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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules**

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section

7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

Trans #	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—08/28/2002			
200208011	Symmetricom, Inc	Datum Inc	Datum Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—08/29/2002			
20021065	Akzo Nobel NV	Ferro Corporation	Ferro Corporation.
20021094	Homebase Acquisition, LLC	McLeodUSA Incorporated	Consolidated Market Response, Inc., Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company, McLeodUSA Integrated Business Systems, McLeodUSA Public Services, Inc., McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.
20021096	The Bank of New York Company, Inc.	Lockwood Financial Group II, LLC	Electronic Managed Account Technologies, Inc., LFG, Inc.
20021097	Veridian Corporation	Roger Mody	Signal Corporation, Signal Services, L.L.C.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—08/30/2002			
20021102	ARAMARK Corporation	Premier, Inc	Premier Technology Management, Inc.
20021103	Inverness Medical Innovations, Inc ...	MedPointe Inc	MedPointe Healthcare Inc.
20021104	Ascension Health	Carondelet Health System, Inc	Carondelet Health System, Inc
20021106	Leucadia National Corporation	Williams Communications Group, Inc. (Debtor-in-Possession).	Williams Communications Group, Inc. (Debtor-in-Possession).
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/03/2002			
20021058	Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation	MeadWestvaco Corporation	The Mead Corporation.
20021098	J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.	DLJ Brand Holdings, Inc	DLJ Brand Holdings, Inc.
20021099	Virginia L. Shaw	Halliburton Company	Bredero-Shaw, Inc.
20021107	Equilease Holding Corp	Vivendi Universal, S.A	National Energy Development Inc., Sithe Energies, Inc.
20021108	Fremont Partners III, L.P	Artal Group S.A	NC Holdings, Inc.
20021109	Equilease Holding Corp.	Exelon Corporation	National Energy Development Inc., Sithe Energies, Inc.
20021115	Hitachi, Ltd	Hitachi Koki Co., Ltd	Hitachi Printing Solutions, Ltd.
20021117	Intuit, Inc	Russell D. Hobbs, III	Blue Ocean Software, Inc.
20021118	Matlin Patterson Global Opportunities Partners L.P.	Polymer Group Inc	Polymer Group Inc.
20021121	Berkshire Hathaway Inc	CTB International Corp	CTB International Corp.
20021123	El Paso Energy Partners, L.P	El Paso Corporation	El Paso Corporation.
20021124	AMERIGROUP Corporation	Miguel B. Fernandez	PHP Holdings, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/04/2002			
20021111	Fidelity National Financial, Inc	Factual Data Corporation	Factual Data Corporation.
20021113	Novellus Systems, Inc.	SpeedFam-IPEC, Inc	SpeedFam-IPEC, Inc.
20021116	Hitachi, Ltd	UNISIA JECS Corporation	UNISIA JECS Corporation.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/05/2002			
20021120	Exel plc	Power Packaging, Inc	Power Packaging, Inc.

