

the threshold security that is attributed to short sales effected by a registered options market maker to establish or maintain a hedge on options positions that were created before the security became a threshold security), shall immediately close out that fail to deliver position, including any adjustments to the fail to deliver position, within 35 consecutive settlement days of the effective date of this amendment by purchasing securities of like kind and quantity;

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(v) If a participant of a registered clearing agency entitled to rely on the 35 consecutive settlement day close-out requirement contained in paragraph (b)(3)(i), (b)(3)(ii), or (b)(3)(iii) of this section has a fail to deliver position at a registered clearing agency in the threshold security for 35 consecutive settlement days from the effective date of the amendment, the participant and any broker or dealer for which it clears transactions, including any market maker, that would otherwise be entitled to rely on the exception provided in paragraph (b)(2)(iii) of this section, may not accept a short sale order in the threshold security from another person, or effect a short sale in the threshold security for its own account, without borrowing the security or entering into a bona-fide arrangement to borrow the security, until the participant closes out the fail to deliver position by purchasing securities of like kind and quantity;

It is further ordered that, pursuant to our Section 12(k)(2) powers, we are adding § 240.10b-21 to read as follows:

§ 240.10b-21 Deception in connection with a seller's ability or intent to deliver securities on the date delivery is due.

PRELIMINARY NOTE to rule 10b-21: This rule is not intended to limit, or restrict, the applicability of the general antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws, such as section 10(b) of the Act and rule 10b-5 thereunder.

It shall also constitute a "manipulative or deceptive device or contrivance" as used in section 10(b) of this Act for any person to submit an order to sell an equity security if such person deceives a broker or dealer, a participant of a registered clearing agency, or a purchaser about its intention or ability to deliver the security on or before the settlement date, and such person fails to deliver the security on or before the settlement date. For purposes of this section, settlement date is as defined in § 242.204T of this chapter.

This Order shall be effective at 12:01 a.m. EDT on September 18, 2008, and

shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on October 1, 2008 unless further extended by the Commission.

By the Commission.

Florence E. Harmon,
Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: [to be published].

STATUS: Closed Meeting.

PLACE: 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC.

DATE AND TIME OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING: Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 1 p.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Cancellation of Meeting.

The Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2008 has been cancelled.

For further information please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: September 18, 2008.

Florence E. Harmon,
Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 500-1]

In the Matter of Quality Resorts of America, Inc., Quentra Networks, Inc., and Quokka Sports, Inc.; Order of Suspension of Trading

September 19, 2008.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Quality Resorts of America, Inc. because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended June 30, 1997.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Quentra Networks, Inc. because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended September 30, 2000.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Quokka Sports, Inc. because it has not filed any

periodic reports since the period ended December 31, 2000.

The Commission is of the opinion that the public interest and the protection of investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of the above-listed companies.

Therefore, it is ordered, pursuant to Section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that trading in the securities of the above-listed companies is suspended for the period from 9:30 a.m. EDT on September 19, 2008, through 11:59 p.m. EDT on October 2, 2008.

By the Commission.

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 500-1]

In the Matter of Ragen Corp. Rainwire Partners, Inc., Rako Capital Corp., Ramtek Corp. (n/k/a Ramtek I Corp.), Ranger Industries, Inc., RCS Holdings, Inc., and Recycling Industries, Inc.; Respondents; Order of Suspension of Trading

September 19, 2008.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Ragen Corp. because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended June 30, 1993.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Rainwire Partners, Inc. because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended March 31, 2003.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Rako Capital Corp. because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended March 31, 2003.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Ramtek Corp. (n/k/a Ramtek I Corp.) because it has not filed any periodic reports since April 2, 1993.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Ranger Industries, Inc. because it has not filed

any periodic reports since September 30, 2003.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of RCS Holdings, Inc. because it has not filed any periodic reports since January 31, 2002.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Recycling Industries, Inc. because it has not filed any periodic reports since December 31, 1998.

The Commission is of the opinion that the public interest and the protection of investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of the above-listed companies.

