

banking regulation that is independent of Merganser.

(b) "Claim" shall mean a civil proceeding for monetary relief which is commenced by the filing or service of a civil complaint or similar pleading, or a request for monetary relief which could have been the subject of such a complaint or pleading but for a settlement agreement.

(c) "ERISA Claim" shall mean a Claim filed against Merganser or with respect to which a settlement is reached with Merganser prior to December 31, 2006, by reason of Merganser's alleged breach or violation of a duty described in sections 404 or 406 of the Act.

(d) "ERISA Client" shall mean any employee benefit plan covered by Title I of ERISA to which Merganser provides or provided investment management services on or before December 31, 2006.

(e) "Letter of Credit" shall mean a standby letter of credit in the amount of \$750,000 issued by a commercial bank, trust company or other financial institution subject to federal or state banking regulation that is independent of Merganser.

(f) "Pending ERISA Claim" shall mean an ERISA Claim that: (i) has been filed in court and is not the subject of a final judgment or settlement; or (ii) has been the subject of a final judgment or settlement which remains unsatisfied.

(g) A person will be "independent" of another person only if:

(i) For purposes of this exemption, such person is not an affiliate of that other person; and

(ii) The other person, or an affiliate thereof, is not a fiduciary that has investment management authority or renders investment advice with respect to assets of such person.

(h) An "affiliate" of a person means:

(i) Any person directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the person. (For purposes of this paragraph, the term "control" means the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a person other than an individual);

(ii) Any officer, director, employee or relative (as defined in section 3(15) of the Act) of any such other person or any partner in any such person; and

(iii) Any corporation or partnership of which such person is an officer, director or employee, or in which such person is a partner.

For a more complete statement of the facts and representations supporting the Department's decision to grant this exemption, refer to the notice of

proposed exemption published on June 4, 2001 at 66 FR 30012.

For Further Information Contact:

Karen Lloyd of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8194. (This is not a toll-free number).

General Information

The attention of interested persons is directed to the following:

(1) The fact that a transaction is the subject of an exemption under section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code does not relieve a fiduciary or other party in interest or disqualified person from certain other provisions to which the exemptions does not apply and the general fiduciary responsibility provisions of section 404 of the Act, which among other things require a fiduciary to discharge his duties respecting the plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan and in a prudent fashion in accordance with section 404(a)(1)(B) of the Act; nor does it affect the requirement of section 401(a) of the Code that the plan must operate for the exclusive benefit of the employees of the employer maintaining the plan and their beneficiaries;

(2) These exemptions are supplemental to and not in derogation of, any other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including statutory or administrative exemptions and transactional rules. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative or statutory exemption is not dispositive of whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction; and

(3) The availability of these exemptions is subject to the express condition that the material facts and representations contained in each application accurately describes all material terms of the transaction which is the subject of the exemption.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 4th day of September, 2001.

Ivan Strasfeld,

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Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration,
Department of Labor.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Application No. D-10946]

Notice of Proposed Individual Exemption To Amend Prohibited Transaction Exemption (PTE) 99-45, Involving Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation (DLJ), Located in New York, NY

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed individual exemption to modify PTE 99-45.

SUMMARY: This document contains a notice of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of a proposed individual exemption which, if granted, would amend PTE 99-45 (64 FR 61138, November 9, 1999), an exemption granted to DLJ. PTE 99-45, which is effective as of September 24, 1999, relates to the (1) purchase or sale of a security between certain affiliates of DLJ which are foreign broker-dealers (the Foreign Affiliates) and employee benefit plans (the Plans) with respect to which the Foreign Affiliates are parties in interest, including options written by a Plan, DLJ or the Foreign Affiliates; (2) the extension of credit to the Plans by the Foreign Affiliates to permit the settlement of securities transactions that are effected on either an agency or a principal basis, or in connection with the writing of options contracts; and (3) the lending of securities to the Foreign Affiliates by the Plans.

If granted, the proposed exemption would incorporate by reference many of the facts, representations and conditions contained in PTE 99-45. However, the proposed exemption would expand the scope of PTE 99-45 to apply not only to current and future Foreign Affiliates of DLJ that are located in the United Kingdom and Australia, and which are subject to the securities regulatory entities within these jurisdictions, but to current and future Foreign Affiliates of Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation (CSFB), also located in the United Kingdom and Australia. CSFB, a Massachusetts-based broker-dealer registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Credit Suisse Group (CSG). As of December 31, 1999, CSFB had approximately \$97.8 billion in assets on a consolidated basis. CSG is the current parent of DLJ.

