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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release Nos. 33-8479; 34-50282; 35-27887; IA-2285; IC-26584, File No. S7-49-02]

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### Strengthening the Commission's Requirements Regarding Auditor Independence

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of OMB Approval of Collections of Information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert E. Burns, Chief Counsel, Office of the Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0506, at (202) 942-4400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget has approved the collection of information requirements contained in Strengthening the Commission's Requirements Regarding Auditor Independence,<sup>1</sup> titled:

- (1) "Proxy Statements—Regulation 14A (Commission Rules 14a-1 through 14a-15 and Schedule 14A)" (OMB Control No. 3235-0059);
- (2) "Information Statements—Regulation 14C (Commission Rules 14c-1 through 14c-7 and Schedule 14C)" (OMB Control No. 3235-0057);
- (3) "Form 10-K" (OMB Control No. 3235-0063);
- (4) "Form 10-KSB" (OMB Control No. 3235-0420);
- (5) "Form 20-F" (OMB Control No. 3235-0288);
- (6) "Form 40-F" (OMB Control No. 3235-0381); and
- (7) "Form N-CSR" (OMB Control No. 3235-0570).

<sup>1</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 47265 (Jan. 28, 2003), 68 FR 6006 (Feb. 5, 2003).

Dated: August 27, 2004.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

**Extension:**

Rule 52; File No. 270-81; OMB Control No. 3235-0369.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 52 permits public utility subsidiary companies of registered holding companies to issue and sell certain securities without filing a declaration if certain conditions are met. The purpose of collecting the information is to determine the existence of detriment to interests the Act was designed to protect. The Commission estimates that the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden of collections under rule 52 is 133 hours (*i.e.*, 133 responses × one hour = 133 burden hours).

The estimates of average burden hours are made for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted

in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

August 26, 2004.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of Chromcraft Revington, Inc. To Withdraw Its Common Stock, \$.01 par Value, From Listing and Registration on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. File No. 1-13970

August 27, 2004.

On August 9, 2004, Chromcraft Revington, 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")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,<sup>2</sup> to withdraw its common stock, \$.01 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE" or "Exchange").

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer adopted a resolution on April 29, 2004 to withdraw the Issuer's Security from listing on the NSE and to list on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex"). The Issuer stated that it decided to seek withdrawal of its Security from the NYSE because proposed changes to the continued listing requirements of the NYSE<sup>3</sup> would have made it more difficult for the Issuer to continue to have the Security qualified for listing on the NYSE. The Issuer further stated in its application that the Security is currently trading on the Amex.

The Issuer represented in its application that it has complied with the NYSE's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security and with all applicable laws in effect in the State of Delaware, the state in which it is incorporated. The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on the NYSE, and

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49917 (June 25, 2004), 69 FR 40439 (July 2, 2004) (File No. SR-NYSE-2004-20).

shall not affect its continued listing on the Amex or its obligation to be registered under section 12(b) of the Act.<sup>4</sup>

Any interested person may, on or before September 17, 2004 comment on the facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the NYSE 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include the File Number 1-13970 or;

#### *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 1-13970. 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.<sup>5</sup>

**Jonathan G. Katz,**

*Secretary.*

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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Investment Company Act Release No. 26582; 812-12970]

### **ASA Limited, et al.; Notice of Application**

August 27, 2004.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice of application under section 7(d) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

*Summary of Application:* Applicants ASA Limited ("ASA"), a South African closed-end management investment company registered under section 7(d) of the Act, and ASA (Bermuda) Limited ("ASAB"), a Bermuda limited liability company, request an order that would permit ASA to change its country of incorporation from South Africa to Bermuda by reorganizing into ASAB and permit ASAB to register under the Act. Applicants also seek approval of certain changes to the custodian agreement and the conditions governing their custodial arrangements.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on May 1, 2003, and amended on August 13, 2004.

*Hearing or Notification of Hearing:* An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on September 17, 2004, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit, or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Applicants, c/o R. Darrell Mounts, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marc R. Ponchione, Senior Counsel, at (202) 942-7927, or Janet M. Grossnickle, Branch Chief, at (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the

application. The complete application is available for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (telephone 202-942-8090).

#### *Applicants' Representations*

1. ASA is a closed-end management investment company organized in 1958 in South Africa. ASA is registered under the Act.<sup>1</sup> ASA's investment objective is to invest primarily in equity securities of South African issuers conducting, as the major portion of their business, gold mining and related activities in South Africa. As of April 30, 2004, approximately 74% of ASA's portfolio securities consist of equity securities issued by such companies. As of April 30, 2004, ASA has approximately \$372 million in assets and is internally managed by its director and chief executive officer who is a U.S. citizen residing in Buffalo, New York. Shares of ASA trade on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE").

2. ASA recently became subject to, or will soon become subject to, certain taxes in South Africa. ASA is presently subject to South African tax on its income from interest and foreign dividends. Interest received from funds held on deposit in South Africa is taxed at a rate of 30%. Beginning with the fiscal year ended November 30, 2002, interest received from funds held outside South Africa also became subject to a 30% tax. In addition, certain dividends received from investments outside South Africa are subject to a 30% tax. South Africa also imposes a capital gains tax ("CGT") on investment gains and a secondary tax on corporations ("STC") on dividends and

<sup>1</sup> Investment Company Act Release Nos. 2739 (July 3, 1958) (notice) and 2756 (Aug. 13, 1958) (order) (the "Original Order"). Since 1958, the Original Order has been amended on a number of occasions. See Investment Company Act Release Nos. 24321 (Feb. 29, 2000) (notice) and 24367 (Mar. 27, 2000) (order) (the "CSD Order"); Investment Company Act Release Nos. 21161 (June 23, 1995) (notice) and 21220 (July 20, 1995) (order); Investment Company Act Release Nos. 17904 (Dec. 17, 1990) (notice) and 17945 (Jan. 15, 1991) (order); Investment Company Act Release Nos. 14826 (Dec. 4, 1985) (notice) and 14878 (Dec. 31, 1985) (order); Investment Company Act Release Nos. 11669 (Mar. 6, 1981) (notice) and 11722 (Apr. 7, 1981) (order) (collectively with the CSD Order, the "Custody Orders"); Investment Company Act Release Nos. 8278 (Mar. 20, 1974) (notice) and 8312 (Apr. 17, 1974) (order); Investment Company Act Release Nos. 7860 (June 12, 1973) (notice) and 7894 (July 10, 1973) (order); Investment Company Act Release Nos. 2944 (Dec. 14, 1959) (notice) and 2957 (Dec. 29, 1959) (order); Investment Company Act Release Nos. 2883 (May 22, 1959) (notice) and 2886 (June 9, 1959) (order); and Investment Company Act Release Nos. 2817 (Jan. 5, 1959) (notice) and 2821 (Jan. 20, 1959) (order) (collectively with the Custody Orders, the "Subsequent Orders" and together with the Original Order, the "Prior Orders").

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78j(b).

<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).