

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, August 8, 1996 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. (Ninth Floor).

STATUS: This Meeting Will Be Open to the Public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes
Advisory Opinion 1996-30: Robert F. Bauer on behalf of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee
Advisory Opinion 1996-32: Craig Engle on behalf of the National Republican Senatorial Committee
Electronic Filing of Reports By Political Committees; Draft Final Rule with Explanation and Justification
Administrative Matters

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer,
Telephone: (202) 219-4155.

Marjorie W. Emmons,
Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Federal Maritime Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) pursuant to section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties may inspect and obtain a copy of each agreement at the Washington, D.C. Office of the Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., 9th Floor. Interested parties may submit comments on each agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573, within 10 days after the date of the Federal Register in which this notice appears. The requirements for comments are found in section 572.603 of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Interested persons should consult this section before communicating with the Commission regarding a pending agreement.

Agreement No.: 202-011432-006

Title: Pacific Latin America Agreement
Parties:

A.P. Moller-Maersk Line
Sea-Land Service, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment expands the geographic scope of the Agreement to include all ports of Mexico and Central America. The parties have requested a shortened review period.

Agreement No.: 224-010806-005

Title: Port of Portland/Stevedoring Services of America, Inc. Management Agreement

Parties:

Port of Portland ("Port")

Stevedoring Services of America, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment increases the crane maintenance fee to \$5,000, clarifies the Port's responsibilities and specifies the use of only Cranes 371, 372 and 356.

Dated: July 26, 1996.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573.

New England Logistics Group Inc., 25 Adams Street, Braintree, MA 02184,
Officers: Richard T. Sheridan, Jr., President; William F. Sheridan, Vice President

Korex Transport, Inc., 1145 West Walnut Street, Compton, CA 90220,
Officer: Han Jong Choi, President
Kota Shipping Corp., 1325 NW 93 Ct., Suite B-108, Miami, FL 33172,
Officer: Bogdan Koszarycz, President.

Dated: July 29, 1996.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The company listed in this notice has applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies

owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The application listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the application must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than August 26, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Lloyd W. Bostian, Jr., Senior Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261:

1. *Century Bancorp, Inc.*, Thomasville, North Carolina; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Home Savings, Inc., SSB, Thomasville, North Carolina.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 26, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson

Deputy Secretary of the Board

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Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies That are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The company listed in this notice has given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.25 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.25) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

The notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notice has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether consummation of the proposal can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing on this question must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the application must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than August 15, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (James M. Lyon, Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480:

1. *Norwest Corporation*, Minneapolis, Minnesota; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, *Norwest Financial, Inc.*, Des Moines, Iowa, in the issuance and sale at retail of money orders having a face value of not more than \$1 thousand through its existing subsidiaries, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(12) of the

Board's Regulation Y. *Norwest Financial* will enter into a contract with *Travelers Express, Inc.*, Minneapolis, Minnesota. *Travelers Express* would provide *Norwest Financial* with blank money order forms and the equipment necessary to process the money order sales. *Norwest Financial* would act as the agent of *Travelers Express* and sell money orders in exchange for a flat fee for each money order sold.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 26, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson

Deputy Secretary of the Board

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 961-0053]

Fresenius AG; Fresenius USA, Inc.; Proposed Consent Agreement With Analysis To Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed consent agreement.

SUMMARY: In settlement of alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices and unfair methods of competition, this consent agreement, accepted subject to final Commission approval, would require, among other things, the Walnut Creek, California-based subsidiary of *Fresenius AG* to divest its *Lewisberry, Pennsylvania hemodialysis concentrate plant* to *Di-Chem, Inc.* The consent agreement settles antitrust concerns stemming from *Fresenius'* proposed acquisition of *National Medical Care, Inc. (NMC)* from *W.R. Grace & Co.* *Fresenius* is one of the world's leading producers of kidney dialysis equipment, and *NMC* is the largest dialysis services company in the United States. The draft complaint alleges that *Fresenius'* acquisition of *NMC* would produce a firm with a market share of approximately 45-50 percent of the hemodialysis concentrate market.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 6th St. and Pa. Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Howard Morse, Federal Trade Commission, 6th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., S-3627, Washington, DC 20850. (202) 326-2949.

Robert Tovskey, Federal Trade Commission, 6th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., S-3627, Washington, DC 20850. (202) 326-2949.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46 and Section 2.34 of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 2.34), notice is hereby given that the following consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of sixty (60) days. Public comment is invited. Such comments or views will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with Section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii)).

Agreement Containing Consent Order

The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission"), having initiated an investigation of the proposed acquisition by *Fresenius AG* of *National Medical Care, Inc.* from *W.R. Grace & Co.*, and it now appearing that *Fresenius AG* and *Fresenius USA, Inc.* (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "proposed respondents") are willing to enter into an agreement containing an order to divest certain assets, and to cease and desist from making certain acquisitions without providing advance written notification to the Commission, and providing for other relief:

It is Hereby agreed by and between proposed respondents, by their duly authorized officers and attorneys, and counsel for the Commission that:

i. Proposed respondent *Fresenius AG* is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of Germany with its office and principal place of business located at Borkenberg 14, 61440 Oberursel/Ts, Bad Homburg, Germany.

ii. Proposed respondent *Fresenius USA, Inc.* is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of Massachusetts with its principal place of business located at 2637 Shadelands Drive, Walnut Creek, California 94598.

iii. Proposed respondents admit all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the draft of complaint.

iv. Proposed respondents waive:

- (1) Any further procedural steps;
- (2) The requirement that the

Commission's decision contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law;

(3) All rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of the order entered pursuant to this agreement; and

(4) Any claim under the Equal Access to Justice Act.