

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-3010

January 18, 2009

Joseph A. Hall Davis Polk & Wardwell 450 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10017

Re:

NYSE Euronext

Incoming letter dated December 5, 2008

Dear Mr. Hall:

This is in response to your letter dated December 5, 2008 concerning the shareholder proposal submitted to NYX by William Steiner. We also have received letters on the proponent's behalf dated December 11, 2008 and January 15, 2009. Our response is attached to the enclosed photocopy of your correspondence. By doing this, we avoid having to recite or summarize the facts set forth in the correspondence. Copies of all of the correspondence also will be provided to the proponent.

In connection with this matter, your attention is directed to the enclosure, which sets forth a brief discussion of the Division's informal procedures regarding shareholder proposals.

Sincerely,

Heather L. Maples Senior Special Counsel

Enclosures

cc:

John Chevedden

*** FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16 ***

Response of the Office of Chief Counsel Division of Corporation Finance

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The proposal requests that the board take the steps necessary so that each shareholder voting requirement in NYX's charter and bylaws that calls for a greater than simple majority vote be changed to a majority of the votes cast for and against related proposals in compliance with applicable laws.

We are unable to concur in your view that NYX may exclude the proposal under rule 14a-8(i)(6). Accordingly, we do not believe that NYX may omit the proposal from its proxy materials in reliance on rule 14a-8(i)(6).

Sincerely,

Jay Knight Attorney-Adviser

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE INFORMAL PROCEDURES REGARDING SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

The Division of Corporation Finance believes that its responsibility with respect to matters arising under Rule 14a-8 [17 CFR 240.14a-8], as with other matters under the proxy rules, is to aid those who must comply with the rule by offering informal advice and suggestions and to determine, initially, whether or not it may be appropriate in a particular matter to recommend enforcement action to the Commission. In connection with a shareholder proposal under Rule 14a-8, the Division's staff considers the information furnished to it by the Company in support of its intention to exclude the proposals from the Company's proxy materials, as well as any information furnished by the proponent or the proponent's representative.

Although Rule 14a-8(k) does not require any communications from shareholders to the Commission's staff, the staff will always consider information concerning alleged violations of the statutes administered by the Commission, including argument as to whether or not activities proposed to be taken would be violative of the statute or rule involved. The receipt by the staff of such information, however, should not be construed as changing the staff's informal procedures and proxy review into a formal or adversary procedure.

It is important to note that the staff's and Commission's no-action responses to Rule 14a-8(j) submissions reflect only informal views. The determinations reached in these no-action letters do not and cannot adjudicate the merits of a company's position with respect to the proposal. Only a court such as a U.S. District Court can decide whether a company is obligated to include shareholder proposals in its proxy materials. Accordingly a discretionary determination not to recommend or take Commission enforcement action, does not preclude a proponent, or any shareholder of a company, from pursuing any rights he or she may have against the company in court, should the management omit the proposal from the company's proxy material.

JOHN CHEVEDDEN

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January 15, 2009

Office of Chief Counsel Division of Corporation Finance Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, NE Washington, DC 20549

2 NYSE Euronext (NYX)
Rule 14a-8 Proposal by William Steiner
Simple Majority Vote

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WSB No.: 021897012

Public Availability Date: Wednesday, February 12, 1997

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STAFF REPLY LETTER

February 12, 1997

RESPONSE OF THE OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

Re: ALZA Corporation (the "Company") Incoming letter dated January 4, 1997

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There appears to be some basis for your view that the proposal may be omitted from the Company's proxy materials under rule 14a-8(c)(6) as beyond the Company's power to effectuate. Accordingly, the Division will not recommend any enforcement action to the Commission if the Company omits the proposal from its proxy material pursuant to rule 14a-8(c)(6). In reaching a position, the Division has found it unnecessary to address the alternative bases upon which the Company relies.

Sincerely,

Frank G. Zarb, Jr. Special Counsel

For these reasons it is requested that the staff find that this resolution cannot be omitted from the company proxy. It is also respectfully requested that the shareholder have the last opportunity to submit material in support of including this proposal – since the company had the first opportunity.

Sincerely.

cc:

William Steiner

John Chevedden

Janet Kissane < JKissane@nyx.com>

[NYX: Rule 14a-8 Proposal, November 3, 2008]

3 - Adopt Simple Majority Vote

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Notes:

William Steiner,

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See also: Sun Microsystems, Inc. (July 21, 2005).

Stock will be held until after the annual meeting and the proposal will be presented at the annual meeting. Please acknowledge this proposal promptly by email.

December 11, 2008

Office of Chief Counsel Division of Corporation Finance Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, NE Washington, DC 20549

1 NYSE Euronext (NYX)
Shareholder Position on Company No-Action Request
Rule 14a-8 Proposal: Simple Majority Vote
William Steiner

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is the first response to the company December 5, 2008 no action request regarding this rule 14a-8 proposal with the following resolved statement:

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December 5, 2008

Re: NYSE Euronext –

Stockholder Proposal Submitted by Mr. William Steiner

Office of Chief Counsel
Division of Corporation Finance
Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington D.C. 20549
(Via email: shareholderproposals@sec.gov)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of NYSE Euronext ("NYX"), a Delaware corporation, and in accordance with rule 14a-8(j) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), we are writing with respect to the stockholder proposal submitted to NYX on November 18, 2008 by Mr. William Steiner for inclusion in the proxy materials NYX intends to distribute in connection with its 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The proposal and its supporting statement are attached hereto as Exhibit A. We respectfully request confirmation that the staff of the Office of Chief Counsel of the Division of Corporation Finance will not recommend enforcement action to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") if, in reliance on rule 14a-8, NYX omits the stockholder proposal and supporting statement from its 2009 proxy materials.

NYX expects to file its 2009 proxy materials with the Commission no earlier than February 27, 2009. Accordingly, pursuant to rule 14a-8(j), this letter is being submitted to you no later than 80 days before NYX files its definitive 2009 proxy materials. Pursuant to Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14D (CF), Shareholder Proposals (November 7, 2008), question C, we have submitted this letter and the related correspondence from the proponent to the Commission via email to shareholderproposals@sec.gov. The related correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit B. In addition, pursuant to rule 14a-8(j), a copy of this submission is being sent simultaneously to the proponent and, at the proponent's request, to Mr. John Chevedden, as notification of NYX's intention to omit the stockholder proposal from its 2009 proxy materials. This letter constitutes NYX's statement of the reasons it deems the omission of the stockholder proposal and

supporting statement to be proper. We have been advised by NYX as to the factual matters set forth herein.

Background

The proposal states as follows:

"RESOLVED, Shareholders request that our board take the steps necessary so that each shareholder voting requirement in our charter and bylaws, that calls for a greater than simple majority vote, be changed to a majority of the votes cast for and against related proposals in compliance with applicable laws. This includes each 67% and 80% provisions in our charter and bylaws."

If adopted, the proposal would require the NYX board of directors to take the steps necessary to eliminate "supermajority" stockholder voting provisions in the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of NYSE Euronext (the "charter") and the Amended and Restated Bylaws of NYSE Euronext (the "bylaws"). These supermajority provisions include an 80% vote requirement for amendments to certain provisions of the charter, and an 80% vote requirement for stockholder-initiated amendments to the bylaws. (There are currently no 67% stockholder voting provisions in the charter or bylaws.)

NYX operates several regulated entities, including New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE"), which is a registered U.S. national securities exchange subject to Commission oversight, and five European-based exchanges that comprise Euronext (the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange and the Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels and Lisbon stock exchanges), which are regulated by national securities regulators in their home jurisdictions. The charter and bylaw provisions that cannot be amended without a supermajority vote include those designed to ensure that NYX's regulated subsidiaries are operated in accordance with binding legal and regulatory requirements.

For example, Article V of the charter provides that no stockholder may vote more than 10% of the outstanding NYX stock unless, among other things, the Commission has granted approval pursuant to Section 19(b) of the Exchange Act. As explained by the Commission when it approved the charter:

"These requirements should minimize the potential that a person could improperly interfere with or restrict the ability of the Commission, the [NYSE], or its subsidiaries to effectively carry out their regulatory

¹ The NYX charter is filed as Exhibit 3.1 to NYX's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-141869), and available at: http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1368007/000110465907025677/a07-9785 1ex3d1.htm

² The NYX bylaws are filed as Exhibit 3.1 to NYX's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008, and available at: http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1368007/000119312508235002/dex31.htm

oversight responsibilities under the Exchange Act." Exchange Act Release No. 55293 (February 14, 2007) (the "2007 Release"), text following note 32.

Similarly, pursuant to Section 3.15 of the bylaws, each NYX director, in discharging his or her responsibilities, must take into consideration the effect that NYX's actions would have on the ability of the NYSE to carry out its responsibilities under the Exchange Act. In approving this and related provisions of the bylaws, the Commission noted that "these provisions . . . are intended to assist the [NYSE] in fulfilling its self-regulatory obligations and in administering and complying with the requirements of the Exchange Act." 2007 Release, text following note 79.

