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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Survey of Earned Doctorates.

OMB Control Number: 3145-0019.

Summary of Collection: The Survey of Earned Doctorates has been conducted continuously since 1958 and is jointly sponsored by six Federal agencies in order to avoid duplication. It is an accurate, timely source of information on our Nation's most precious resource—highly educated individuals. Data are obtained via paper questionnaire or Web survey from each person earning a research doctorate at the time they receive the degree. Graduate Schools help distribute the Survey of Earned Doctorates to their graduating doctorate recipients. Data are collected on the doctorate recipient's field of specialty, educational background, sources of support in graduate school, debt level, postgraduation plans for employment, and demographic characteristics.

The survey will be collected in conformance with the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, and the Privacy Act of 1974. Responses from individuals are voluntary. NSF will ensure that all individually identifiable information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used for research or statistical purposes, analyzing data, and preparing scientific reports and articles.

The first **Federal Register** notice for this survey was 73 FR 74757, published December 9, 2008, and one comment was received.

Comment: On December 9, 2008 we published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 74757) a 60-day notice of our intent to request reinstatement of this information collection authority from OMB. In that notice, we solicited public

comments for 60 days ending February 9, 2009. One comment was received from the public notice. The comment came from B. Sachau of Floram Park, NJ, via e-mail on December 9, 2008. Ms. Sachau objected to the information collection. Ms. Sachau had no specific suggestions for altering the data collection plans other than to discontinue them entirely.

Response: We responded to Ms. Sachau on December 17, 2008 describing the program, the frequency and the cost issues raised by Ms. Sachau. NSF believes that because the comment does not pertain to the collection of information on the required forms for which NSF is seeking OMB approval, NSF is proceeding with the clearance request.

Need and Use of the Information: The Federal government, universities, researchers, and others use the information extensively. The National Science Foundation, as the lead agency, publishes statistics from the survey in several reports, but primarily in the annual publication series, "Science and Engineering Doctorates" and the Interagency Report, "Doctorate Recipients from U.S. Universities: Summary Report." These reports are available on the Web. NSF uses this information to prepare Congressionally mandated reports such as *Science and Engineering Indicators* and *Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering*.

Description of Respondents: Individuals.

Number of Respondents: 49,000.

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 27,738.

Dated: February 9, 2009.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 28613; 812-13536]

Advisors Asset Management, Inc. and Advisors Disciplined Trust; Notice of Application

February 6, 2009.

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

ACTION: Notice of an application under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act.

Summary of Application: Applicants request an order to permit transactions in certain securities between series of certain registered unit investment trusts ("UITs").

Applicants: Advisors Asset Management, Inc. ("AAM") and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with AAM (collectively, the "Depositor"); Advisors Disciplined Trust ("ADT"); any future registered UITs sponsored by the Depositor (together with ADT, the "Trusts") and the future and existing series of each Trust (each a "Series").¹

Filing Dates: The application was filed on May 28, 2008, and amended on November 24, 2008. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in this notice.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application 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 March 3, 2009, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the 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 20549-1090. Applicants, 18925 Base Camp Road, Monument, CO 80132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean E. Minarick, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551-6811, or Julia Kim Gilmer, Branch Chief, 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 Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington DC 20549-1520 (tel. 202-551-5850).

Applicants' Representations

1. ADT is a UIT registered under the Act. Each Series will be a series of a

¹ All existing Trusts that currently intend to rely on the requested order have been named as applicants. Any other Trust that relies on the requested order in the future will comply with the terms and conditions of the application.

Trust, each a UIT, which is or will be registered under the Act. AAM, a broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), is the depositor of each Series. Each Series is or will be created by a trust indenture ("Indenture") between the Depositor and a banking institution satisfying the requirements of Section 26(a) of the Act and unaffiliated with the Depositor, as trustee ("Trustee").

2. The Depositor acquires a portfolio of securities, which it deposits with the Trustee in exchange for certificates representing units of fractional undivided beneficial interest in the deposited portfolio ("Units"). As UITs, the Series are not actively managed. A Series generally holds securities until the Series terminates or until the securities mature. A Series may sell portfolio securities ("Selling Series") in connection with termination of the Series, to fund redemptions of its Units, or under certain extraordinary circumstances specified in the Series Indenture.² At the same time, another Series ("Purchasing Series") holding one or more of the same securities as the Selling Series may be issuing additional units and may need to purchase the same securities that are being sold by the Selling Series. In addition, when certain Selling Series holding U.S. Treasury securities ("Treasuries") terminate, the Depositor may offer successor Series ("New Series") that will hold the same Treasuries.

3. Applicants request relief to permit purchases and sales of Qualified Securities, as defined below, between different Series acting as principal.³ Applicants also seek relief to allow a

terminating Series ("Rollover Series") that holds U.S. Treasury securities ("Treasuries") to sell Treasuries to a New Series.

