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Signed at Washington, DC, this 18th; day of May, 2000.

Ivan Strasfeld,

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Pension and Welfare Benefits, Administration
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2000-21; Exemption Application No. D-10777, et al.]

Grant of individual exemptions; Texas Iron Workers and Employers Apprenticeship Training and Journeyman Upgrading Fund (the Plan)

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Grant of individual exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains exemptions issued by the Department of Labor (the Department) from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Notices were published in the **Federal Register** of the pendency before the Department of proposals to grant such exemptions. The notices set forth a summary of facts and representations contained in each application for exemption and referred interested persons to the respective applications for a complete statement of the facts and representations. The applications have been available for public inspection at the Department in Washington, D.C. The notices also invited interested persons to submit comments on the requested exemptions to the Department. In addition the notices stated that any interested person might submit a written request that a public hearing be held (where appropriate). The applicants have represented that they have complied with the requirements of the notification to interested persons. No public comments and no requests for a hearing, unless otherwise stated, were received by the Department.

The notices of proposed exemption were issued and the exemptions are being granted solely by the Department because, effective December 31, 1978,

section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978, 5 U.S.C. App. 1 (1996), transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type proposed to the Secretary of Labor.

Statutory Findings

In accordance with section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and the procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990) and based upon the entire record, the Department makes the following findings:

(a) The exemptions are administratively feasible;

(b) They are in the interests of the plans and their participants and beneficiaries; and

(c) They are protective of the rights of the participants and beneficiaries of the plans.

Texas Iron Workers and Employers Apprenticeship Training and Journeyman Upgrading Fund (the Plan), Located in San Antonio, Texas

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2000-21; Exemption Application No. D-10777]

Exemption

The restrictions of sections 406(a), 406(b)(1) and (b)(2) of the Act shall not apply to the purchase of a classroom/office building and a shop building (together, the Buildings) and an adjacent lot (the Adjacent Lot) by the Plan from Local Union No. 66 of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers, for \$63,000, provided that: (a) The purchase is a one-time transaction for cash, and no commissions are paid by the Plan with respect to the transaction; (b) the Plan pays a price for the Buildings and the Adjacent Lot (collectively, the Properties) that is no more than the fair market value of the Properties at the time of the transaction, as determined by a qualified, independent appraiser; (c) the Plan's independent fiduciary has determined that the transaction is appropriate for the Plan and in the best interests of the Plan and its participants and beneficiaries; and (d) the Plan's independent fiduciary monitors the purchase of the Properties by the Plan and takes whatever action is necessary to safeguard the interests of the Plan and its participants and beneficiaries.

For a more complete statement of the facts and representations supporting the Department's decision to grant this exemption, refer to the notice of proposed exemption published on March 22, 2000 at 65 FR 15367.

For Further Information Contact: Gary H. Lefkowitz of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Bankers Trust Company (BTC), Located in New York, New York

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2000-22; Application No. D-10838]

Exemption

The restrictions of section 406(a) of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (D) of the Code, shall not apply to: (1) The granting to BTC (a) by the Cheslock-Bakker Opportunity Fund, L.P. (the LP) of security interests in (i) the capital commitments and capital contributions (Capital Contributions) of certain employee benefit plans (the Plans) investing in the LP and (ii) a borrower collateral account to which all Capital Contributions will be deposited when paid and (b) by the LP and by its general partner, CBA Real Estate Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, of the right to make calls for cash contributions (Contribution Calls) under the Cheslock-Bakker Opportunity Fund, L.P. Limited Partnership Agreement, where BTC is the representative of certain lenders (the Lenders) that will fund a so-called "credit facility" providing credit to the LP, and where the Lenders are parties in interest with respect to the Plans; and (2) the execution of a partner agreement and estoppel (the Estoppel) under which the Plans agree to honor the Contribution Calls; provided that (a) the grants and Estoppels are on terms no less favorable to the Plans than those which the Plans could obtain in arm's-length transactions with unrelated parties; (b) the decisions on behalf of each Plan to invest in the LP and to execute such Estoppels in favor of BTC are made by a fiduciary which is not included among, and is independent of and unaffiliated with, the Lenders and BTC; (c) with respect to Plans that have invested or may invest in the LP in the future, such Plans have or will have assets of not less than \$100 million and not more than 5% of the assets of any such Plan are or will be invested in the LP. For purposes of this condition (c), in the case of multiple plans maintained by a single employer or single controlled group of employers, the assets of which are invested on a commingled basis, (e.g., through a master trust), this \$100 million threshold will be applied to the aggregate assets of all such plans; and (d) the general partner of the LP must be

independent of BTC, the Lenders and the Plans.

