



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

May 11, 2007

Mr. Kevin McEnery
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Re: Order Routing Practices of Certain Broker-Dealers (P-01220)
**Morgan Stanley – Waiver Request of Ineligible Issuer Status under Rule 405
of the Securities Act**

Dear Mr. McEnery:

This is in response to your letter dated March 23, 2007, written on behalf of Morgan Stanley (Company) and constituting an application for relief from the Company being considered an “ineligible issuer” under Rule 405(1)(vi) of the Securities Act of 1933 (Securities Act). The Company requests relief from being considered an “ineligible issuer” under Rule 405, due to the entry on May 9, 2007, of a Commission Order (Order) pursuant to Sections 15(b) and 21C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act), naming Morgan Stanley & Co., Incorporated (MS & Co.), a subsidiary of the Company, as a respondent. The Order finds, among other things, that the MS & Co. violated Section 15(c)(1)(A) of Exchange Act and requires that MS & Co. cease and desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Section 15(c)(1)(A) of the Exchange Act.

Based on the facts and representations in your letter, and assuming the Company and MS & Co. comply with the Order, the Commission, pursuant to delegated authority has determined that the Company has made a showing of good cause under Rule 405(2) and that the Company will not be considered an ineligible issuer by reason of the entry of the Order. Accordingly, the relief described above from the Company being an ineligible issuer under Rule 405 of the Securities Act is hereby granted and the effectiveness of such relief is May 9, 2007. Any different facts from those represented or non-compliance with the Order might require us to reach a different conclusion.

Sincerely,

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Re: In the Matter of Order Routing Practices of Certain Broker-Dealers (P-01220)

Dear Ms. Kosterlitz:

I am writing on behalf of our client, Morgan Stanley, in connection with the anticipated settlement of the above-referenced investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). The anticipated settlement will result in the issuance of an order that is described below against Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated ("MS&Co."), a subsidiary of Morgan Stanley (the "Order").

Morgan Stanley seeks a determination by the Commission that it will not be deemed an ineligible issuer under Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"), 17 C.F.R. § 230.405, for any purposes, including the definition of "well-known seasoned issuer," as a result of the Order. Relief from the ineligible issuer provisions is appropriate in the circumstances of this case for the reasons given below. Morgan Stanley further requests that this determination be effective upon the entry of the Order. It is our understanding that the Philadelphia District Office does not object to the Division of Corporation Finance providing the requested determination.

BACKGROUND

The staff of the Philadelphia District Office has engaged in settlement discussions with MS&Co. in connection with the contemplated administrative proceedings arising out of the above-captioned investigation, which will be brought pursuant to Sections 15(b) and 21C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"). As a result of these discussions, MS&Co. has submitted an Offer of Settlement of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated (the "Offer") to be presented to the Commission.

In the Offer, solely for the purpose of proceedings brought by or on behalf of the Commission or in which the Commission is a party, MS&Co. agreed to consent to the entry of

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by the determinations by the ICC as to any recommendations on which MS&Co. and the ICC are unable to agree.

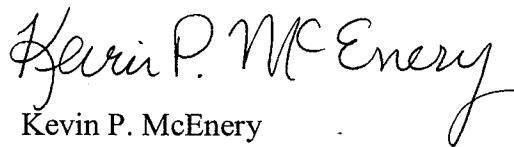
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In light of the foregoing, Morgan Stanley believes that any determination that the anticipated Order will render it an ineligible issuer would be unwarranted, contrary to the public interest, and unnecessary for the protection of investors and that Morgan Stanley has shown good cause for a determination by the Commission, or its delegate, that it will not be deemed to be an ineligible issuer upon issuance of the anticipated Order.

Accordingly, Morgan Stanley respectfully urges the Commission, or its delegate, pursuant to Securities Act Rule 405 or Rule 30-1(a)(10), to determine, effective upon issuance of the Order, that it is not necessary that Morgan Stanley be considered an ineligible issuer for any purpose under the Commission rules. Morgan Stanley has not previously sought or obtained such relief.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at the above-listed number.

Sincerely,


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