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Extension:

Rule 17g-10 and Form ABS Due Diligence-15 E SEC File No. 270-563, OMB Control No. 3235-0694

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 existing collection of information provided for in Rule 17g-10 and Form ABS Due Diligence-15 E under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).¹ The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 17g-10 contains certain certification requirements for third-party due diligence service providers that are employed by an NRSRO, an issuer, or an underwriter, which must be made on Form ABS Due Diligence-15E. The Commission estimates that the total burden for respondents to comply with Rule 17g-10 is 238 hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission’s estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents; 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.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

Please direct your written comments to: Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F St NE, Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: January 31, 2018.

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10281]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Advance Notification Form; Tourist and Other Non-Governmental Activities in the Antarctic Treaty Area

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to April 6, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering “Docket Number: DOS-2018-0006” in the Search field. Then click the “Comment Now” button and complete the comment form.

- *Email:* GanserPJ@State.gov.

- *Regular Mail:* Send written comments to: Peter Ganser, Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, Room 2665, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520.

You must include the DS form number, DS-4131; information collection title, ADVANCE NOTIFICATION FORM: Tourist and Other Non-Governmental Activities in the Antarctic Treaty Area; and the OMB control number, 1405-0181, in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, may be submitted to Peter Ganser, Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, Room

2665, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520. He may be reached on 202-647-0237.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* ADVANCE NOTIFICATION FORM: Tourist and Other Non-Governmental Activities in the Antarctic Treaty Area.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0181.

- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES/OPA).

- *Form Number:* DS-4131.

- *Respondents:* Operators of Antarctic expeditions organized in or proceeding from the United States.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 25.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 25.

- *Average Time per Response:* 10.5 hours.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 260 hours.

- *Frequency:* On occasion.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

Information solicited on the Advance Notification Form (DS-4131) provides the U.S. Government with information on tourist and other non-governmental expeditions to the Antarctic Treaty area. The U.S. Government needs this information to comply with Article VII(5)(a) of the Antarctic Treaty and associated documents.

¹ See 17 CFR 240.17g-1 and 17 CFR 249b.300.

Methodology

Information will be submitted by organizers of tourist and other non-governmental expeditions to Antarctica. Copies should be submitted via email, although signed originals are also valid.

Evan T. Bloom,

Director, Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10297]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Peacock in the Desert: The Royal Arts of Jodhpur, India" Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be included in the exhibition "Peacock in the Desert: The Royal Arts of Jodhpur, India," 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 Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, in Houston, Texas, from on or about March 4, 2018, until on or about August 12, 2018, at the Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, Washington, from on or about October 11, 2018, until on or about January 13, 2019, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elliot Chiu in the 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), E.O. 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, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257-1 of December 11,

2015). I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

Alyson Grunder,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10293]

U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL): Public Meeting on Online Dispute Resolution

The Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Department of State, hereby gives notice that the APCIL will hold a public meeting via teleconference to discuss a pending proposal on online dispute resolution (ODR) in the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum (APEC). This is not a meeting of the full Advisory Committee.

In February 2017, the APEC Economic Committee endorsed a work plan on development of an APEC-wide cooperative framework for ODR for Micro, Small, and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) in business-to-business (B2B) transactions, which is currently co-sponsored by thirteen member economies (namely, Australia, Chile, Canada, Hong Kong, China, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Russia, Chinese Taipei and the United States).

MSMEs have gained unprecedented access to international trade via the global supply chain and cross-border e-commerce, but to effectively reach global markets these businesses need a legal environment which enables the quick resolution of disputes and creates confidence in cross-border e-commerce. The use of ODR could be an effective means to solve this problem. ODR is a way of resolving disputes using traditional methods such as negotiation, mediation, and arbitration, but with the help of technology and without the need for a physical presence at a meeting or hearing.

At its most recent meeting in August 2017, the APEC Economic Committee endorsed a revised work plan on ODR that includes calls to inter alia "build a pilot in conjunction with platform host/ODR provider via outreach to regional arbitration/mediation centers to determine possible partners for hosting ODR platform." Additionally, the scope of the project was expanded to include

"Use of Modern Technology for Dispute Resolution and Electronic Agreement Management" with the explanation that "it is also worthwhile to explore the use of other modern technology such as block chain, automated or smart contracts for contract management or enforcement and prevention of disputes." The APEC Economic Committee has approved a two-day workshop for the first Economic Committee meeting next February to discuss the work plan and the pilot proposal.

This conference call will be a continuation of the conference call meeting that was held on November 1, 2017.

Time and Place: The ACPIL meeting will take place on Thursday, February 15, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST via teleconference.

Public Participation: Those planning to participate should email pil@state.gov to obtain the call-in number.

Michael J. Dennis,

Attorney-Adviser, Office of Private International Law, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10299]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Michelangelo and the Vatican: Masterworks From the Museo e Real Bosco di Capodimonte, Naples" Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be included in the exhibition "Michelangelo and the Vatican: Masterworks from the Museo e Real Bosco di Capodimonte, Naples," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, in Houston, Texas, from on or about March 11, 2018, until on or about June 10, 2018, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elliot Chiu in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: