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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research #1203.

Date & Time: November 12, 1997, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Rooms 770, 920, 970, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. H. Hollis Wickman, Program Director, Division of Materials Research, Room, 1065, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 703-306-1816.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Condensed Matter Physics CAREER proposals as part of the selection process of awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed includes information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Panel for Neuroscience; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Panel for Neuroscience (1158).

Date and Time: November 13-14, 1997; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 680, 4201 Wilson Boulevard., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Part-Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Christopher Platt, Program Director, Sensory Systems, Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience,

Suite 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306-1424.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Agenda: Open Session: November 14; 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., to discuss goals and assessment procedures. Closed Session: November 13; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; November 14, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. To review and evaluate Sensory Systems proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs (1209).

Date and Time: November 24-25, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

Place: Room 770, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Micheal Ledbetter, Program Director, Arctic System Science, Office of Polar Programs, Room 740, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1029.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Arctic System Science proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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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

Self-Employment and Substantial Service Questionnaire; OMB 3220-0138

Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) provides for payment of annuities to qualified employees and their spouses. In order to receive an age and service annuity, Section 2(e)(3) states that an applicant must stop all railroad work and give up any rights to return to such work. A disability applicant must give up all railroad work, but does not have to relinquish rights to return to railroad work until he or she attains age 65, or, if earlier, a spouse annuity or supplemental annuity becomes payable. Under the 1988 amendments to the RRA, an applicant is no longer required to stop work for a "Last Pre-Retirement Nonrailroad Employer" (LPE). LPE is the last person, company or institution with whom an employee or spouse applicant's last railroad employment and before their annuity beginning date. However, section 2(f)(6) of the RRA requires that a portion of the employee's Tier II benefit and supplemental annuity be deducted for earnings from a "LPE" employer.

The RRB utilizes Form AA-4, *Self-Employment and Substantial Service Questionnaire* to obtain information needed to determine if the applicant's work is LPE, railroad service or self-employment. If the work is self-employment, the questionnaire

identifies any months in which the applicant did not perform substantial service. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is voluntary. However, failure to complete the forms could result in the nonpayment of benefits.

The RRB proposes to revise Form AA-4 to add language required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Minor nonburden impacting changes are also proposed. The completion time for the AA-4 is estimated at between 40 and 70 minutes. The RRB estimates that approximately 1,500 AA-4's are completed annually.

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 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments 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:* Lag Service Reports.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* AA-12, G-88A.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0005.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 12/31/97.
- (5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Business or other for profit.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 1,200.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 1,200.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 120.
- (10) *Collection description:* The report obtains the current service and compensation of an employee not yet reported to the Railroad Retirement Board. This lag information is used to

determine eligibility for and amount of annuity applied for and to pay benefits due on a deceased employee's earnings.

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 the OMB reviewer, Laura Oliven (202-395-7316), 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

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 30d-1, SEC File No. 270-21, OMB Control No. 3235-0025

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 30d-1, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, "Reports to Stockholders of Management Companies" prescribes the minimum content of reports to shareholders that every registered investment company must send at least semi-annually, containing the information specified by the statute or its equivalent as the Commission may determine to be in the interest of the investors. The reports are required in order to inform current shareholders of the status of the company. The rule requires approximately 602 hours annually for each of the 3,850 respondents equalling 2,317,700 total annual burden hours.

Rule 30d-1 does not involve any recordkeeping requirements. Providing the information required by rule 30d-1 is mandatory and the information provided will not be kept confidential.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: October 14, 1997.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 22858; 812-10700]

Goldman Sachs & Co., et al.; Notice of Application

October 17, 1997.

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

ACTION: Notice of application under (a) sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") requesting an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act; (b) section 6(c) of the Act requesting an exemption from section 17(e) of the Act and rule 17e-1 under the Act; and (c) section 10(f) of the Act requesting an exemption from section 10(f) and rule 10f-3 under the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit registered investment companies that have one or more investment advisers, and for which Goldman, Sachs & Co. or an affiliate ("Goldman") acts as an investment adviser, to engage in certain principal and brokerage transactions and to purchase securities in certain underwritings. The transactions would be between the investment companies, or the portions of the investment companies' portfolios, that are not advised by Goldman, and Goldman or a member of an underwriting syndicate in which Goldman is a participant.