Thus, the proposed exemption will affect participants, beneficiaries and fiduciaries of Plans which are engaged in purchases or sales of securities in securities lending arrangements with Foreign Affiliates of DLJ or CSFB that are located in the United Kingdom and Australia.

EFFECTIVE DATE: If granted, the proposed amendment will be effective as of November 3, 2000.

DATES: Written comments and requests for a public hearing should be received by the Department on or before October 22, 2001.

ADDRESSES: All written comments and requests for a public hearing (preferably, three copies) should be sent to the Office of Exemption Determinations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Room N-5649, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, Attention: Application No. D-10946. The application pertaining to the proposed exemption and the comments received will be available for public inspection in the Public Disclosure Room of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-1513, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jan D. Broady, Office of Exemption Determinations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given of the pendency before the Department of a proposed exemption that will amend PTE 99-45. PTE 99-45 provides an exemption from certain prohibited transaction restrictions of section 406 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and from the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code), as amended, by reason of section 4975(c)(1) of the Code.

The proposed exemption has been requested in an application filed on behalf of DLJ and CSFB (together, the Applicants) pursuant to section 408(a) of the Act and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, and in accordance with the procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, August 10, 1990). Effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978 (43 FR 47713, October 17, 1978) transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type requested to the

Secretary of Labor. Accordingly, the proposed exemption is being issued solely by the Department.

PTE 99-45 states that—

- The restrictions of section 406(a)(1)(A) through (D) of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (D) of the Code, shall not apply, effective September 24, 1999, to any purchase or sale of a security between certain affiliates of DLJ which are Foreign Affiliates and Plans with respect to which the Foreign Affiliates are parties in interest, including options written by a Plan, DLJ or the Foreign Affiliates;
- The restrictions of sections 406(a)(1)(A) through (D) and 406(b)(2) of the Act and from the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (D) of the Code, shall not apply, effective September 24, 1999, to any extension of credit to the Plans by the Foreign Affiliates to permit the settlement of securities transactions, regardless of whether the transactions are effected on an agency or a principal basis, or in connection with the writing of options contracts; and
- The restrictions of section 406(a)(1)(A) through (D) of the Act and from the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (D) of the Code, shall not apply, effective September 24, 1999, to the lending of securities to the Foreign Affiliates by the Plans.

The transactions described in PTE 99-45 are subject to a number of conditions.

Subsequent to the granting of PTE 99-45, the Applicants informed the Department of certain modifications to the Summary of Facts and Representations set forth in Prohibited Transaction Exemption PTE 99-45. Specifically, on August 30, 2000, Credit Suisse Group (CSG), a global financial services company providing insurance, banking and investment banking products in Switzerland and abroad, agreed to purchase Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette, Inc. (DLJ, Inc.), the former parent of DLJ. Pursuant to a tender offer, Diamond Acquisition Corporation (DAC), a CSG subsidiary and a shell corporation formed for the purpose of the merger described herein, purchased all of the outstanding voting common stock of DLJ, Inc., of the series designated as "DLJ Common Stock," for a purchase price of \$90 per share or an aggregate purchase price that was in excess of \$10 billion. After these shares of common stock were tendered, the shares of DLJ Common Stock held by AXA, S.A. (AXA), DLJ, Inc.'s ultimate parent at that time, and certain affiliates of AXA, were also purchased by DAC.

On November 3, 2000 (i.e., the closing date), DLJ, Inc. became an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of CSG and a

direct subsidiary of Credit Suisse First Boston, Inc. (CSFBI). Diamond Restructuring Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of DAC, merged with and into DLJ, Inc. DLJ, Inc. was the surviving entity in the merger. CSFBI then transferred all of the outstanding shares of its wholly owned subsidiary, CSFB, a U.S. registered broker-dealer, to DLJ, Inc. and CSFB became a wholly owned subsidiary of DLJ, Inc. DLJ continued to exist as a separate wholly owned subsidiary of DLJ, Inc. under the same name. DLJ, Inc. was the surviving entity in the transactions described above and, on November 6, 2000, DLJ, Inc. was renamed "Credit Suisse First Boston (USA), Inc." (CSFB (USA)). At present, DLJ continues to survive as a wholly owned subsidiary of CSFB (USA).