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Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/06/2002			
20020644	Aggregate Industries, PLC	Wakefield Materials Corporation	Wakefield Materials Corporation.
20020851	Archer-Daniels-Midland Company	Minnesota Corn Processors, LLC	Minnesota Corn Processors, LLC.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/09/2002			
20021101	William H. Gates, III	Six Flags, Inc	Six Flags, Inc.
20021128	Scottish Power plc	Aquila, Inc	Aquila Merchant Services, Inc., Aquila Storage and Transportation, L.P.
20021129	Edward W. Stack	Edward W. Stack	Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc.
20021130	Dex Holdings LLC	Qwest Communications International Inc.	GPP LLC, SGN LLC.
20021136	Code, Hennessy & Simmons IV, L.P	LLS Corp	LLS Corp.
20021143	Kaneb Pipe Line Partners, LP	Koch Industries, Inc	Koch Fertilizer Storage and Terminal Company, Koch Pipeline Company, L.P.
20021148	Regent Communications, Inc	Brill Media Company, LLC	Brill Media Company, LLC.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/10/2002			
20021140	Washington Mutual, Inc.	National Australia Bank Limited	HomeSide Lending, Inc., SR Investment, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/12/2002			
20021145	Green Equity Investors III, L.P	Phoenix Scientific, Inc	Phoenix Scientific, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/13/2002			
20021131	U.S. Bancorp	State Street Corporation	State Street Bank and Trust Company.
20021150	David Smilow	Conseco, Inc	Conseco Variable Insurance Company.
20021156	Penn National Garning, Inc	Hollywood Casino Corporation	Hollywood Casino Corporation.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/16/2002			
20021100	OSI Systems, Inc	L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc ..	PerkinElmer Detection System, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/17/2002			
20021141	SPO Partners II, L.P	Advent Software, Inc	Advent Software, Inc.
20021146	Robert Bosch Industrietreuhand KG	Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V	Professional Communication, Security and Imaging.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/18/2002			
20021119	Paychex, Inc.	Willis Stein & Partners, L.P	Advantage Payroll Services, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/19/2002			
20021151	Groupe Laperriere & Verreault Inc	Baker Hughes Incorporated	Baker Process, Inc.
20021157	Pentai, Inc.	Vivendi Environment, S.A	Ametek Filters, Ltd., Plymouth Products, Inc.
20021159	La Grange Energy, L.P.	Aquila, Inc. (f/k/a UtiliCorp United Inc.).	AQP Holdings, L.P., Aquila Gas Pipeline Corporation, Oasis Pipe Line Company.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/20/2002			
20021169	MDU Resources Group, Inc	Limestone Electron Trust	BIV Generation Company LLC, Brush Generation Company LLC, Mesquite Investors, LLC, Morgan Generation Company LLC.
20021170	International Steel Group Inc	Acme Metals Incorporated	Acme Steel Company.
20021171	Kauai Island Utility Co-Op	Citizens Communications Company	Citizens Communications Company.
20021172	JetBlue Airways Corporation	LiveTV, LLC	LiveTV, LLC.
20021173	Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.	The Williams Companies, Inc	Williams Energy Marketing & Trading Company.
20021177	Fremont Partners III, L.P	Don Tyson	SBI Holdings Inc., SBI Holdings, Inc.

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20021178	Landry's Restaurants, Inc	Metro National Corporation	Kimberley Restaurants, Ltd., MNC Restaurant Properties, L.P., Well Seasoned, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/23/2002			
20021122	Honeywell International Inc	Invesys plc	Invesys plc.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/24/2002			
20021135	Cadence Design Systems, Inc	International Business Machines Corporation.	International Business Machines Corporation.
20021175	MAAX, Inc	Aker Plastics Company, Inc	Aker Plastics Company, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/25/2002			
20021164	Yves Barrette	Ronald D. Erwin	Erwin Industries, LLC.
20021182	G&K Services, Inc	Russell Waggoner, Jr	Rental Uniform Company, Inc., Rental Uniform Service of Somerset Kentucky, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/26/2002			
20021133	Toshiba Corporation	Mitsubishi Electric Corporation	Mitsubishi Electric Corporation.
Transactions Granted Early Terminations—09/27/2002			
20021154	Gencorp Inc	General Dynamics Corporation	General Dynamics OTS (Aerospace), Inc.
20021167	Waste Connections, Inc	Allied Waste Industries, Inc	Allied Waste Industries, Inc.
20021168	RF Micro Devices, Inc.	Carlyle Partners III, L.P	Jazz Semiconductor, Inc.
20021174	General Electric Company	Advanced Ceramics Corporation	Advanced Ceramics Corporation.
20021179	Newco, a to-be-formed Luxembourg SARL.	Vivendi Universal, S.A	Houghton Mifflin Company, Vivendi Universal Publishing S.A.
20021186	Groupe Editions Holding I, SARL	Vivendi Universal, S.A	Houghton Mifflin Company.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra M. Peay or Renee A. Hallman, Contact Representative. Federal Trade Commission, Premerger Notification Office, Bureau of Competition, Room 303, Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326-3100.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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The National Research Center for College and University Admissions, Inc., and Don M. Muncie; and American Student List, LLC; Analysis To Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed consent agreements.

SUMMARY: The consent agreements in the two matters settle 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 both consent agreements and the terms of the consent orders—embodied in the consent agreements—that would settle these allegations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 31, 2002.

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 below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jessica Rich or Laura Mazzarella, FTC, Bureau of Consumer Protection, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326-2148.

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 agreements containing consent orders to cease and desist, having been filed with the accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, have 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 agreements, and the allegations in the complaint. An electronic copy of the full text of the consent agreements packages can be obtained from the FTC Home Page (for October 2, 2002), on the World Wide Web, at "<http://www.ftc.gov/os/2002/10index.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 158-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 our as an attachment to email messages directed to the following email box: consentagreement@ftc.gov. Such