

associates under certain circumstances. 12 CFR part 955. The regulation refers to these assets as acquired member assets or AMA. As part of this regulatory authorization, each FHLBank that acquires residential mortgage loans must provide to the Finance Board certain loan-level data elements on a quarterly basis. While the FHLBanks provide this data directly to the Finance Board, each FHLBank initially must collect the information from the private-sector member or housing associate from which the FHLBank acquires the mortgage loan.

Many FHLBank members and housing associates already collect the majority of the data elements the Finance Board rule requires as part of their customary and usual business practices. They must collect this data in order to do business with the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) under regulatory requirements issued by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and pursuant to the information collection requirements under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA). While the information collection imposes only a minor incremental additional burden on most FHLBank members and housing associates, the burden estimate in Section B reflects the total annual burden of the entire information collection, not just the additional Finance Board specific data elements.

The primary duty of the Finance Board is to ensure that the FHLBanks operate in a safe and sound manner. 12 U.S.C. 1422a(a)(3)(A). To the extent consistent with the safety and soundness charge, the Finance Board also ensures that the FHLBanks carry out their housing finance mission. 12 U.S.C. 1422a(a)(3)(B). The Finance Board believes that the information collection is essential in order to monitor the safety and soundness of the FHLBanks. The Finance Board also believes that the information collection is necessary to monitor the extent to which the FHLBanks are fulfilling their statutory housing finance mission through their acquired member asset programs.

The OMB number for the information collection is 3069-0058. The OMB clearance for the information collection expires on February 29, 2004.

The likely respondents are institutions that sell AMA assets to FHLBanks.

## B. Burden Estimate

The Finance Board estimates the total annual average number of respondents

at 600, with 4 responses per respondent. The estimate for the average hours per response is 24 hours. The estimate for the total annual hour burden is 57,600 hours (600 respondents  $\times$  4 responses per respondent  $\times$  24 hours). While the first notice correctly reflected the total annual burden at 57,600 hours, it inadvertently misstated the number of responses per respondent at 12 not 4, and the average hours per response at 8 not 24.

## C. Comment Request

In accordance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.8(d), the Finance Board published a request for public comments regarding this information collection in the **Federal Register** on December 12, 2003. See 68 FR 69405 (Dec. 12, 2003). The 60-day comment period closed on February 10, 2004. The Finance Board received two public comments, one each from an FHLBank and a member. The comments are available on the Finance Board Web site at [http://www.fhfb.gov/pressroom/pressroom\\_regs.htm](http://www.fhfb.gov/pressroom/pressroom_regs.htm).

Both commenters state that certain data elements are difficult to collect and one commenter questions whether all data elements are necessary for the Finance Board to perform its functions. The Finance Board continues to believe that each data element is necessary to perform its safety and soundness and housing mission functions. However, the Finance Board presently is reviewing the data elements it collects as part of a review of the AMA regulation and will take the commenters views into consideration as part of that review.

The member commenter states that the Finance Board underestimates the level of effort for members to produce the information requested and does not include the cost of the operational processes and systems programming necessary to collect the data and create the data files. The Finance Board prepared its estimate with input from an FHLBank based on the FHLBanks' experience with hundreds of members. While the commenter's burden may vary from the average reported by the FHLBank, the Finance Board believes that the burden estimate remains, on average, valid for the 600 members that sell loans to FHLBanks.

Written comments are requested on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of Finance Board functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Finance Board's estimates of the burdens of the collection of information; (3) ways to

enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (4) 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. Comments may be submitted to OMB in writing at the address listed above.

Dated: February 18, 2004.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

**Donald Demitros,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Room 940.

Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

*Agreement No.:* 010806-007.

*Title:* Management Agreement, Port Agreement No. 95-160.

*Parties:* The Port of Portland and SSA Containers, Inc.

*Synopsis:* The amendment makes cost saving modifications to reflect the downturn in breakbulk shipments.

*Agreement No.:* 011421-032.

*Title:* East Coast of South America Discussion Agreement.