The Applicants note that PTE 99-45 defines the term "Foreign Affiliates" to include "current and future affiliate[s] of DLJ" that are subject to similar regulations in the United Kingdom and in Australia. Therefore, the Applicants believe that foreign broker-dealer affiliates of CSFB, by virtue of the acquisition transaction, are affiliates of DLJ and, thus, are covered by PTE 99-45, to the extent the Foreign Affiliates are regulated by either the Securities and Futures Authority in the United Kingdom or the Australian Securities & Investments Commission in Australia. In addition, the Applicants note that DLJ, as an independent entity, will survive for some time, but may eventually be merged into and become part of CSFB in the future.

If granted, the amendment will be effective as of November 3, 2000. For purposes of the amendment, the Department has revised the operative language of the proposal and the definitions to include references to both DLJ and CSFB and their affiliates, where applicable. The Department notes that these revisions will extend the availability of PTE 99-45 to current and future Foreign Affiliates of DLJ that are based in the United Kingdom and Australia as well as to current and future Foreign Affiliates of CSFB, also based in these countries.

Notice to Interested Persons

The Applicants represent that, because those Plans that will be potentially interested in the transactions cannot be identified at this time, the only practical means of notifying Plan fiduciaries is by the publication of the notice of proposed exemption in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, comments and requests for a hearing must be received by the Department not later than 30 days from the date of the

publication of the proposed exemption in the **Federal Register**.

General Information

The attention of interested persons is directed to the following:

(1) The fact that a transaction is the subject of an exemption under section 408(a) of the Act and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code does not relieve a fiduciary or other party in interest or disqualified person from certain other provisions of the Act and the Code, including any prohibited transaction provisions to which the exemption does not apply and the general fiduciary responsibility provisions of section 404 of the Act, which require, among other things, a fiduciary to discharge his or her duties respecting the plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan and in a prudent fashion in accordance with section 404(a)(1)(B) of the Act; nor does it affect the requirements of section 401(a) of the Code that the plan operate for the exclusive benefit of the employees of the employer maintaining the plan and their beneficiaries;

(2) The proposed exemption, if granted, will not extend to transactions prohibited under section 406(b)(3) of the Act and section 4975(c)(1)(F) of the Code;

(3) Before an exemption can be granted under section 408(a) of the Act and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, the Department must find that the exemption is administratively feasible, in the interest of the plan and of its participants and beneficiaries and protective of the rights of participants and beneficiaries of the plan;

(4) This proposed exemption, if granted, will be supplemental to, and not in derogation of, any other provisions of the Act and the Code, including statutory or administrative exemptions. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative or statutory exemption is not dispositive of whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction; and

(5) This proposed exemption, if granted, is subject to the express condition that the facts and representations set forth in the notice of proposed exemption relating to PTE 99-45 and this notice, accurately describe, where relevant, the material terms of the transactions to be consummated pursuant to this exemption.

Written Comments and Hearing Requests

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments or requests for a hearing on the pending exemption to

the address above, within the time frame set forth above, after the publication of this proposed exemption in the **Federal Register**. All comments will be made a part of the record. Comments received will be available for public inspection with the referenced applications at the address set forth above.

Proposed Exemption

Based on the facts and representations set forth in the application, the Department is considering granting the requested exemption under the authority of section 408(a) of the Act and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and in accordance with the procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, August 10, 1990).

Section I. Covered Transactions

A. If the exemption is granted, the restrictions of section 406(a)(1)(A) through (D) of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (D) of the Code, shall not apply, effective November 3, 2000, to any purchase or sale of a security between certain affiliates of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation (DLJ) or Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation (CSFB) which are foreign broker-dealers (the Foreign Affiliates, as defined below) and employee benefit plans (the Plans) with respect to which the Foreign Affiliates are parties in interest, including options written by a Plan, DLJ, CSFB, or a Foreign Affiliate, provided that the following conditions and the General Conditions of Section II, are satisfied:

(1) The Foreign Affiliate customarily purchases and sells securities for its own account in the ordinary course of its business as a broker-dealer;

