

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

The RRB proposes significant, burden-impacting, editorial, and formatting changes to Form AA-4. The addition of many new items of information regarding an applicant's self-employment, largely intended to provide clarification regarding whether an applicant is a self-employed independent contractor or an employee of his client corporation, is being proposed. Other changes include dividing items that currently contain multiple questions into separate Yes/No responses. Checklists have also been added to many items to obtain more detailed and standardized responses. The completion time for the AA-4 is estimated at between 45 and 75 minutes. The RRB estimates that approximately 600 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 or send an E-mail request to Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or send an E-mail to Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Charles 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 6a-4; SEC File No. 270-496; OMB Control No. 3235-0554.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,¹ 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.

Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")² sets out a framework for the registration and regulation of national securities exchanges. Under the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000, a futures market may trade security futures products by registering as a national securities exchange. Rule 6a-4³ sets forth these registration procedures and directs futures markets to submit a notice registration on Form 1-N. Form 1-N calls for information regarding how the futures market operates, its rules and procedures, its criteria for membership, its subsidiaries and affiliates, and the security futures products it intends to trade. Rule 6a-4 also would require entities that have submitted an initial Form 1-N to file: (1) Amendments to Form 1-N in the event of material changes to the information provided in the initial Form 1-N; (2) periodic updates of certain information provided in the initial Form 1-N; (3) certain information that is provided to the futures market's members; and (4) a monthly report summarizing the futures market's trading of security futures products. The information required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 6a-4 is designed to enable the Commission to carry out its statutorily mandated oversight functions and to ensure that registered and exempt exchanges continue to be in compliance with the Act.

The respondents to the collection of information are futures markets.

The Commission estimates that the total annual burden for all respondents to provide the amendments and periodic updates under Rule 6a-4 would be 105 hours (15 hours/respondent per year × seven respondents) and \$10,066 (\$1438/response × seven responses/year). The Commission estimates that the total annual burden for the filing of the supplemental information and the monthly reports required under Rule 6a-4 would be 87.5 hours (25 filings/respondent × seven respondents × 0.5 hours/response). The SEC estimates that the total annual cost for all supplemental filings would be \$3675 (25 filings × 7 respondents per year × \$21/response).

An agency 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.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (a) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission by sending an e-mail to: David.Rostker@omb.eop.gov, and (b) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: July 27, 2004.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 1-15064]

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of GB Holdings, Inc. To Withdraw Its Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value, From Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC

August 10, 2004.

On June 30, 2004, GB Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Issuer"), filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its common stock, \$.01 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange").

On June 23, 2004, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer determined to withdraw the Issuer's Security from listing on the Amex. The Board concluded that the existing listing has not resulted in an active trading market which, the Board believes, results from several factors, including the fact that: (i) There are only 10 holders of record of the Security; (ii) in the past 30 days on average, approximately 14,500 shares of the Security were traded per day on the Amex; and (iii) approximately 83.1% of the outstanding Security is held by two different groups of stockholders, including approximately 77.5% which is owned by affiliates of the Issuer. The Board states that it believes, for the

² 15 U.S.C. 78f.

³ 17 CFR 240.6a-4.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

¹ 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

foregoing reasons, that the continued listing of the Security does not serve either the Issuer's interests or the interests of the stockholders. The Issuer states that on June 30, 2004, a special stockholders meeting was held with the stockholders of the Issuer in which the stockholders approved a transaction that included the delisting of the Security from the Amex. Furthermore, the Issuer states that it had been advised by representatives of the holders of approximately 77% of the Security, that they do not object to the Issuer's plan to delist the Security from the Amex. In addition, the Issuer states that it is seeking to develop a trading market in the over-the-counter market on the Pink Sheets.

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all applicable laws in the State of Delaware, in which it is incorporated, and with the Amex's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on the Amex and from registration under Section 12(b) of the Act,³ and shall not affect its obligation to be registered under Section 12(g) of the Act.⁴

Any interested person may, on or before August 31, 2004, comment on the facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Amex, and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. All comment letters may be submitted by either of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include the File Number 1-15064;

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609.

All submissions should refer to File Number 1-15064. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help us process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml>). Comments are also available for public

inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. All comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-50164; File No. SR-CBOE-2004-56]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated To Extend a Pilot Program Relating to Margin Requirements for Certain Complex Options Spreads

August 6, 2004.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on August 6, 2004, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the CBOE. Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁴ CBOE has designated this proposal as non-controversial, which renders the proposed rule change effective immediately upon filing. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

CBOE proposes to extend, until February 7, 2005, a pilot program permitting an interpretation to CBOE Rule 12.3, *Margin Requirements*, relating to margin requirements for certain complex option spreads. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, CBOE, and at the Commission.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, CBOE included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The CBOE has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

On August 8, 2003, the Commission approved a CBOE Regulatory Circular—Regulatory Circular RG03-66—which sets forth an interpretation of CBOE's current margin requirements for certain complex option spreads.⁵ The interpretation set forth in Regulatory Circular RG03-66 was approved on a one-year pilot basis ("Pilot") and is due to expire on August 7, 2004. The Exchange proposes to extend the Pilot for six months, until February 7, 2005, or until such time as the Commission has approved permanent implementation of these margin requirements, whichever occurs sooner.⁶

The Exchange is proposing an extension of the Pilot so that it may continue in effect while the Commission considers the Exchange's proposal for permanent implementation. As such, the Exchange proposes to reissue the Regulatory Circular with the new Pilot expiration date. The Exchange has received no negative comments

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 48306 (August 8, 2003), 68 FR 48974 (approving SR-CBOE-2003-24).

⁶ The Exchange in a separate filing is proposing permanent implementation of these margin requirements by incorporating the provisions of Regulatory Circular RG03-66 into its margin rules. See SR-CBOE-2004-53.

³ 15 U.S.C. 781(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 781(g).