4. Qualified Securities are limited to those securities that are actively traded (*i.e.*, have had an average daily trading volume in the preceding six months of at least 500 shares equal in value to at least U.S. \$25,000) on an exchange (a "Qualified Exchange") that is either (i) a national securities exchange that meets the qualifications of section 6 of the Exchange Act, or (ii) a foreign securities exchange meeting the qualifications set forth in the proposed amendments to rule 12d3-1(d)(6) under the Act⁴ and releasing daily closing prices, and included in a published index (securities meeting the preceding tests are referred to as "Qualified Securities").

5. Purchases and sales of securities are effected under the direction of the Depositor's professional traders. Pursuant to procedures to be adopted by the Depositor and the Trustee upon the granting of the requested order, the Depositor will make an initial determination that two Series are on opposite sides of a transaction in Qualified Securities. The Depositor will certify in writing to the Trustee of each affected Series, no later than the close of business on the business day following each sale pursuant to the requested order: (a) That the transaction is consistent with the investment objective and policies of each Series as recited in their respective registration statements and reports filed under the Act, (b) the reason that the Selling Series is selling the Qualified Securities, (c) the date of the transaction, (d) how the securities being sold meet the definition of Qualified Securities set forth in the requested order, and (e) the closing sale price of the Qualified Securities on the Qualified Exchange for the date the Qualified Securities are sold. The certificate will be forwarded to the Trustee of each Series for its approval. The Trustee will then countersign the certificate, unless, in the event that the Trustee disagrees with the

price listed on the certificate, the Trustee immediately informs the Depositor orally of any such disagreement and returns the certificate within five days with the corrections duly noted. Upon receipt by the Depositor of the corrected certificate, if the Depositor can verify the correct price by reference to any independent published list of prices for the date of the transaction, the Depositor will ensure that the price of Units of each of the Purchasing Series and the Selling Series accurately reflects the corrected price. To the extent that the Depositor disagrees with the Trustee's corrected price, the Depositor and the Trustee will jointly determine the correct sales price by reference to a mutually agreeable, independently published list of prices for the date of the transaction.

6. In connection with the purchase of Treasuries by a New Series from a Rollover Series, sales would be effected at the offer-side evaluation of the Treasuries as of the evaluation time on the sale date, as determined by an independent evaluator that will be a "qualified evaluator" as defined in rule 22c-1(b)(2) under the Act (an "Independent Evaluator"). To minimize the potential for overreaching in these situations, the Depositor will certify in writing to the Trustee of both the Rollover Series and the New Series, within five days of each sale of Treasuries from a Rollover Series to a New Series: (i) That the transaction is consistent with the policies of both the Rollover Series and the New Series, as recited in their respective registration statements and reports filed under the Act; (ii) the date of the transaction; and (iii) the price determined by the Independent Evaluator for the sale date of the Treasuries. The Trustee will then countersign the certificate, unless, in the event that the Trustee disagrees with the price listed on the certificate, the Trustee immediately informs the Depositor orally of such disagreement and returns the certificate within five days to the Depositor with corrections duly noted. Upon the Depositor's receipt of a corrected certificate, the Depositor and the Trustee will jointly determine the correct sales price by reference to a mutually agreeable, published list of prices for the date of the transaction.

Applicants' Legal Analysis

1. Section 17(a) of the Act prohibits an affiliated person of a registered investment company from selling securities to, or purchasing securities from, the company. Section 2(a)(3) of the Act defines an "affiliated person" of another person to include, any person

² The Depositor maintains a secondary market for the Units and applicants state that as a practical matter redemptions are initiated primarily by the Depositor because, with the exception of redemptions in kind, the Indenture requires the Trustee to sell units tendered for redemption to the Depositor as long as it maintains a secondary market for the units. Securities also may be sold by a Series: (a) to pay deferred sales charges or expenses or (b) if the Series has elected to be taxed as a "regulated investment company" as defined in subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and either (i) the sale is necessary or advisable to maintain the qualification of the Series as a regulated investment company or (ii) to provide funds to make any distribution for a taxable year to avoid imposition of any income or excise taxes on the Series or on undistributed income in the Series. The Indenture also authorizes but does not require the Depositor to direct the Trustee to sell securities from a Series' portfolio in certain other circumstances, but any sale made under those circumstances will not be made in reliance on the requested relief.

³ Rollovers are conducted in accordance with a prior order of the Commission. See Fixed Income Securities, L.P. and Advisor's Disciplined Trust, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 26529 (Aug. 9, 2004) (notice) and 26593 (Sept. 3, 2004) (order).

⁴ Investment Company Act Rel. No. 17096 (Aug. 3, 1989) (proposing amendments to rule 12d3-1). The proposed amended rule defined a "Qualified Foreign Exchange" as a stock exchange in a country other than the United States where: (i) trading generally occurred at least four days per week; (ii) there were limited restrictions on the ability of acquiring companies to trade their holdings on the exchange; (iii) the exchange had a trading volume in stocks for the previous year of at least U.S. \$7.5 billion; and (iv) the exchange had a turnover ratio for the preceding year of at least 20% of its market capitalization. The version of the amended rule that was adopted did not include the part of the proposed amendment defining the term "Qualified Foreign Exchange."

directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the other person. The Depositor will sponsor each Series. Because the Depositor of a Series may be deemed to control the Series, all of the Series may be deemed to be affiliated persons of each other.

2. Rule 17a-7 under the Act was designed to permit registered investment companies which might be deemed affiliated persons by reason of common investment advisers, directors and/or officers, to purchase securities from or sell securities to one another at an independently determined price, provided that certain conditions are met. With respect to a sale of Qualified Securities by a Selling Series to a Purchasing Series, Applicants represent that they will comply with all the provisions of rule 17a-7, other than paragraphs (e) and (f). With respect to a sale of Treasuries by a Rollover Series to a New Series, Applicants represent that they will comply with all the provisions of rule 17a-7, other than paragraphs (b), (e) and (f).

3. Paragraph (e) of rule 17a-7 requires an investment company's board of directors ("Board") to adopt and monitor procedures to assure compliance with the rule. Paragraph (f) of the rule requires that the Board satisfy certain corporate governance requirements. Because the Trusts do not have Boards, the Series would be unable to comply with these requirements. Paragraph (b) of rule 17a-7 requires that the transactions be effected at the independent current market price of a security. The Treasuries would fall within the paragraph (b)(4) category of "all other securities," for which the current market price under rule 17a-7(b) is the average of the highest current independent bid and lowest current independent offer determined on the basis of reasonable inquiry.

4. Section 17(b) of the Act provides that the Commission will exempt a proposed transaction from section 17(a) if evidence establishes that: (i) The terms of the transaction are reasonable and fair and do not involve overreaching; (ii) the transaction is consistent with the policies of each registered investment company involved; and (iii) the transaction is consistent with the general purposes of the Act. Applicants believe that the proposed transactions satisfy the requirements of sections 6(c) and 17(b).

5. Applicants state that the condition that the Qualified Securities must be actively traded on a Qualified Exchange protects against overreaching. Applicants further state that a sale of Qualified Securities by a Selling Series

to a Purchasing Series will satisfy each of the requirements of rule 17a-7 other than paragraphs (e) and (f). Applicants note that the requirements in rule 17a-7(e) that the board of directors adopt and monitor certain procedures was adopted, among other things, because transactions permitted by rule 17a-7 may involve entities that are not registered investment companies. The requested relief would extend only to transactions between registered UITs. Applicants represent that purchases and sales between the Selling and Purchasing Series will be consistent with the policies of each Series. Applicants further state that permitting the proposed transactions would result in savings on brokerage fees for the Series.

6. With respect to Treasuries, applicants state that sales by a Rollover Series to a New Series will comply with all of the provisions of rule 17a-7 other than paragraph (b), (e) and (f). Applicants state that the Treasuries would be sold by a Rollover Series to a New Series at the Treasuries' offer-side evaluation as determined by the Independent Evaluator. Other Treasuries acquired by the Purchasing Series will be acquired at the offer-side evaluation and the Purchasing Series would be valued during its initial offering period based on the Treasuries' offer-side evaluation. Applicants state that all unitholders of the New Series, both unitholders from a Rollover Series and new unitholders, will acquire Units with a value based on the offer-side evaluation of the Treasuries. Applicants state that the sales of Treasuries between Series will reduce transaction costs to unitholders of the Rollover Series. In addition, Applicants state that transactions will be consistent with the policy of each Series.

Applicants' Conditions

Applicants agree that any order granting the requested relief will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Each sale of Qualified Securities between the Series will be effected at the closing price of the Qualified Securities sold on the applicable Qualified Exchange on the sale date. Each sale of Treasuries between the Series will be effected at the Treasuries' offer-side evaluation as determined by an Independent Evaluator as of the evaluation time on the sale date. Sales of Qualified Securities and Treasuries will be effected without any brokerage charges or other remuneration except customary transfer fees, if any.

2. The nature and conditions of such transactions will be fully disclosed to investors of each participating Series.

3. The Trustee of each Series will (a) review the procedures relating to the sale of Qualified Securities and Treasuries from one Series to another and (b) make any changes to those procedures as the Trustee considers necessary as reasonably designed to comply with paragraphs (a), (b) (except for transactions in Treasuries), (c) and (d) of rule 17a-7.

4. A written copy of these procedures and a written record of each transaction pursuant to this order will be maintained as provided in rule 17a-7(g).

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Small Business Size Standards: Waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of intent to terminate the Nonmanufacturer Rule Class Waiver for Product Service Code (PSC) 3930, Warehouse Trucks and Tractors, Self-Propelled.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to terminate a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for PSC 3930, Warehouse Trucks and Tractors, Self-Propelled based on SBA's recent discovery of small business manufacturers. Terminating this waiver will require recipients of contracts set aside for small businesses, service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, or participants in SBA's 8(a) Business Development (BD) Program to provide the products of small business manufacturers or processors on such contracts.

DATES: Comments and source information must be submitted by February 27, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments and source information to Edith G. Butler, Program Analyst, Small Business Administration, Office of Government Contracting, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 8800, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Edith G. Butler, by telephone at (202) 619-0422; by FAX at (202) 481-1788; or by e-mail at edith.butler@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 8(a)(17) of the Small Business Act (Act), 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17), and SBA's