(2) The terms of any transaction are at least as favorable to the Plan as those which the Plan could obtain in a comparable arm's length transaction with an unrelated party; and

(3) Neither the Foreign Affiliate nor an affiliate thereof has discretionary authority or control with respect to the investment of the Plan assets involved in the transaction, or renders investment advice (within the meaning of 29 CFR 2510.3-21(c)) with respect to those assets, and the Foreign Affiliate is a party in interest or disqualified person with respect to the Plan assets involved in the transaction solely by reason of section 3(14)(B) of the Act or section 4975(e)(2)(B) of the Code, or by reason of a relationship to a person described in such sections. For purposes of this paragraph, the Foreign Affiliate shall not be deemed to be a fiduciary with

respect to Plan assets solely by reason of providing securities custodial services for a Plan.

B. The restrictions of sections 406(a)(1)(A) through (D) and 406(b)(2) of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (D) of the Code, shall not apply, effective November 3, 2000, to any extension of credit to the Plans by the Foreign Affiliates to permit the settlement of securities transactions, regardless of whether they are effected on an agency or a principal basis, or in connection with the writing of options contracts, provided that the following conditions and the General Conditions of Section II are satisfied:

(1) The Foreign Affiliate is not a fiduciary with respect to any Plan assets involved in the transaction, unless no interest or other consideration is received by the Foreign Affiliate or an affiliate thereof, in connection with such extension of credit; and

(2) Any extension of credit would be lawful under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the 1934 Act) and any rules or regulations thereunder if such Act, rules or regulations were applicable.

C. The restrictions of section 406(a)(1)(A) through (D) of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (D) of the Code, shall not apply, effective November 3, 2000, to the lending of securities to the Foreign Affiliates by the Plans, provided that the following conditions and the General Conditions of Section II are satisfied:

(1) Neither the Foreign Affiliate nor an affiliate thereof has discretionary authority or control with respect to the investment of Plan assets involved in the transaction, or renders investment advice (within the meaning of 29 CFR 2510.3-21(c)) with respect to those assets;

(2) The Plan receives from the Foreign Affiliate (by physical delivery or by book entry in a securities depository, wire transfer, or similar means) by the close of business on the day on which the loaned securities are delivered to the Foreign Affiliate, collateral consisting of cash, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities, or irrevocable U.S. bank letters of credit issued by persons other than the Foreign Affiliate or an affiliate of the Foreign Affiliate, or any combination thereof. All collateral shall be in U.S. dollars, or dollar-denominated securities or bank letters of credit, and shall be held in the United States;

(3) The collateral has, as of the close of business on the preceding business day, a market value equal to at least 100 percent of the then market value of the loaned securities (or, in the case of letters of credit, a stated amount equal to same);

(4) The loan is made pursuant to a written loan agreement (the Loan Agreement), which may be in the form of a master agreement covering a series of securities lending transactions, and which contains terms at least as favorable to the Plan as those the Plan could obtain in an arm's length transaction with an unrelated party;

(5) In return for lending securities, the Plan either (a) receives a reasonable fee, which is related to the value of the borrowed securities and the duration of the loan, or (b) has the opportunity to derive compensation through the investment of cash collateral. In the latter case, the Plan may pay a loan rebate or similar fee to the Foreign Affiliate, if such fee is not greater than the Plan would pay an unrelated party in a comparable arm's length transaction with an unrelated party;

(6) The Plan receives at least the equivalent of all distributions on the borrowed securities made during the term of the loan, including, but not limited to, cash dividends, interest payments, shares of stock as a result of stock splits and rights to purchase additional securities that the Plan would have received (net of tax withholdings)¹ had it remained the record owner of such securities.

