

1. January 5, 2000 (ML003676755)
2. February 4, 2000 (ML003684178)
3. September 26, 2000 (ML003754079)

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based on the above EA, the Commission has concluded that environmental impacts that would be created by the proposed action would not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate. Accordingly, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not warranted.

Documents

Documents submitted by SteriGenics are available for public inspection from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of the NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). Assistance with the Public Electronic Reading Room may be obtained by calling (800) 397-4209. The accession numbers for the licensee's documents referred to in this Assessment are listed next to the document date above.

Opportunity for a Hearing

Any person whose interest may be affected by the issuance of this action may file a request for a hearing. Any request for hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**; be served on the NRC staff (Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852), and on the licensee (SteriGenics International, 210 Clyde Road, Somerset, NJ 08873); and must comply with the requirements for requesting a hearing set forth in the Commission's regulations, 10 CFR part 2, subpart L, "Information Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials Licensing Proceedings."

These requirements, which the request must address in detail, are:

1. The interest of the requestor in the proceeding;
2. How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding (including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing);
3. The requestor's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and
4. The circumstances establishing that the request for hearing is timely—that

is, filed within 30 days of the date of this notice.

In addressing how the requestor's interest may be affected by the proceeding, the request should describe the nature of the requestor's right under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, to be made a party to the proceeding; the nature and extent of the requestor's property, financial, or other (*i.e.*, health, safety) interest in the proceeding; and the possible effect of any order that may be entered in the proceeding upon the requestor's interest.

Dated at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, this 4th day of January 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John D. Kinneman,

*Chief, Nuclear Materials Safety Branch 2,
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety Region I.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-28641, License No. 42-23539-01AF Department of the Air Force; Docket No. 030-29462, License No. 45-23645-01NA, Department of the Navy; Docket No. 040-08767, License No. SUC-1380, Department of the Army]

Notice of Issuance of Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, has issued a director's decision with regard to a petition dated June 1, 2000, filed by Doug Rokke, Ph.D., hereinafter referred to as the "petitioner." The petition concerns the use of depleted uranium (DU) by the U.S. Department of Defense and all services.

The petition requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission or NRC) hold a hearing to consider "the revocation of the master DU [depleted uranium] license for the U.S. Department of Defense and all services, implementation of substantial fines and consideration of personal criminal liability." As the basis for this request, the petitioner stated that "the continuing deliberate use of DU munitions during battle and during peacetime is resulting in serious health and environmental consequences."

By letter dated September 8, 2000, and addressed to the petitioner, the NRC staff acknowledged receiving the petition, and stated that pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 the petition was referred to the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards for action, and that it

would be acted upon within a reasonable time.

The NRC staff requested the U.S. Department of the Air Force, the U.S. Department of the Army, and the U.S. Department of the Navy to respond to the petition. The licensees responded on October 30, 2000, and the information provided was considered by the staff in its evaluation of the petition.

The Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards has determined that the request to hold a hearing to consider the revocation of the military licenses authorizing the use of DU, implementation of substantial fines, and consideration of personal criminal liability, should be denied. The reasons for this decision are explained in the director's decision pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 [DD-01-01], the complete text of which is available in ADAMS for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and via the NRC's Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>) on the World Wide Web, under the "Public Involvement" icon.

A copy of the director's decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission's review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. As provided for by this regulation, the director's decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date of the decision, unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the director's decision in that time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of January 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

William F. Kane,

Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Bitwise Designs, Inc., Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value) File No. 0-20190

January 9, 2001.

Bitwise Designs, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Company"), 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, \$.001 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the Pacific Exchange, Inc. ("PCX").

The Company's Security has been approved for quotation on the National Market of the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq National Market"). Trading in the Security on the Nasdaq National Market began in April 2000. As a result, the Company has determined to withdraw its Security from listing and registration on the PCX in the belief there are no additional benefits to either the Company or its shareholders in maintaining such listing. In effecting such withdrawal, the Company will avoid the direct and indirect costs incurred in maintaining the PCX listing.

The Company has stated in its application that it has complied with the rules of the PCX governing the withdrawal of an issue from listing and registration and that the PCX has in turn indicated that it will not oppose such withdrawal. The Company's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on the PCX and registration under section 12(b) of the Act³ and shall have no effect upon the Security's continuing quotation on the Nasdaq National Market or on its obligation to be registered under section 12(g) of the Act.⁴

Any interested person may, on or before January 31, 2001, 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

Issuer Delisting; Notice of application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Signal Technology Corporation, Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value) File No. 1-13282

January 9, 2001.

Signal Technology Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Company"), 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, \$.01 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex").

The Company's Security has been approved for quotation on the national Market of the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq National Market"). Trading in the Security on the Nasdaq National Market commenced at the opening of business on Friday, April 7, 2000, and was simultaneously suspended on the Amex. The Company made the decision to transfer the trading of its Security from the Amex to the Nasdaq National Market based on its evaluation of the comparative marketing advantages available to companies quoted through the dealer network of the Nasdaq National Market.

The Company has stated in its application that it has complied with the rules of the Amex governing the withdrawal of an issue from listing and registration. The Company's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on the Amex and registration under section 12(b) of the Act³ and shall have no effect upon the Security's continuing quotation on the Nasdaq National Market or on its obligation to be registered under Section 12(g) of the Act.⁴

Any interested person may, on or before January 31, 2001, 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 Regulations, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 24821; 812-12388]

Nicholas-Applegate Fund, Inc., et al.; Notice of Application

January 9, 2001.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or the "Commission").

ACTION: Notice of application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from section 15(f)(1)(A) of the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: The order would exempt the applicants from section 15(f)(1)(A) of the Act in connection with the proposed change in control of Nicholas-Applegate Capital Management ("NACM"). Without the requested exemption, Nicholas-Applegate Fund, Inc. (the "Company") would have to reconstitute its board of directors (the "Board") to meet the 75 percent non-interested director requirement of section 15(f)(1)(A) of the Act in order for NACM to rely upon the safe harbor provisions of section 15(f).

Applicants: The Company and NACM.

FILING DATE: The application was filed on January 8, 2001.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on January 31, 2001, and should be accompanied by proof of service on 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 SEC's Secretary.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78l(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78l(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78l(g).

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78l(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78l(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78l(g).

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).