Therefore, it is ordered, pursuant to Section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that trading in the securities of the above-listed companies is suspended for the period from 9:30 a.m. EDT on September 19, 2008, through 11:59 p.m. EDT on October 2, 2008.

By the Commission.

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Sentencing Guidelines for United States Courts

AGENCY: United States Sentencing Commission.

ACTION: Notice of final priorities.

SUMMARY: In August 2008, the Commission published a notice of possible policy priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2009. See 72 FR 46341 (August 8, 2008). After reviewing public comment received pursuant to the notice of proposed priorities, the Commission has identified its policy priorities for the upcoming amendment cycle and hereby gives notice of these policy priorities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Courlander, Public Affairs Officer, Telephone: (202) 502-4590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Sentencing Commission is an independent agency in the judicial branch of the United States Government. The Commission promulgates sentencing guidelines and policy statements for federal sentencing courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The

Commission also periodically reviews and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to the Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p).

As part of its statutory authority and responsibility to analyze sentencing issues, including operation of the federal sentencing guidelines, the Commission has identified its policy priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2009. The Commission recognizes, however, that other factors, such as the enactment of any legislation requiring Commission action, may affect the Commission's ability to complete work on any or all of its identified priorities by the statutory deadline of May 1, 2009. Accordingly, it may be necessary to continue work on any or all of these issues beyond the amendment cycle ending on May 1, 2009.

As so prefaced, the Commission has identified the following priorities:

(1) Continuation of its work on federal sentencing policy with the congressional, executive, and judicial branches of the government, and other interested parties, in light of *United States v. Booker* and subsequent Supreme Court decisions, possibly including (A) An evaluation of the impact of those decisions on the federal sentencing guideline system, (B) development of amendments to the federal sentencing guidelines, (C) development of recommendations for legislation regarding federal sentencing policy, and (D) a study of statutory mandatory minimum penalties;

(2) Consideration of alternatives to incarceration, including preparation and dissemination of information and materials from the "Symposium on Crime and Punishment in the United States: Alternatives to Incarceration," hosted by the Commission on July 14-15, 2008, in Washington, DC;

(3) Implementation of crime legislation enacted during the 110th or 111th Congress warranting a Commission response, including (A) the Court Security Improvement Act of 2007, Public Law 110-177; and (B) any other legislation authorizing statutory penalties or creating new offenses that requires incorporation into the guidelines;

(4) Continuation of its work with Congress and other interested parties on cocaine sentencing policy to implement the recommendations set forth in the Commission's 2002 and 2007 reports to Congress, both entitled *Cocaine and Federal Sentencing Policy*, and to develop appropriate guideline

amendments in response to any related legislation;

(5) A multi-year study of the definition of "crime of violence" used in both statutes and guidelines;

(6) Continuation of its efforts, in light of recent Supreme Court jurisprudence and pursuant to the Commission's ongoing authority and responsibility under 28 U.S.C. 995(a)(17), (18), and (21), to receive feedback and provide expanded training on the federal sentencing guidelines, including possibly holding regional public hearings;

(7) Resolution of circuit conflicts, pursuant to the Commission's continuing authority and responsibility, under 28 U.S.C. 991(b)(1)(B) and *Braxton v. United States*, 500 U.S. 344 (1991), to resolve conflicting interpretations of the guidelines by the federal courts; and

(8) Consideration of miscellaneous guideline application issues regarding (A) Offenses involving counterfeit bearer obligations of the United States, (B) application of § 3C1.3 (Commission of Offense While on Release), and (C) other miscellaneous issues coming to the Commission's attention from case law and other sources.

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 5.2.

Ricardo H. Hinojosa,

Chair.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #11435]

Alabama Disaster Number AL-00015.

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 1.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Alabama (FEMA-1789-DR), dated 09/10/2008.

Incident: Hurricane Gustav.

Incident Period: 08/29/2008 through 09/03/2008.

Effective Date: 09/15/2008.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 11/10/2008.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 06/10/2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.