(7) If the market value of the collateral as of the close of trading on a business day falls below 100 percent of the market value of the borrowed securities as of the close of trading on that day, the Foreign Affiliate delivers additional collateral, by the close of the Plan's business on the following business day, to bring the level of the collateral back to at least 100 percent. However, if the market value of the collateral exceeds 100 percent of the market value of the borrowed securities, the Foreign Affiliate may require the Plan to return part of the collateral to reduce the level of the collateral to 100 percent;

(8) Before entering into a Loan Agreement, the Foreign Affiliate furnishes to the independent Plan fiduciary (a) the most recent available audited statement of the Foreign

Affiliate's financial condition, (b) the most recent available unaudited statement of its financial condition (if more recent than the audited statement), and (c) a representation that, at the time the loan is negotiated, there has been no material adverse change in its financial condition that has not been disclosed since the date of the most recent financial statement furnished to the independent Plan fiduciary. Such representation may be made by the Foreign Affiliate's agreeing that each loan of securities shall constitute a representation that there has been no such material adverse change;

(9) The Loan Agreement and/or any securities loan outstanding may be terminated by the Plan at any time, whereupon the Foreign Affiliate shall deliver certificates for securities identical to the borrowed securities (or the equivalent thereof in the event of reorganization, recapitalization or merger of the issuer of the borrowed securities) to the Plan within (a) the customary delivery period for such securities, (b) five business days, or (c) the time negotiated for such delivery by the Plan and the Foreign Affiliate, whichever is least, or, alternatively such period as permitted by Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption (PTCE) 81-6 (46 FR 7527, January 23, 1981, as amended at 52 FR 18754, May 19, 1987), as it may be amended or superseded.²

(10) In the event that the loan is terminated and the Foreign Affiliate fails to return the borrowed securities or the equivalent thereof within the time described in paragraph (9), the Plan may purchase securities identical to the borrowed securities (or their equivalent as described above) and may apply the collateral to the payment of the purchase price, any other obligations of the Foreign Affiliate under the Loan Agreement, and any expenses associated with the sale and/or purchase. The Foreign Affiliate is obligated to pay, under the terms of the Loan Agreement, and does pay, to the Plan, the amount of any remaining obligations and expenses not covered by the collateral, plus interest at a reasonable rate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Foreign Affiliate may, in the event it fails to return borrowed securities as described above, replace non-cash

collateral with an amount of cash not less than the then current market value of the collateral, provided that such replacement is approved by the independent Plan fiduciary; and

(11) The independent Plan fiduciary maintains the situs of the Loan Agreement in accordance with the indicia of ownership requirements under section 404(b) of the Act and the regulations promulgated under 29 CFR 2550.404b-1. However, in the event that the independent Plan fiduciary does not maintain the situs of the Loan Agreement in accordance with the indicia of ownership requirements of section 404(b) of the Act, the Foreign Affiliate shall not be subject to the civil penalty which may be assessed under section 502(i) of the Act, or the taxes imposed by section 4975(a) and (b) of the Code.

If the Foreign Affiliate fails to comply with any condition of this exemption in the course of engaging in a securities lending transaction, the Plan fiduciary which caused the Plan to engage in such transaction shall not be deemed to have caused the Plan to engage in a transaction prohibited by section 406(a)(1)(A) through (D) of the Act solely by reason of the Foreign Affiliate's failure to comply with the conditions of the exemption.

Section II. General Conditions

A. The Foreign Affiliate is a registered broker-dealer subject to regulation by a governmental agency, as described in Section III. B., and is in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations thereof in connection with any transactions covered by this exemption;

B. The Foreign Affiliate, in connection with any transactions covered by this exemption, is in compliance with the requirements of Rule 15a-6 (17 CFR 240.15a-6) of the 1934 Act, and Securities and Exchange Commission interpretations thereof, providing for foreign affiliates a limited exemption from U.S. broker-dealer registration requirements.

C. Prior to the transaction, the Foreign Affiliate enters into a written agreement with the Plan in which the Foreign Affiliate consents to the jurisdiction of the courts of the United States for any civil action or proceeding brought in respect of the subject transactions.

D. The Foreign Affiliate maintains, or causes to be maintained, within the United States for a period of six years from the date of any transaction such records as are necessary to enable the persons described in paragraph E. to determine whether the conditions of this exemption have been met except that—

¹ The Department notes the Applicants' representation that dividends and other distributions on foreign securities payable to a lending Plan may be subject to foreign tax withholdings and that the Foreign Affiliate will always put the Plan back in at least as good a position as it would have been in had it not lent the securities.

² PTCE 81-6 provides an exemption under certain conditions from section 406(a)(1)(A) through (D) of the Act and the corresponding provisions of section 4975(c) of the Code for the lending of securities that are assets of an employee benefit plan to a U.S. broker-dealer registered under the 1934 Act (or exempted from registration under the 1934 Act as a dealer in exempt Government securities, as defined therein).

