

present, as noted in Section III above. Therefore, an exemption is hereby granted from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.44, 10 CFR 50.46, and 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix K, to allow use of the M5 alloy.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment (65 FR 20209).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 29th day of July 2000.

**John A. Zwolinski,**

*Director, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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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 23c-1, SEC File No. 270-253, OMB Control No. 3235-0260.

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 (the "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 23c-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, among other things, permits a closed-end fund to repurchase its securities for cash if in addition to the other requirements set forth in the rule: (i) Payment of the purchase price is accompanied or preceded by a written confirmation of the purchase; (ii) the asset coverage per unit of the security to be purchased is disclosed to the seller or his agent; and (iii) if the security is a stock, the fund has, within the preceding six months, informed stockholders of its intention to purchase stock. The Commission staff estimates that approximately 19 closed-end funds rely on Rule 23c-1 annually to undertake approximately 115 repurchases of their securities. The Commission staff estimates that, on average, a fund spends approximately 2.5 hours on complying with the

paperwork requirements listed above each time it undertakes a security repurchase under the rule. The total annual burden of the rule's paperwork requirements thus is estimated to be 287.5 hours.

In addition, the fund must file with the Commission, during the calendar month following any month in which a purchase permitted by rule 23c-1 occurs, two copies of a report of purchases made during the month, together with a copy of any written solicitation to purchase securities given by or on behalf of the fund to 10 or more persons. The burden associated with filing Form N-23C-1, the form for this report, has been addressed in the submission for that form.

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is 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: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of 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.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: July 28, 2000.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy 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 Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extensions: Rule 206(4)-3, SEC File No. 270-218, OMB Control No. 3235-0242, and

Rule 206(4)-4, SEC File No. 270-304, OMB Control No. 3235-0345.

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 a request for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Rule 206(4)-3, which is entitled "Cash Payments for Client Solicitations," provides restrictions on cash payments for client solicitations. The rule requires that an adviser pay all solicitors' fees pursuant to a written agreement. When an adviser will provide only impersonal advisory services to the prospective client, the rule imposes no disclosure requirements. When the solicitor is affiliated with the adviser and the adviser will provide individualized services, the solicitor must, at the time of the solicitation, indicate to prospective clients that he is affiliated with the adviser. When the solicitor is not affiliated with the adviser and the adviser will provide individualized services, the solicitor must, at the time of the solicitation, provide the prospective client with a copy of the adviser's brochure and a disclosure document containing information specified in rule 206(4)-3. The information rule 206(4)-3 requires is necessary to inform advisory clients about the nature of the solicitor's financial interest in the recommendation so they may consider the solicitor's potential bias, and to protect investors against solicitation activities being carried out in a manner inconsistent with the adviser's fiduciary duty to clients. Rule 206(4)-3 is applicable to all registered investment advisers. The Commission believes that approximately 1,588 of the advisers have cash referral fee arrangements. The rule requires approximately 7.04 burden hours per year per adviser and results in a total of approximately 11,180 total burden hours (7.04×1,588) for all advisers.

Rule 206(4)-4, which is entitled "Financial and Disciplinary Information that Investment Advisers Must Disclose to Clients," requires advisers to disclose certain financial and disciplinary information to clients. The disclosure requirements in rule 206(4)-4 are designed so that a client will have information about an adviser's financial condition and disciplinary events that may be material to an evaluation of the adviser's integrity or ability to meet contractual commitments to clients. We

estimate that approximately 1,118 advisers are subject to this rule. The rule requires approximately 7.5 burden hours per year per adviser and amounts to approximately 8,385 total burden hours (7.5x1,118) for all advisers.

The disclosure requirements of rules 206(4)-3 and 206(4)-4 are mandatory. Information subject to the disclosure requirements of rules 206(4)-3 and 206(4)-4 is not submitted to the Commission, so confidentiality is not an issue. 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.

General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: July 31, 2000.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy 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 Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extensions: Form F-80, SEC File No. 270-357, OMB Control No. 3235-0404, and Form 18, SEC File No. 270-105, OMB Control No. 3235-0121.

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 requests for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Form F-80 is used by certain Canadian issuers to register securities to be issued in exchange offers or business combinations. All information provided on Form F-80 must be submitted to the Commission. The Commission uses very little of the collected information itself

except on an occasional basis in the enforcement of the securities laws. Form F-80 is required to be filed on occasion and is a public document. Form F-80 takes approximately 2 hours to prepare and is filed by 2 respondents for a total of 4 burden hours.

Form 18 is used for the registration of securities of any foreign government or political subdivision on a U.S. Exchange. All information provided on Form 18 must be submitted to the Commission. The Commission uses very little of the collected information itself except on an occasional basis in the enforcement of the securities laws. Form 18 is filed on occasion and is a public document. Form 18 takes approximately 8 hours to prepare and is filed by 5 respondents for a total of 40 burden hours.

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: (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; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: August 1, 2000.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 24589; 812-12144]

### Goldman Sachs Trust et al., Notice of Application

August 1, 2000.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of an application for an order under section 10(e)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") suspending the operation of section 10(b) of the Act.

*Summary of Application:* Applicants request an order extending, until August 31, 2000, the thirty-day period provided

for by section 10(e)(1) of the Act during which a vacancy on the boards of trustees ("Boards") of Goldman Sachs Trust ("GST") and Goldman Sachs Variable Insurance Trust ("GSVIT") may be filed by action of the Boards in order to bring the composition of the Boards into compliance with section 10(b) of the Act. Applicants further request that the order grant retroactive relief for the period from July 2, 2000, the expiration date of the statutory thirty-day period, to the date on which the order is issued.

*Applicants:* GST and GSVIT.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on June 30, 2000, and amended on July 28, 2000.

*Hearing or Notification of Hearing:* An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on August 24, 2000, 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 who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549-0609. Applicants, 4900 Sears Tower, Chicago, IL 60606-6303.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bruce R. MacNeil, Staff Attorney, at (202) 942-0634, or Nadya B. Roytblat, Assistant Director, at (202) 942-0564 (Office of Investment Company Regulation, Division of Investment Management).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549-0102 (telephone (202) 942-8090).

### Applicants' Representations

1. GST and GSVIT (collectively, the "Trusts"), each a Delaware business trust, are open-end management investment companies comprised of multiple series and registered under the Act. GSVIT serves as an investment vehicle for separate accounts of participating insurance companies for the purpose of funding variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies ("Contracts"). Goldman Sachs & Co. ("GSC") serves as principal