For a more complete statement of the facts and representations supporting the Department's decision to grant this exemption, refer to the notice of proposed exemption published on March 14, 2000 at 65 FR 13855.

For Further Information Contact: Gary H. Lefkowitz of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Bay Internists, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan) Located in Kilmarnock, Virginia

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2000-23; Exemption Application No. D-10847]

Exemption

The restrictions of sections 406(a), 406(b)(1) and (b)(2) of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (E) of the Code, shall not apply to the proposed sale by the Plan of certain unimproved real property (the Property) located in Kilmarnock, Virginia, to Bay-Med, a general partnership which is a party in interest with respect to the Plan, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The proposed sale is a one-time cash transaction;

(b) The Plan receives the current fair market value for Property, as established at the time of the sale by an independent, qualified appraiser; and

(c) The Plan pays no commissions or other expenses associated with the sale.

For a more complete statement of the facts and representations supporting the Department's decision to grant this exemption, refer to the notice of proposed exemption published on March 14, 2000 at 65 FR 13858.

For Further Information Contact: Ekaterina A. Uzlyan of the Department at (202) 219-8883. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Foodcraft, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan (the Plan) Located in Los Angeles, California

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2000-24; Exemption Application No. D-10864]

Exemption

The restrictions of sections 406(a) and 406(b)(1) and (b)(2) of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (E) of the Code, shall not apply to the cash sale (the Sale) of certain improved real property (the Property) by the Plan to the trustees of the Plan, Ernest Lieblich and Caryl Lieblich (collectively, the

Trustees), parties in interest and disqualified persons with respect to the Plan, provided that the following conditions are met:

(a) All terms and conditions of the Sale are no less favorable to the Plan than those which the Plan could obtain in an arm's length transaction with an unrelated party;

(b) The Trustees will purchase the Property from the Plan for the greater of \$315,000 or the Property's fair market value as of the date of the transaction as determined by a qualified, independent appraiser;

(c) The Sale will be a one-time transaction for cash; and

(d) The Plan will pay no fees or commissions in connection with the Sale.

For a more complete statement of the facts and representations supporting the Department's decision to grant this exemption, refer to the notice of proposed exemption published on March 22, 2000 at 65 FR 15369.

For Further Information Contact: Mr. J. Martin Jara, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone (202) 219-8883. (This is not a toll-free number.)

General Information

The attention of interested persons is directed to the following:

(1) The fact that a transaction is the subject of an exemption under section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code does not relieve a fiduciary or other party in interest or disqualified person from certain other provisions to which the exemptions does not apply and the general fiduciary responsibility provisions of section 404 of the Act, which among other things require a fiduciary to discharge his duties respecting the plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan and in a prudent fashion in accordance with section 404(a)(1)(B) of the Act; nor does it affect the requirement of section 401(a) of the Code that the plan must operate for the exclusive benefit of the employees of the employer maintaining the plan and their beneficiaries;

(2) These exemptions are supplemental to and not in derogation of, any other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including statutory or administrative exemptions and transactional rules. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative or statutory exemption is not dispositive of whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction; and

(3) The availability of these exemptions is subject to the express condition that the material facts and

representations contained in each application accurately describes all material terms of the transaction which is the subject of the exemption.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 18th day of May, 2000.

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Director of Exemption Determinations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

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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 April 11th and April 13, 2000, the National Science Foundation published notices in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on May 15, 2000 to the following applicant:

Anne A. Sturz: Permit No. 2001-006

Rudolf S. Scheltema: Permit No. 2001-007

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2000.

PLACE: NTSB Board Room, 429 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20594.

STATUS: Open to the Public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

7009A—Marine Accident Report:

Ramming of the Eads Bridge by Barges in Tow of the M/V Anne Holly with Subsequent Ramming and near breakaway of the President of the Casino on the Admiral, St. Louis, Missouri, on April 4, 1998.