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All submissions should refer to File Number 1–13640. 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. 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.⁵

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC–27229]

Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

February 24, 2006.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of February, 2006. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch (tel. 202–551–5850). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on March 21, 2006, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, 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 Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Diane L. Titus at (202) 551–6810, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–0504.

COMMAND Government Fund [File No. 811–3251]; COMMAND Tax-Free Fund [File No. 811–3252]; COMMAND Money Fund [File No. 811–3253]

Summary: Each applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On September 27, 2004, each applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$9,395, \$14,129 and \$71,456, respectively, incurred in connection with the liquidations were paid by each applicant.

Filing Date: The applications were filed on February 9, 2006.

Applicant's Address: Gateway Center Three, 100 Mulberry St., Newark, NJ 07102–4077.

Gartmore Mutual Funds II, Inc. [File No. 811–9275]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On December 2, 2005, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$82,500 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Gartmore Separate Accounts LLC, applicant's subadviser, and Gartmore Mutual Fund Capital Trust, applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Date: The application was filed on February 15, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 94 North Broadway, Irvington, NY 10533.

World Trust [File No. 811–7399]

Summary: Applicant, a master fund in a master/feeder structure, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. By December 6, 2005, each of applicant's feeder funds had redeemed their shares at net asset value. Expenses of \$18,960 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Ameriprise Financial, Inc., applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Date: The application was filed on February 13, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 901 Marquette Ave. South, Suite 2810, Minneapolis, MN 55402–3268.

The Crowley Portfolio Group, Inc. [File No. 811–5875]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On November 28, 2005, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$9,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant.

Filing Date: The application was filed on January 27, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 3201–B Millcreek Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808.

Leader Mutual Funds [File No. 811–8494]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On February 18, 2005, applicant transferred its assets to corresponding series of Regions Morgan Keegan Select Funds and Morgan Keegan Select Fund, Inc., based on net asset value. Expenses of \$340,328 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant and Morgan Asset Management, Inc., applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Date: The application was filed on February 3, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 3435 Stelzer Rd., Columbus, OH 43219.

Index Plus Fund, Inc. [File No. 811–21170]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On January 5, 2006, applicant made a final liquidating distribution to its remaining shareholder, based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$2,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant's investment adviser, Adams Asset Advisors, LLC.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on December 5, 2005, and two amendments were filed on February 6, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 8150 N. Central Expressway #101, Dallas, TX 75206.

Centennial America Fund, L.P. [File No. 811–5051]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On December 30, 2004, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$1,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on December 13, 2005, and amended on February 15, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 6803 S Tucson Way, Centennial, CO 80112.

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(1).

Mercury Variable Trust [File No. 811-8163]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Shareholders approved the merger of Applicant's fund on November 17, 2003, and Applicant distributed its assets on November 21, 2003. The fund surviving the merger is the Merrill Lynch International Value V.I. Fund, a series of Merrill Lynch Variable Series Fund, Inc. Legal expenses of \$52,138.08 were deducted from Applicant's assets prior to consummation of the merger. Other merger related expenses of approximately \$143,597.51 were paid by the Applicant's investment adviser, Fund Assets Management, L.P.

Filing Date: The application was filed on November 30, 2005, as amended.

Applicant's Address: 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, NJ 08536.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-53357; File No. SR-BSE-2005-52]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Boston Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Amendments No. 2, 3, and 4 to Proposed Rule Change To Modify the Information Contained in a Directed Order on the Boston Options Exchange

February 23, 2006.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on November 25, 2005, the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. ("BSE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the BSE. On December 20, 2005, the BSE filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.³ The proposed rule change and Amendment No. 1 were published for

comment in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 2005.⁴ The Commission received eight comment letters.⁵ In response to the concerns raised in the comment letters and discussions with Commission staff, the BSE filed Amendments No. 2, 3, and 4 on February 7, 2006, February 15, 2006, and February 21, 2006, respectively.⁶ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on Amendments No. 4 to the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The BSE proposes to amend its rules governing its Directed Order process and to modify the information contained in a Directed Order on BOX. Below is the text of the proposed rule change. Proposed new language is in *italics*; proposed deletions are in [brackets].

