

Applicants:

Via Global Logistics, Inc., 150–30
132nd Avenue, #206, Jamaica, NY
11434. Officers: Charles Ching,
President, Connie Chin, Vice
President, (Qualifying Individuals)
Cynthia Joa, Secretary.
Kingsco Shipping Line, Inc., 500
Carson Plaza Dr., Suite 208, Carson,
CA 90746. Officer: Eun K. Han,
President (Qualifying Individual).
Astron Distribution, Inc., 1316 NW.
78th Avenue, Miami, FL 33126.
Officers: Karla V. Kushton, Vice
President Sales, (Qualifying
Individual) Dan C. Boiangin,
President.
Ocean Freight Forwarder—Ocean
Transportation Intermediary
Applicants:
Intertrans Express, Inc., 2219 W.
Valley Blvd., Alhambra, CA 91803.
Officers: Charles Yu, Director,
(Qualifying Individual) Chun Tsung
Tao, President.
Cargo International Services, Inc., 18327
SW 151 Avenue, Miami, FL 33187.
Officers: Vivian E. Wever, Director,
(Qualifying Individual) Michelle E.
Fajardo, Director.

Dated: July 18, 2003.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also

includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at <http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/>.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than August 15, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer)
230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago,
Illinois 60690–1414:

1. *Merchants & Manufacturers Bancorporation, Inc., and Merchants New Merger Corp.*, both of Brookfield, Wisconsin, to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Reedsburg Bancorporation, Inc., Reedsburg, Wisconsin, and thereby indirectly acquire The Reedsburg Bank, Reedsburg, Wisconsin.

2. *Merchants & Manufacturers Bancorporation, Inc., and Merchants Merger Corp.*, both of Brookfield, Wisconsin, to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Random Lake Bancorp, Limited, Random Lake, Wisconsin, and thereby indirectly acquire Wisconsin State Bank, Random Lake, Wisconsin.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 17, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be

available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at <http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/>.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than August 15, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261–4528:

1. *JCO Ventures, LLC*, Union, South Carolina; HAO Management Company, LLC, Union, South Carolina; FOJ Management Company, LLC, Union, South Carolina; Frances W. Arthur Irrevocable Trust No. 2 for the benefit of Frances Oxner Jorgenson, Union, South Carolina; JCO Partners, L.P., Union, South Carolina; JCO Partners II, L.P., Union, South Carolina; HAO Partners, L.P., Union, South Carolina; HAO Partners, II, L.P., Union, South Carolina; FOJ Partners, L.P., Union, South Carolina; and FOJ Partners II, L.P., Union, South Carolina; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Arthur Financial Corporation, Union, South Carolina, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Arthur State Bank, Union, South Carolina.

2. *FOJ Partners LP; FOJ Partners II, LP; FOJ Management Company LLC; JCO Partners, LP; JCO Partners II, LP; JCO Ventures, LLC; HAO Partners, LP; HAO Partners II, LP; HAO Management Company LLC; and Frances W. Arthur Irrevocable Trust No. 2 for the benefit of Frances Oxner Jorgenson*, all of Union, South Carolina; to acquire 61.6 percent of the voting shares of Arthur Financial Corporation, Union, South Carolina, and thereby acquire voting shares of Arthur State Bank, Union, South Carolina.

In connection with this application Arthur Financial Corporation, Union, South Carolina, has applied to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Arthur State Bank, Union, South Carolina.

3. *United Bankshares, Inc.*, Charleston, West Virginia, and George

Mason Bankshares, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of, and merge with, Sequoia Bancshares, Inc., Bethesda, Maryland, and thereby indirectly acquire Sequoiabank, Bethesda, Maryland.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Oswego Community Bank Employee Stock Ownership Plan*, Oswego, Illinois; to acquire an additional 18.04 percent, for a total of 51 percent, of the voting shares of Oswego Bancshares, Inc., Oswego, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Oswego Community Bank, Oswego, Illinois.

2. *TeamCo, Inc.* Oak Lawn, Illinois; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Oak Lawn Bank, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 16, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be

obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than August 5, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Hinsbrook Bancshares, Inc.*, Willowbrook, Illinois; to engage *de novo* in extending credit and servicing loans, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 16, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 022 3122]

Global Instruments Ltd., et al.; Analysis To Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed consent agreement.

SUMMARY: The consent agreement in this matter settles alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices or unfair methods of competition. The attached Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes both the allegations in the draft complaint that accompanies the consent agreement and the terms of the consent order—embodied in the consent agreement—that would settle these allegations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 18, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed in paper form should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. Comments filed in electronic form should be directed to: consentagreement@ftc.gov, as prescribed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Connie Vecellio or Patricia Bak, FTC, Bureau of Consumer Protection, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326-2966 or 326-2842.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and Section 2.34 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 CFR

2.34, notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days. The following Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes the terms of the consent agreement, and the allegations in the complaint. An electronic copy of the full text of the consent agreement package can be obtained from the FTC Home Page (for July 18, 2003), on the World Wide Web, at <http://www.ftc.gov/os/2003/07/index.htm>. A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room 130-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-2222.

Public comments are invited, and may be filed with the Commission in either paper or electronic form. Comments filed in paper form should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. If a comment contains nonpublic information, it must be filed in paper form, and the first page of the document must be clearly labeled "confidential." Comments that do not contain any nonpublic information may instead be filed in electronic form (in ASCII format, WordPerfect, or Microsoft Word) as part of or as an attachment to e-mail messages directed to the following e-mail box: consentagreement@ftc.gov. Such comments will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with Section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii).

Analysis of Proposed Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission has accepted, subject to final approval, an agreement containing a consent order from Global Instruments Ltd. and Charles Patterson, individually and as an officer of the corporation.

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for thirty (30) days for receipt of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After thirty (30) days, the Commission will again review the agreement and the comments received and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement or make final the agreement's proposed order.

This matter concerns practices related to the advertising, offering for sale, sale, and distribution of various