced that the specified securities of the following companies have become listed on the following stock exchanges: New York Stock Exchange - Evans Products Co., \$1.40 cumulative junior preferred stock (effective as of January 29, 1977); Warner Communications Inc., 9-1/8% subordinated sinking fund debentures, due 1996 (effective as of February 14, 1977). American Stock Exchange - Wainoco Oil Corp., common stock, NPV (effective as of February 17, 1977). Philadelphia Stock Exchange - Amax Inc., common stock purchase warrants expiring October 1, 1977 (effective as of February 24, 1977). (Rel. 34-13329)

DELISTING GRANTED

An order has been issued granting the application of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. to strike from listing and registration thereon the following securities of New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway Company, Terminal first mortgage convertible 4% bonds; Series A first and consolidated mortgage 4% bonds; and Series A general mortgage 4-1/2% income bonds. (Rel. 34-13330)

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

PLAN FOR ALLOCATION OF REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITIES FILED BY NYSE AND AMEX

The SEC announced the filing of a plan for allocation of regulatory responsibilities by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. and the American Stock Exchange, Inc. Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the submission within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. Persons whising to comment should file six copies thereof with George A. Fitzsimmons, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 500 North Capitol Street, Washington, D.C. 20549 and should refer to File No. 4-188. (Rel. 34-13326)

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS

(S-1) TEACHERS SERVICE ORGANIZATION, INC.

1200 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, Del. 19807 - \$20 million of thrift certificates and thrift notes, to be offered for sale at par by the company without an underwriter at the principal amount thereof. This filing represents an increase in the principal amount of securities offered in connection with the continuous offering of the same securities by the company. The company is engaged principally in the business of making loans to school teachers and is the largest financial institution doing business primarily in Pennsylvania which makes loans to teachers as its principal business. (File 2-58295 - Feb. 25)

NOTICE

Many requests for copies of documents referred to in the SEC News Digest have erroneously been directed to the Government Printing Office. Copies of such documents and of registration statements may be ordered from the Public Reference Section, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549. The reproduction cost is 10¢ per page plus postage (7 days) (\$3.50 minimum); 20¢ per page plus postage for expedited service (4 days) (\$5.00 minimum) and 30¢ per page plus postage for priority service overnight (\$5.00) minimum). Cost estimates are given on request. All other reference material is available in the SEC Dochet.

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