

proposed a two-year phase in period instead. The Exchange's proposal would therefore result in a company's paying 50% of the fee increase during the first year and 100% of the increase in the second year.

III. Discussion

After careful review, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.¹⁰ In particular, the Commission finds the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act¹¹ that an Exchange have rules that provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and issuers and other persons using its facilities.¹² The Commission believes that the NYSE's proposal to increase the listing fees applicable to closed-end funds is consistent with the Act because it is consistent with the Exchange's recent revisions to their fees generally and further provides for a net decrease in fees applicable to funds generally.

After careful consideration of the commenter's concerns about the increases in the fees applicable to the commenter, the Commission finds that the NYSE's determination to phase in the increase in fees over a two-year period is responsive to the commenter's observations that its fees would increase significantly as a result of the elimination of the 15-year exemption policy for closed-end funds. The Commission has also carefully considered the commenters' concerns about the fee increase applicable to closed-end funds that are not part of a larger fund family. The Commission finds that although the commenter's fees will increase by 57%, the increase is within the range identified by the Exchange, and that the fee increases for closed-end funds are commensurate with the Exchange's recent amendments to the fees applicable to listed operating companies, consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act.¹³

IV. Amendment No. 2

The Commission finds good cause for approving Amendment No. 2 prior to the thirtieth day after notice of the publication in the **Federal Register**. The Exchange wishes to begin applying the proposed fee changes effective no later than January 1, 2004. The Commission

finds that good cause exists to justify accelerated effectiveness to enable the fee change to be imposed no later than at the beginning of the new calendar year. The Commission believes that it is not necessary to separately solicit comment on Amendment 2 prior to approving this proposal because it finds that these changes to the proposed rule language respond to and incorporate suggestions made by the Commission and the commenter to the original proposal. The Commission therefore finds that acceleration of Amendment No. 2 is appropriate.

V. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning Amendment No. 2, including whether the proposed amendments are consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609.

Comments may also be submitted electronically at the following e-mail address: rule-comments@sec.gov. All comment letters should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-2003-33. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, comments should be sent in hard copy or by e-mail, but not by both methods. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed amendments that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the amendments between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-2003-33 and should be submitted by April 9, 2004.

VI. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁴ that the proposed rule change and Amendment No. 1 (SR-NYSE-2003-33), is approved, and Amendment No. 2 is approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Forms Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Extension of Clearance

AGENCY: Selective Service System.

ACTION: Notice.

The following forms, to be used only in the event that inductions into the Armed Services are resumed, have been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the extension of clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S. Chapter 35):

SSS—254

Title: Application for Voluntary Induction.

Purpose: Is used to apply for voluntary induction into the Armed Services.

Respondents: Registrants or nonregistrants who have attained the age of 17 years, who have not attained the age of 26 years and who have not completed his active duty obligation under the Military Selective Service Act.

Frequency: One-time.

Burden: The reporting burden is twelve minutes or less per individual.

SSS—350

Title: Registrant Travel Reimbursement Request.

Purpose: Is used to request reimbursement for expenses incurred when traveling to or from a Military Entrance Processing Station in compliance with an official order issued by the Selective Service System.

Respondents: All registrants required to travel to or from a Military Entrance Processing Station at their own expense.

Frequency: One-time.

Burden: The reporting burden is ten minutes or less per request.

Copies of the above identified forms can be obtained upon written request to Selective Service System, Reports Clearance Office, 1515 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22209-2425.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed

¹⁰ In approving this rule, the Commission has considered its impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

extension of clearance of the form(s) should be sent within 60 days of publication of this notice to Selective Service System, Reports Clearance Office, 1515 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22209-2425.

A copy of the comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer, Selective Service System, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 5, 2004.

Lewis C. Brodsky,

Acting Director.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 02/72-0610]

Gefus SBIC, L.P.; Notice Seeking Exemption Under Section 312 of the Small Business Investment Act, Conflicts of Interest

Notice is hereby given that Gefus SBIC, L.P., 375 Park Avenue, Suite 2401, New York, NY 10152, a Federal licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended ("the Act"), in connection with the financing of a small concern, has sought an exemption under section 312 of the Act and section 107.730, Financials which Constitute Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration ("SBA") rules and regulations (13 CFR 107.730). Gefus SBIC, L.P. proposes to provide equity/debt security financing to Patton Surgical, Inc. The financing is contemplated for operating expenses and for general corporate purposes.

The financing is brought within the purview of § 107.730(a)(1) of the regulations because Admiral Bobby R. Inman, an associate of Gefus SBIC, L.P., owns more than 10 percent of Patton Surgical, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on the transaction to the Associate Administrator for Investment, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416.

Dated: February 24, 2004.

Jeffrey Pierson,

Associate Administrator for Investment.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs

[Public Notice 4643]

Request for Nominations for the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee of the General Advisory Committee to the United States Section to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking applications and nominations for the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee of the General Advisory Committee to the United States Section to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC). The purpose of the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee is to provide public input and advice to the United States Section to the IATTC in the formulation of U.S. policy and positions at meetings of the IATTC and its subsidiary bodies. The Scientific Advisory Subcommittee also functions as the National Scientific Advisory Committee (NATSAC) provided for in the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP). The United States Section to the IATTC is composed of the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC, appointed by the President, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Fisheries or his or her designated representative. Authority to establish the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee is provided by the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950, as amended by the International Dolphin Conservation Program Act (IDCPA) of 1997.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted on or before September 20, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be submitted by September 20, 2004, to David Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Room 7831, Department of State, Washington, DC, 20520-7818; or by fax to 202-736-7350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Hogan, Office of Marine Conservation, Department of State: 202-647-2335.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scientific Advisory Subcommittee

The Tuna Conventions Act (16 U.S.C. 953.4) provides that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC, shall appoint a Scientific Advisory Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) of the General Advisory Committee. The Subcommittee is composed of not fewer

than 5 and not more than 15 qualified scientists with balanced representation from the public and private sectors, including non-governmental conservation organizations. The Subcommittee advises the Committee and the U.S. Section on matters including: The conservation of ecosystems; the sustainable uses of living marine resources related to the tuna fishery in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean; and the long-term conservation and management of stocks of living marine resources in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

In addition, at the request of the Committee, the U.S. Commissioners, or the Secretary of State, the Subcommittee performs such functions and provides such assistance as may be required by formal agreements entered into by the United States for the eastern Pacific tuna fishery, including the AIDCP. The functions may include: The review of data from the International Dolphin Conservation Program (IDCP), including data received from the IATTC staff; recommendations on research needs and the coordination and facilitation of such research; recommendations on scientific reviews and assessments required under the IDCP; recommendations with respect to measures to assure the regular and timely full exchange of data among the Parties to the AIDCP and each nation's NATSAC (or its equivalent); and consulting with other experts as needed. The Subcommittee is invited to have representatives attend all non-executive meetings of the U.S. Section and the General Advisory Committee and is given full opportunity to examine and to be heard on all proposed programs of scientific investigation, scientific reports, and scientific recommendations of the Commission. Representatives of the Subcommittee may attend meetings of the IATTC and the AIDCP as members of the U.S. delegation or otherwise in accordance with the rules of those bodies governing such participation. Participation as a member of the U.S. delegation is subject to such limits as may be placed on the size of the delegation.

National Scientific Advisory Committee

The Subcommittee also functions as the NATSAC established pursuant to Article XI of the AIDCP. In this regard, the Subcommittee performs the functions of the NATSAC as specified in Annex VI of the AIDCP including, but not limited to: Receiving and reviewing relevant data, including data provided to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) by the IATTC Staff; advising and recommending to the U.S.