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Rules of the Boston Options Exchange Facility

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Chapter VI Market Makers

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Section 5 Obligations of Market Makers

(a)-(b) No Change

(c) When acting as agent for a Directed Order, a Market Maker must comply with subparagraphs (i)-(iii) of this Paragraph (c).

i. A Market Maker shall not receive a Directed Order other than through the BOX Trading Host. A Market Maker that receives a Directed Order shall not, under any circumstances, reject the *receipt of the Directed Order from the BOX Trading Host*. A Market Maker who desires to accept Directed Orders must systemically indicate [they are an executing participant] each day [that] *and whenever the Market Maker*

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release Act No. 53015 (December 22, 2005), 70 FR 77207.

⁵ See letters to Nancy Morris, Secretary, Commission, from Adam C. Cooper, Senior Managing Director & General Counsel, Citadel, dated January 11, 2006 and January 12, 2006 ("Citadel Letters"); from Michael Simon, General Counsel, International Securities Exchange ("ISE"), dated January 19, 2006 ("ISE Letter"); from James Gray, Chairman, optionsXpress Holdings, Inc., dated January 19, 2006 ("optionsXpress Letter"); from Thomas Peterffy, Chairman, and David M. Battan, Vice President, Interactive Brokers Group, dated January 24, 2006 ("IB Letter"); from David Chavern, Vice President and Chief of Staff, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, dated January 25, 2006 ("Chamber of Commerce Letter"); and from Neal L. Wolkoff, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, American Stock Exchange, dated February 3, 2006 and February 7, 2006 ("Amex Letters").

⁶ Amendment No. 2 superseded and replaced the original filing and Amendment No. 1. Amendment No. 3 superseded and replaced the original filing and Amendments No. 1 and 2. Amendment No. 4 supersedes and replaces the original filing and all previous amendments.

[wishes to receive Directed Orders] *reconnects after disconnection during the day that it is willing to accept Directed Orders ("Executing Participant" or "EP")*. If a Market Maker does not systemically indicate that [they are] *it is an [e]Executing Participant*, the BOX Trading Host will not forward any Directed Orders to the Market Maker. *In such a case, the BOX Trading Host will send the order directly to the BOX Book. Prior to accepting a Directed Order through the Trading Host, an EP must inform BOX of the OFPs from which it has agreed to accept Directed Orders through the Trading Host ("Listed OFPs" or "LOFPs"). The Trading Host will then only send to the EP Directed Orders from LOFPs. Such orders will be sent to the EP on an anonymous basis.*

ii.-iii. No change.

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II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the BSE included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The BSE has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

Amendment No. 4 supersedes and replaces the previous amendments and the original filing in its entirety. The original rule filing and Amendment No. 1 proposed to clarify that, when Directed Orders are sent to a Market Maker, they contain an identifier associated with the firm that sent the Directed Order. In response to the original filing, the BSE received comments both in support of and opposing the proposal. The commenters opposing the proposal argue that the lack of anonymity of Directed Orders allows the Market Maker receiving such orders to discriminate among the firms for which it will seek to execute Directed Orders, and suggest that this selection process is discriminatory, may discourage aggressive quoting, and is inconsistent with the Act.⁷ The commenter supporting the proposal argues that the lack of anonymity of Directed Orders encourages greater levels of price improvement, allows

⁷ See Citadel Letters, ISE Letter, Chamber of Commerce Letter, optionsXpress Letter, and Amex Letters, *supra* note 5.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ In Amendment No. 1, the BSE amended the rule text of Chapter V, Section 14(e) of the Boston Options Exchange ("BOX") Rules to clarify that the identities of Options Participants that send Directed Orders to the Trading Host are not anonymous.