Neither Article V of the charter nor Section 3.15 of the bylaws may be amended without the approval of 80% of the stockholders. See Article X(A) of the charter and Section 10.10(B) of the bylaws. Therefore, if the proposal were adopted, the board would be required to take the steps necessary so that these supermajority voting provisions, and all others in the charter and bylaws, would be changed to a simple majority. However, as discussed below, NYX and its board of directors lack the power and authority to effect such an amendment to the charter and bylaws, even if authorized by requisite majorities of stockholders. As a result, NYX believes that it may omit the proposal from its 2009 proxy materials in reliance upon rule 14a-8(i)(6).

Analysis

Rule 14a-8(i)(6) provides that a company may omit a stockholder proposal "if the company would lack the power or authority to implement the proposal." The staff has consistently taken the position that when a company lacks the power or authority to implement a proposal without further third-party action, the proposal is excludable. See *Burlington Resources Inc.* (February 7, 2003) and *Staten Island Bancorp, Inc.* (March 21, 2000) (concurring in decisions to omit proposals that boards lacked authority to implement without subsequent stockholder approval).

The NYX board of directors does not have the power or authority, acting unilaterally, to amend the charter and bylaws, even with requisite stockholder approval. Prior to adopting any proposed amendment to the charter, after all necessary board and stockholder approvals have been obtained, the proposed amendment must be submitted to the boards of directors of NYX's various regulated subsidiaries (including NYSE and Euronext), any of which subsidiary boards may determine that the proposed amendment must be filed with, and approved by, the Commission or the various European securities regulators. See Article X of the charter. In the case of the bylaws, after all necessary board and stockholder approvals have been obtained, the proposed amendment must either be (i) filed with, and approved by, the Commission and various European securities regulators or (ii) submitted to the boards of directors of NYX's various regulated subsidiaries (including NYSE and Euronext), any of which subsidiary

boards may determine that the proposed amendment must be filed with, and approved by, the Commission or the various European securities regulators. See Section 10.10(C) of the bylaws. The outcomes of these independent approval requirements are not subject to control by NYX or its board of directors, and therefore NYX lacks the power and authority to implement the proposal.

In analogous circumstances, the staff has agreed that where subsequent approval by a government or regulatory agency is required to implement a stockholder proposal, the company lacks the power or authority to implement the proposal and the proposal is excludable under rule 14a-8(i)(6). See Alza Corporation (February 12, 1997) and American Home Products Corporation (February 3, 1997) (companies permitted to exclude proposals to amend prescription drug labels, since a federal agency was required to review and approve amendments) and United Illuminating Company (March 16, 1994) (proposal that company stop conservation program spending was within the jurisdiction of a state agency and therefore beyond the power or authority of company to implement).

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, we believe that the proposal submitted by Mr. Steiner may be excluded from the NYX 2009 proxy materials, and respectfully request your confirmation that the staff will not recommend enforcement action to the Commission if NYX proceeds on this basis.

If you have any questions or require further information, please call me at 212-450-4565 or contact me by email at joseph.hall@dpw.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours.

Joseph A. Hall

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Janet M. Kissane

Senior Vice President - Legal & Corporate

Secretary

Mr. Sudhir Bhattacharyya Vice President – Legal NYSE Euronext

Mr. William Steiner

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(via Federal Express)

Mr. John Chevedden

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(via Federal Express and email)

Exhibit A

William Steiner

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Mr. Jan-Michiel Hessels Chairman of the Board: NYSE Euronext (NYX) 11 Wall St New York NY 10005

Rule 14a-8 Proposal

Dear Mr. Hessels,

This Rule 14a-8 proposal is respectfully submitted in support of the long-term performance of our company. This proposal is for the next annual shareholder meeting. Rule 14a-8 requirements are intended to be met including the continuous ownership of the required stock value until after the date of the respective shareholder meeting and the presentation of this proposal at the annual meeting. This submitted format, with the shareholder-supplied emphasis, is intended to be used for definitive proxy publication. This is the proxy for John Chevedden and/or his designee to act on my behalf regarding this Rule 14a-8 proposal for the forthcoming shareholder meeting before, during and after the forthcoming shareholder meeting. Please direct all future communications to John Chevedden (PH: *** FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16 ***

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to facilitate prompt and verifiable communications.

Your consideration and the consideration of the Board of Directors is appreciated in support of the long-term performance of our company. Please acknowledge receipt of this proposal promptly by email.

