

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

Summary: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and purpose of information collection: Nonresident Questionnaire; OMB 3220-0145—Under Public Laws 98-21 and 98-76, benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act payable to annuitant living outside the United States may be subject to taxation under United States income tax laws. Whether the social security equivalent and non-social security equivalent portions of Tier I, Tier II, vested dual benefit, or supplemental annuity payments are subject to tax withholding, and whether the same or different rates are applied to each payment, depends on a beneficiary's citizenship and legal residence status, and whether exemption under a tax treaty between the United States and the country in which the beneficiary is a legal resident has been claimed. To effect the required tax withholding, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) needs to know a nonresidents citizenship and legal residence status.

To secure the required information, the RRB utilizes Form RRB-1001, Nonresident Questionnaire, as a supplement to an application as part of the initial application process, and as an independent vehicle for obtaining the needed information when an annuitant's residence or tax treaty status changes. Completion is voluntary. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB estimates that 1,300 Form RRB-1001's are completed annually. The completion time for Form RRB-1001 is estimated at 30 minutes. No

changes are proposed to Form RRB-1001.

Additional Information or Comments: To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review**

Summary: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

(1) *Collection title:* Application for Survivor Death Benefits.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* AA-21, AA-21cert, G-273a, AA-11a, and G-131.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0031.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 04/30/2003.

(5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 20,600.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 20,600.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 5,150.

(10) *Collection description:* The collection obtains the information needed to pay death benefits and annuities due but unpaid at death under the Railroad Retirement Act. Benefits are paid to designated beneficiaries or to survivors in a priority designated by law.

Additional Information or Comments: Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363).

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 and to the OMB

Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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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:

Form F-9—OMB Control No. 3235-0377, SEC File No. 270-333

Form F-10—OMB Control No. 3235-0380, SEC File No. 270-334

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 soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management Budget for extension and approval.

Form F-9 is a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 that is used to register investment grade debt or investment grade preferred securities that are offered for cash or in connection with an exchange offer and either non-convertible or not convertible for a period of at least one year from the date of issuance and, except as noted in paragraph (E), are thereafter only convertible into a security of another class of the issuer. The purpose of the information collection is to permit verification of compliance with securities law requirements and to assure the public availability and dissemination of such information. The principal function of the Commission's forms and rules under the securities laws' disclosure provisions is to make information available to the investors. Approximately 18 respondents file Form F-9 annually and at 25 hours per response for a total of 450 annual burden hours. It is estimated that 25% of the 450 annual burden hours (113 burden hours) is prepared by the company.

Form F-10 is a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 that is used by certain Canadian "substantial issuers"—those issuers with at least 36

calendar months of reporting history with a securities commission in Canada and a market value of common stock of at least \$360 million (Canadian) and an aggregate market value of common stock held by non-affiliates of at least \$75 million (Canadian). The purpose of the information collection is to facilitate cross-border offerings by specified Canadian issuers. Approximately 25 respondents file Form F-10 annually and at approximately 25 hours per response for a total of 625 annual burden hours. It is estimated that 25% of the 625 total burden hours (156 burden hours) is prepared by the company.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether these proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information 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.

Please direct your written comments to Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: February 6, 2003.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw from Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC (Kinross Gold Corporation, Common Stock, No Par Value) File No. 1-13382

February 10, 2003.

Kinross Gold Corporation, a Providence of Ontario corporation ("Issuer"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule

12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its Common Stock, no par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange").

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all applicable laws in the Province of Ontario, Canada, in which it is incorporated, and with the Amex's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration.

The Issuer states that it is in the process of merging with TVX Gold Inc. and Echo Bay Mines, Ltd. As a result of this transaction, the Company seeks to voluntarily withdraw its Security from listing and registration with the Amex. The Issuer represents that the merger transaction became effective on January 31, 2003 and that its Security began trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. on February 3, 2003.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Securities from listing on the Amex and from registration under section 12(b) of the Act³ shall not affect its obligation to be registered under section 12(g) of the Act.⁴

Any interested person may, on or before March 5, 2003, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Amex and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27648]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

February 7, 2003.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by March 4, 2003, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After March 4, 2003, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

NorthWestern Corporation (70-10053)

NorthWestern Corporation ("NorthWestern" or "Applicant"), 125 South Dakota Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57104, a "holding company" and "public-utility company" within the meanings of sections 2(a)(7) and 2(a)(5) of the Act, respectively, has filed an application ("Application") under section 3(a)(3) of the Act.

NorthWestern is engaged in various utility and nonutility operations.¹ The

¹ Applicant states that, through subsidiaries, NorthWestern: locates for utilities underground lines, wires, and pipes; provides unregulated energy related products and services to industrial, institutional, and commercial clients; provides energy management consulting services; sells energy management systems; finances energy management investments; operates energy delivery facilities; provides integrated communication and data solutions to small and medium-sized

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 781(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 781(g).

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 781(d).