

Filing Dates: The application was filed on August 22, 1997, amended on January 29, 1998, and will be amended during the notice period.

Applicant's Address: 701 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104.

The Mackenzie Series Trust [File No. 811-4322]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On September 5, 1997, applicant's four series transferred all assets and liabilities to series of Thornburg Investment Trust ("Thornburg Trust") and Thornburg Limited Term Municipal Fund, Inc. ("Thornburg Inc."), based on the relative net asset values per share. Mackenzie national Municipal Fund and Mackenzie new York Municipal Fund reorganized respectively into Thornburg Intermediate Municipal Fund and Thornburg New York Intermediate Municipal Fund, both series of Thornburg Trust. Mackenzie Limited Term Municipal Fund and Mackenzie California Municipal Fund reorganized respectively into Thornburg Limited Term Municipal Fund National Portfolio and Thornburg Limited Term Municipal Fund California Portfolio, both series of Thornburg Inc. Applicant's investment adviser, Mackenzie Investment Management Inc., paid approximately \$70,000 in expenses related to the reorganization. All other expenses incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by Thornburg Management Company, Inc., investment adviser to Thornburg Trust and Thornburg Inc.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on December 12, 1997, and amended on January 27, 1998.

Applicant's Address: Via Mizner Financial Plaza, 700 South Federal Highway, Suite 300, Boca Raton, FL 33432.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Requests

This notice lists information collection packages that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in compliance with Public Law 104-13 effective October 1,

1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

1. **Function Report—Adult, SSA-3373-TEST; Function Report—Third Party, SSA-3380-TEST—0960-NEW.** SSA will be testing new prototype disability forms. The information collected on the forms is needed for the determination of disability. The forms record information about the disability applicant's illnesses, injuries, conditions, impairment-related limitations and ability to function. The respondents are Title II and Title XVI disability applicants or individuals who know about the applicant's impairment, limitations and ability to function.

	Adult form	Third party form
Number of respondents	7,000	5,000
Frequency of response	1	1
Average burden per response	120	120
Estimated annual burden	22,333	21,667

¹ Minutes. ² Hours.

2. **Symptoms Report—0960-NEW.** SSA will be testing new prototype disability forms, including the SSA-3370-TEST. The information collected on the form is needed for the determination of disability. The form records information about the disability applicant's description of symptoms of his or her illness, injury or condition. The respondents are applicants for Title II and Title XVI disability benefits.

Number of Respondents: 7,500.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,875 hours.

3. **Nursing Home Reporting Requirements Related to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Recipients—0960-NEW.** Public Law 103-387 requires long term, intermediate care and nursing home administrators to report SSI recipient admissions to SSA. SSA uses the information to determine whether SSI benefits should be reduced. The respondents are long term, intermediate care and nursing home administrators.

Number of Respondents: 16,000.

Frequency of Response: 2 per year.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8,000 hours.

4. **Survey of Interest in International Social Security Agreements—0960-NEW.** Section 233 of the Social Security Act authorizes the U.S. to enter into agreements with foreign countries for

the purpose of eliminating double social security coverage and taxation and closing gaps in benefit protection for workers who have divided their careers between the U.S. and another country. SSA negotiates these agreements for the U.S. SSA is now planning its agreement negotiating agenda for the next several years. Since U.S. businesses with overseas operations are primary stakeholders in these agreements, SSA needs to survey these companies to determine which countries they believe would be good candidates for new Social Security agreements. SSA uses the information together with estimates of potential foreign tax savings and benefit payments, to determine priorities for new Totalization agreement negotiations for fiscal years 1999 through 2003. The respondents are U.S. businesses with overseas operations who have requested certificates of U.S. coverage from SSA.

Number of Respondents: 600.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 150 hours.

5. **Disability Hearing Officer's Report of Disability—0960-0507.** The information of form SSA-1204-BK is used by the Disability Hearing Officer (DHO) to conduct an document disability hearings and to provide a structured format that concerns all conceivable issues relating to SSI claims for disabled children. The completed Form SSA-1204-BK will aid the DHO in preparing the disability decision and will provide a record of what transpired at the hearing. The respondents are DHOs in the State Disability Determination Services (DDS).

Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 100,000 hours.

6. **Disability Hearing Officer's Report of Disability Hearing—0960-0440.** The information on form SSA-1205 is used by DHOs to conduct and record disability hearings. The form serves as a guide in conducting the hearings and ensures that all pertinent issues are considered. The respondents are DHOs in the State DDSs.

Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 100,000 hours.

7. **Disability Hearing Officer's Decision—0960-0441.** The DHO uses the information on form SSA-1207 and the supplements—which apply to the type of claim involved—in preparing

the disability decision. The form will aid the DHO in addressing the crucial elements of the case in a sequential and logical fashion. The respondents are DHOs in the State DDSs.

Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 75,000 hours.

8. Chinese Custom Marriage Statement (By One or Both of the Parties); and Statement Regarding Chinese Custom Marriage—0960-0086. The information on Forms SSA-1344 and 1345 is used by SSA to determine if an alleged spouse of the numberholder is legally married, in order to be paid Social Security benefits. The respondents are individuals applying for benefits based upon a Chinese custom marriage or individuals who attended the marriage ceremony.

	SSA-1344	SSA-1345
Number of Respondents:	100	100
Frequency of Response:	1	1
Average Burden Per Response:	114	114
Estimated Annual Burden:	223	223

¹ Minutes. ² Hours.

9. Student's Statement Regarding School Attendance—0960-0105. The information on Form SSA-1372 is used by SSA to determine if a claimant is entitled to Social Security benefits as a student. The respondents are student claimants for Social Security benefits.

Number of Respondents: 200,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 33,333 hours.

10. Application for Benefits under the Italy-U.S. International Social Security Agreement—0960-0445. The information on form SSA-2528 is used by SSA to determine if a resident of Italy is eligible for Social Security benefits under the Italy-U.S. Social Security agreement. The respondents are Italian residents who file for U.S. benefits with the Italian Social Security Agency.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 67 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be sent within 60 days from the date of this

publication, directly to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following address: Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Nicholas E. Tagliareni, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

In addition to your comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate, we are soliciting comments on the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To receive a copy of any of the forms or clearance packages, call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4125 or write to him at the address listed above.

Dated: February 27, 1998.

Nicholas E. Tagliareni,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3501, *et seq.*) the Department of Transportation has submitted the following emergency processing public Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance. The ICRs describe the nature of the information collections and their expected burden.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phillip A. Leach, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, 202/366-0770.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Office of the Secretary

1. *Title:* Report of DBE Awards and Commitments.

OMB Control Number: 2105-0510.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Form(s): DOT F 4630.

Affected Public: DOT financially-assisted state and local transportation agencies.

Abstract: 49 CFR Part 23 establishes requirements for the Department of Transportation (DOT) so as to comply with the mandates of the Intermodal Surface Transportation and Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-240, December 18, 1991). 49 CFR Part 23.49(a) requires that DOT and its Operating Administrations develop a recordkeeping system to monitor, assess and identify contract awards and progress in achieving DBE subcontract goals. In addition, Pub. L. 102-240 section 1003(b) requires that each state annually survey and compile a list of small business concerns and the location of such concerns, and notify the Secretary of Transportation of the percentage of such concerns controlled by women and by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals other than women. If these reporting requirements were not available, firms controlled by minorities would not achieve the fullest possible participation in DOT programs, and the Department would not be able to identify its recipients and evaluate the extent to which financial assistance recipients have been awarded a reasonable amount.

In order to minimize the burden on DOT recipients the Department has limited its informational request and reporting frequency to that necessary to meet its program and administrative monitoring requirements. The informational request consists of 17 data items on one page and one attachment, to be completed on an annual, semi-annual or quarterly basis. It is the overall long range objective of DOT to permit all DOT recipients to report on a yearly basis depending upon their past experience in meeting their goals.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 20,824 hours.

2. *Title:* Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.

OMB Control Number: 2105-0520.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Form(s): SF424, SF269, S7270, SF271, SF272.

Affected Public: State and local governments receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Abstract: Requirements for Federal administration of financial assistance to State and Local governments is provided to affected Executive agencies