(1) A party in interest with respect to a Plan, other than the Foreign Affiliate, shall not be subject to a civil penalty under section 502(i) of the Act or the taxes imposed by section 4975(a) or (b) of the Code, if such records are not maintained, or are not available for examination, as required by paragraph E.; and

(2) A prohibited transaction shall not be deemed to have occurred if, due to circumstances beyond the control of the Foreign Affiliate, such records are lost or destroyed prior to the end of such six year period;

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a)(2) and (b) of section 504 of the Act, the Foreign Affiliate makes the records referred to above in paragraph D., unconditionally available for examination during normal business hours at their customary location to the following persons or an authorized representative thereof:

(1) The Department, the Internal Revenue Service or the SEC;

(2) Any fiduciary of a Plan;

(3) Any contributing employer to a Plan;

(4) Any employee organization any of whose members are covered by a Plan; and

(5) Any participant or beneficiary of a Plan.

However, none of the persons described above in paragraphs (2)–(5) of this paragraph E. shall be authorized to examine trade secrets of the Foreign Affiliate, or any commercial or financial information which is privileged or confidential.

F. Prior to any Plan's approval of any transaction with a Foreign Affiliate, the Plan is provided copies of the proposed and final exemption with respect to the exemptive relief granted herein.

Section III. Definitions

For purposes of this proposed exemption,

A. The terms "DLJ" or "CSFB" as referred to in Section I., mean Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation or Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation.

B. The term "affiliate" of another person shall include:

(1) Any person directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controlling, controlled by, or under common control with such other person;

(2) Any officer, director, or partner, employee or relative (as defined in section 3(15) of the Act) of such other person; and

(3) Any corporation or partnership of which such other person is an officer, director or partner. (For purposes of this

definition, the term "control" means the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a person other than an individual.)

C. The term "Foreign Affiliate," shall mean a current or future affiliate of DLJ or CSFB that is subject to regulation as a broker-dealer by—

(1) The Securities and Futures Authority, in the United Kingdom; or

(2) The Australian Securities & Investments Commission in Australia.

D. The term "security" shall include equities, fixed income securities, options on equity and on fixed income securities, government obligations, and any other instrument that constitutes a security under U.S. securities laws. The term "security" does not include swap agreements or other notional principal contracts.

Section IV. Effective Date

If granted, this proposed exemption will be effective as of November 3, 2000.

The availability of this proposed exemption is subject to the express condition that the material facts and representations contained in the application for exemption are true and complete and accurately describe all material terms of the transactions. In the case of continuing transactions, if any of the material facts or representations described in the applications change, the exemption will cease to apply as of the date of such change. In the event of any such change, an application for a new exemption must be made to the Department.

For a more complete statement of the facts and representations supporting the Department's decision to grant PTE 99–45, refer to the proposed exemption and the grant notice which are cited above.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 4th day of September, 2001.

Ivan L. Strasfeld,

*Director of Exemption Determinations,
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Department of Labor.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Application No. D–10762, et al.]

Proposed Exemptions; Key Trust Company of Ohio (Key Trust) et al.

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains notices of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of proposed exemptions from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Written Comments and Hearing Requests

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments or request for a hearing on the pending exemptions, unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Proposed Exemption, within 45 days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** Notice. Comments and requests for a hearing should state: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the person making the comment or request, and (2) the nature of the person's interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be adversely affected by the exemption. A request for a hearing must also state the issues to be addressed and include a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing.

ADDRESSES: All written comments and request for a hearing (at least three copies) should be sent to the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Office of Exemption Determinations, Room N–5649, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Attention: Application No. ____, stated in each Notice of Proposed Exemption. The applications for exemption and the comments received will be available for public inspection in the Public Documents Room of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–5638, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Notice to Interested Persons

Notice of the proposed exemptions will be provided to all interested persons in the manner agreed upon by the applicant and the Department within 15 days of the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Such notice shall include a copy of the notice of proposed exemption as published in the **Federal Register** and shall inform interested persons of their right to comment and to request a hearing (where appropriate).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed exemptions were requested in applications filed pursuant to section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, and in accordance with procedures set forth in 29 CFR part 2570, subpart B (55 FR