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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by November 7, 2008. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

Permit Application No. 2009-020

1. *Applicant:* Mary Miller, Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon Street, San Francisco, CA 94123.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs). The applicant is a participant in the USAP Artists and Writer's Program and plans to visit penguin rookeries (ASPA 124—Cape Crozier and ASPA 121—Cape Royds) and the historic huts (ASPA 157—Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds and ASPA 158 Hut Point, Ross Island) in order to take photographs and video for "Ice Stories: Dispatches from Polar Scientists" an education and public outreach project.

Location

McMurdo Sound region, Antarctica.

Dates

December 1, 2008 to January 7, 2009.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 22, 2008, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on September 26, 2008 to:

Lisa K. Blatt, Permit No. 2009-010.

Hubertus Staudigel, Permit No. 2009-016.

Cheryl E. Leonard, Permit No. 2009-017.

Mahlon C. Kennicutt, II, Permit No. 2009-018.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit 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 Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension:

Form 20-F, OMB Control No. 3235-0288, SEC File No. 270-156.

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 collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Form 20-F (17 CFR 249.220f) is used by foreign private issuers to either register a class of securities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 pursuant to Section 12(b) or 12(g) (15 U.S.C. 78l(b) or 78l(g))(Exchange Act) or to satisfy their annual report obligation pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78m and 78o(d)). The information collected is intended to enable investors in foreign private issuers to make informed investment decisions. Form 20-F takes approximately 2,611 hours per response to prepare and is filed by 942 foreign private issuers annually. We estimate that 25% of the 2,611 hours per response (652.75 hours) is prepared by the issuer for an annual reporting burden of 614,891 hours (652.75 hours per response x 942 responses). The remaining 75% of the burden hours is prepared by outside counsel.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is 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 imposed by 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 Lewis W. Walker, Acting Director/