*Parties:* Alianca Navegacao e Logistica Ltda.; A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S; Companhia Sud Americana de Vapores, S.A.; Hamburg-Süd KG; APL Co. Pte Ltd.; Lykes Lines Limited, LLC; Mediterranean Shipping Company, S.A.; Evergreen Marine Corporation (Taiwan) Limited; Companhia Libra de Navegacao; Montemar Maritima, S.A.; CMA CGM, S.A.; P&O Nedlloyd B.V.; and P&O Nedlloyd Limited.

*Synopsis:* The amendment deletes Maersk Sealand and Safmarine as parties to the agreement.

*Agreement No.:* 011733-010.

*Title:* Common Ocean Carrier Platform Agreement.

*Parties:* A.P. Moller Maersk Sealand, P&O Nedlloyd Limited, Hamburg-Süd, Mediterranean Shipping Company S.A., CMA CGM S.A., Hapag Lloyd Container Linie GmbH, and United Arab Shipping Company (SAG), as shareholder parties,

and Alianca Navegacao e Logistica Ltda., Safmarine Container Lines N.V., Nippon Yusen Kaisha, CP Ship Limited, Tasman Orient Line C.V., and Mitsui O.S.K. lines, Ltd., and Lykes Lines Limited, LLC as non-shareholder parties.

*Synopsis:* The amendment adds Lykes Lines Limited, LLC as a non-shareholder party to the agreement.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: February 19, 2004.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**  
Secretary.

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## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

### Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies,

in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

Trans #	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
<b>Transactions Granted Early Termination—12/22/2003</b>			
20040186 .....	General Electric Company .....	HPSC, Inc .....	General Electric Company, HPSC, Inc.
20040201 .....	Transocean Inc .....	ConocoPhillips Company .....	ConocoPhillips Company, Deepwater Drilling L.L.C., Transocean Inc.
20040205 .....	Arlington Capital Partners, L.P .....	Science & Engineering Associates, Inc.	Arlington Capital Partners, L.P., Science & Engineering Associates, Inc.
20040215 .....	The St. Paul Companies, Inc .....	Travelers Property Casualty Corp .....	The St. Paul Companies, Inc, Travelers Property Casualty Corp.
20040223 .....	Koch Industries, Inc .....	The Williams Companies, Inc .....	Koch Industries, Inc., The Williams Companies, Inc., Williams Alaska Petroleum, Inc., Williams Alaska Pipeline Company, L.L.C., Williams Energy Services, L.L.C.
20040226 .....	E. Merlin Jones Living Trust .....	Bunge Limited .....	Bunge Foods Corporation Bakery Division, Bunge Limited, E. Marlin Jones Living Trust.
20040232 .....	Societe des Participations du Commissariat.	ALSTOM .....	ALSTOM, ALSTOM T&D Inc., Societe des Participations du Commissariat.
20040234 .....	Marmon Holdings, Inc .....	Rockwood Holding Company .....	Marmon Holdings, Inc., Rockwood Holding Company.
20040250 .....	TSO Holding Corporation .....	Lowe's Companies, Inc .....	Lowe's Companies, Inc. The Contractor yard, Inc., TSO Holding Corporation.
20040253 .....	Eugene Reed, Jr .....	Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited ..	Eugene Reed, Jr, Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited, Sig's Auto Body & Paint, Inc., TheoDavies Euromotors, Ltd., TheoDavies Hilo Motors, Ltd., TheoDavies Kona Motors, Ltd.
20040254 .....	Fletcher Jones, Jr .....	Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited ..	Fletcher Jones, Jr., Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited, Sig's Auto Body & Paint, Inc., TheoDavies Euromotors, Ltd., TheoDavies Hilo Motors, Ltd., TheoDavies Kona Motors, Ltd.
20040267 .....	Allied Capital Corporation .....	Mercury Air Group, Inc .....	Allied Capital Corporation, Mercury Air Centers, Inc., Mercury Air Group, Inc.
20040286 .....	AT&T Wireless Services, Inc .....	Telephone and data Systems, Inc. Voting Trust.	AT&T Wireless Services, Inc, Telephone and data Systems, Inc. Voting Trust, Texas #20 Rural Cellular, Inc., USCOC of Corpus Christi, Inc., Victoria Cellular Corporation.
<b>Transactions Granted Early Termination—12/23/2003</b>			
20040235 .....	Mr. Sumner M. Redstone .....	Midway Games, Inc .....	Midway Games, Inc., Mr. Sumner M. Redstone.