

Rule 147(f)(1)(iii) Written Representation as to Purchaser Residency, SEC File No. 270–805, OMB Control No. 3235–0756

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 147 is a safe harbor under the Securities Act Section 3(a)(11) (15 U.S.C. 77c(a)(11)) exemption from registration. To qualify for the safe harbor, Rule 147(f)(1)(iii) (17 CFR 230.147) will require the issuer to obtain from the purchaser a written representation as to the purchaser’s residency. Under Rule 147, the purchaser in the offering must be a resident of the same state or territory in which the issuer is a resident. While the formal representation of residency by itself is not sufficient to establish a reasonable belief that such purchasers are in-state residents, the representation requirement, together with the reasonable belief standard, may result in better compliance with the rule and maintaining appropriate investor protections. The representation of residency is not provided to the Commission. Approximately 700 respondents provide the information required by Rule 147(f)(1)(iii) at an estimated 2.75 hours per response for a total annual reporting burden of 1,925 hours (2.75 hours × 700 responses).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) 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.

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Please direct your written comment to Charles Riddle, Acting Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and

Exchange Commission, c/o Cynthia Roscoe, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: December 5, 2019.

Jill M. Peterson,
Assistant Secretary.

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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 FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–2736

Extension:

Form SD, SEC File No. 270–647, OMB Control No. 3235–0697

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”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget this request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form SD (17 CFR 249b–400) under Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) (“Exchange Act”) pursuant to Section 13(p) (15 U.S.C. 78m(p)) of the Exchange Act is filed by issuers to provide disclosures regarding the source and chain of custody of certain minerals used in their products. The information provided is mandatory and all information is made available to the public upon request. We estimate that Form SD takes approximately 541.3596 hours per response to prepare and is filed by approximately 1,481 issuers. We estimate that 75% of the 541.3596 hours per response (406.0197 hours) is prepared by the issuer internally for a total annual burden of 601,315 hours (406.0197 hours per response × 1,481 responses).

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The public may view the background documentation for this information collection at the following website, www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive

Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: Lindsay.M.Abate@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Charles Riddle, Acting Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Cynthia Roscoe, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: December 5, 2019.

Jill M. Peterson,
Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 04/04–0330]

Ballast Point Ventures III, L.P.; Notice Seeking Exemption Under Section 312 of the Small Business Investment Act, Conflicts of Interest

Notice is hereby given that Ballast Point Ventures III, L.P., 401 East Jackson Street, Suite 2300, Tampa, FL 33602, a Federal Licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (“the Act”), in connection with the financing in a small concern, has sought an exemption under Section 312 of the Act, Section 107.730, Financings which constitute Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration (“SBA”) Rules and Regulations (13 CFR 107.730). Ballast Point Ventures III, L.P. proposes to invest \$2 million in YPrime Inc., 9 Great Valley Parkway, Malvern, PA 19355, in a proposed \$5 million follow-on financing led by a significant sophisticated third party. The financing is brought within the purview of § 107.730(a)(1) of the Regulations because Ballast Point Ventures II, LP and Ballast Point Ventures EF II, LP (together “BPV II”) and YPrime Inc. are Associates to the Licensee. YPrime is expected to receive \$5 million from a proposed \$5 million follow-on financing. Thus, this transaction constitutes a Conflict of Interest requiring SBA’s prior written exemption.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on this transaction within fifteen days of the date of this publication to the Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business

Administration, 409 Third Street SW,
Washington, DC 20416.

A. Joseph Shepard,

*Associate Administrator for Office of
Investment and Innovation.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10972]

**Notice of Determinations: Culturally
Significant Objects Imported for
Exhibition—Determinations: “Madame
d’Ora” Exhibition**

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be exhibited in the exhibition “Madame d’Ora,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Neue Galerie New York, in New York, New York, from on or about February 20, 2020, until on or about June 8, 2020, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chi D. Tran, Paralegal Specialist, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/ PD, SA–5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000.

Marie Therese Porter Royce,

*Assistant Secretary, Educational and Cultural
Affairs, Department of State.*

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1291X]

**Alcoa Energy Services, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Milam
County, Tex.**

On November 21, 2019, Alcoa Energy Services, Inc. (AESI), filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 for AESI to abandon approximately six miles of railroad line extending between milepost 0.0 at a point of connection with Union Pacific Railroad Company at Marjorie, Tex., and milepost 6.0 at Sandow, Tex. (the Line).¹ The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 76567 and 76577.

AESI acquired the Line in 2018. *See Alcoa Energy Servs., Inc.—Acquis. Exemption—Rockdale, Sandow & S. R.R.*, FD 36257 (STB served Dec. 14, 2018). AESI states that, after almost a year of ownership, there is no current demand for rail service and no apparent traffic prospects. (Pet. 3.)² AESI states that, if the petition for exemption is granted, it intends for the time being to preserve the Line as private, unregulated trackage, but it cannot rule out the possibility of future salvage. (Pet. 2.)

AESI believes that it possesses fee title interest in the underlying right-of-way, and, as such, that there is no federally granted right-of-way along the route. Any documentation in the railroad’s possession regarding federally granted right-of-way will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

AESI states that, because it proposes to abandon its entire railroad system, it is appropriate that no labor protective covenants be imposed. (Pet. 7 (citing *Knox & Kane R.R.—Aban. Exemption—McKean Cty., Pa.*, AB 551 (Sub-No. 2X) (STB served July 24, 2015).)

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by March 10, 2020.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 120 days after the filing of the petition for exemption, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption,

¹ AESI states that it does not know if the Line has any stations, but it believes that the Line may include the stations of Marjorie and Sandow.

² According to the petition, Alcoa USA Corp. owns an inactive smelter facility (Sandow Facility) on the Line which will not be restored to operation. (Pet. 1–2.)

whichever occurs sooner. Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer by December 23, 2019, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (*i.e.*, subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. *See* 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(1)(i).

Following authorization for abandonment, the Line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for interim trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than December 31, 2019.³

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 1291X, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on AESI’s representative, Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606. Replies to this petition are due on or before December 31, 2019.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board’s Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245–0238 or refer to the full abandonment regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board’s Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245–0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by OEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who comment during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA generally will be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: December 5, 2019.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director,
Office of Proceedings.

Kenyatta Clay,
Clearance Clerk.

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³ Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.