Sincerely,

William Steiner

cc: John K. Halvey <jhalvey@nyx.com>

Corporate Secretary PH: 212 656-3000 FX: 212-656-2126

Rich Adamonis <radamonis@nyx.com>

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[NYX: Rule 14a-8 Proposal, November 3, 2008] 3 – Adopt Simple Majority Vote

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Mr. Jan-Michiel Hessels Chairman of the Board: NYSE Euronext (NYX) 11 Wall St New York NY 10005

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Exhibit B

November 28, 2008 Correspondence from NYSE Euronext to Mr. <u>Chevedden</u>



Janet Kissane Corporate Secretary Office of the Corporate Secretary

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VIA EMAIL AND OVERNIGHT MAIL

November 28, 2008

Mr. John Chevedden

*** FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16" ***

Re: Stockholder Proposal

Dear Mr. Chevedden:

I am writing on behalf of NYSE Euronext (the "Company"), which received a letter from Mr. William Steiner that was postmarked on November 18, 2008 submitting a stockholder proposal relating to simple majority vote for inclusion in the 2009 proxy statement of the Company. Mr. Steiner states in the letter that you are his designated proxy for purposes of this proposal.

The federal securities laws require that in order to be eligible to submit a proposal for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement, each shareholder proponent must, among other things, have continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value of the Company's common stock, or 1%, of the Company's securities entitled to vote on the proposal at the meeting for at least one year by the date you submit the proposal. The Company's stock records do not indicate that Mr. Steiner is currently the registered holder on the Company's books and records of any shares of the Company's common stock and Mr. Steiner has not provided proof of ownership. Accordingly, you must submit to us a written statement from the "record" holder of the shares (usually a broker or bank) verifying that, at the time Mr. Steiner submitted the proposal (November 18, 2008), he had continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the Company's common stock for at least the one year period prior to and including November 18, 2008.

In order to meet the eligibility requirements for submitting a shareholder proposal, you must provide the requested information to us with respect to stock ownership no later than 14 calendar days from the date you receive this letter. Please address any response to me at the address or fax number as provided above. A copy of Rule 14a-8, which applies to shareholder proposals submitted for inclusion in proxy statements, is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely.

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Enclosure

This section addresses when a company must include a shareholder's proposal in its proxy statement and identify the proposal in its form of proxy when the company holds an annual or special meeting of shareholders. In summary, in order to have your shareholder proposal included on a company's proxy card, and included along with any supporting statement in its proxy statement, you must be eligible and follow certain procedures. Under a few specific circumstances, the company is permitted to exclude your proposal, but only after submitting its reasons to the Commission. We structured this section in a question-and-answer format so that it is easier to understand. The references to "you" are to a shareholder seeking to submit the proposal.

- a. Question 1: What is a proposal? A shareholder proposal is your recommendation or requirement that the company and/or its board of directors take action, which you intend to present at a meeting of the company's shareholders. Your proposal should state as clearly as possible the course of action that you believe the company should follow. If your proposal is placed on the company's proxy card, the company must also provide in the form of proxy means for shareholders to specify by boxes a choice between approval or disapproval, or abstention. Unless otherwise indicated, the word "proposal" as used in this section refers both to your proposal, and to your corresponding statement in support of your proposal (if any).
- b. Question 2: Who is eligible to submit a proposal, and how do I demonstrate to the company that I am eligible?
 - 1. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, you must have continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the company's securities entitled to be voted on the proposal at the meeting for at least one year by the date you submit the proposal. You must continue to hold those securities through the date of the meeting.
 - 2. If you are the registered holder of your securities, which means that your name appears in the company's records as a shareholder, the company can verify your eligibility on its own, although you will still have to provide the company with a written statement that you intend to continue to hold the securities through the date of the meeting of shareholders. However, if like many shareholders you are not a registered holder, the company likely does not know that

you are a shareholder, or how many shares you own. In this case, at the time you submit your proposal, you must prove your eligibility to the company in one of two ways:

- i. The first way is to submit to the company a written statement from the "record" holder of your securities (usually a broker or bank) verifying that, at the time you submitted your proposal, you continuously held the securities for at least one year. You must also include your own written statement that you intend to continue to hold the securities through the date of the meeting of shareholders; or
- ii. The second way to prove ownership applies only if you have filed a Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4 and/or Form 5, or amendments to those documents or updated forms, reflecting your ownership of the shares as of or before the date on which the one-year eligibility period begins. If you have filed one of these documents with the SEC, you may demonstrate your eligibility by submitting to the company:
 - A. A copy of the schedule and/or form, and any subsequent amendments reporting a change in your ownership level;
 - B. Your written statement that you continuously held the required number of shares for the one-year period as of the date of the statement; and
 - C. Your written statement that you intend to continue ownership of the shares through the date of the company's annual or special meeting.
- c. Question 3: How many proposals may I submit: Each shareholder may submit no more than one proposal to a company for a particular shareholders' meeting.
- d. Question 4: How long can my proposal be? The proposal, including any accompanying supporting statement, may not exceed 500 words.
- e. Question 5: What is the deadline for submitting a proposal?

- 1. If you are submitting your proposal for the company's annual meeting, you can in most cases find the deadline in last year's proxy statement. However, if the company did not hold an annual meeting last year, or has changed the date of its meeting for this year more than 30 days from last year's meeting, you can usually find the deadline in one of the company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q or 10-QSB, or in shareholder reports of investment companies under Rule 30d-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. [Editor's note: This section was redesignated as Rule 30e-1. See 66 FR 3734, 3759, Jan. 16, 2001.] In order to avoid controversy, shareholders should submit their proposals by means, including electronic means, that permit them to prove the date of delivery.
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 - Improper under state law: If the proposal is not a proper subject for action by shareholders under the laws of the jurisdiction of the company's organization;

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Depending on the subject matter, some proposals are not considered proper under state law if they would be binding on the company if approved by shareholders. In our experience, most proposals that are cast as recommendations or requests that the board of directors take specified action are proper under state law. Accordingly, we will assume that a proposal drafted as a recommendation or suggestion is proper unless the company demonstrates otherwise.

2. Violation of law: If the proposal would, if implemented, cause the company to violate any state, federal, or foreign law to which it is subject;

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Note to paragraph (i)(2): We will not apply this basis for exclusion to permit exclusion of a proposal on grounds that it would violate foreign law if compliance with the foreign law could result in a violation of any state or federal law.

- 3. Violation of proxy rules: If the proposal or supporting statement is contrary to any of the Commission's proxy rules, including <u>Rule 14a-9</u>, which prohibits materially false or misleading statements in proxy soliciting materials;
- 4. Personal grievance; special interest: If the proposal relates to the redress of a personal claim or grievance against the company or any other person, or if it is designed to result in a benefit to you, or to further a personal interest, which is not shared by the other shareholders at large;
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 - Less than 3% of the vote if proposed once within the preceding 5 calendar years;
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 - iii. Less than 10% of the vote on its last submission to shareholders if proposed three times or more previously within the preceding 5 calendar years; and
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- j. Question 10: What procedures must the company follow if it intends to exclude my proposal?
 - 1. If the company intends to exclude a proposal from its proxy materials, it must file its reasons with the Commission no later than 80 calendar days before it files its definitive proxy statement and form of proxy with the Commission. The company must simultaneously provide you with a copy of its submission. The Commission staff may permit the company to make its submission later than 80 days before the company files its definitive proxy statement and form of proxy, if the company demonstrates good cause for missing the deadline.
 - 2. The company must file six paper copies of the following:
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 - Yes, you may submit a response, but it is not required. You should try to submit any response to us, with a copy to the company, as soon as possible after the company makes its submission. This way, the Commission staff will have time to consider fully your submission before it issues its response. You should submit six paper copies of your response.
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 - The company's proxy statement must include your name and address, as well as the number of the company's voting securities that you hold. However, instead of providing that information, the company may instead include a statement that it will provide the information to shareholders promptly upon receiving an oral or written request.

- 2. The company is not responsible for the contents of your proposal or supporting statement.
- m. Question 13: What can I do if the company includes in its proxy statement reasons why it believes shareholders should not vote in favor of my proposal, and I disagree with some of its statements?
 - The company may elect to include in its proxy statement reasons why it believes shareholders should vote against your proposal. The company is allowed to make arguments reflecting its own point of view, just as you may express your own point of view in your proposal's supporting statement.
 - 2. However, if you believe that the company's opposition to your proposal contains materially false or misleading statements that may violate our anti- fraud rule, Rule 14a-9, you should promptly send to the Commission staff and the company a letter explaining the reasons for your view, along with a copy of the company's statements opposing your proposal. To the extent possible, your letter should include specific factual information demonstrating the inaccuracy of the company's claims. Time permitting, you may wish to try to work out your differences with the company by yourself before contacting the Commission staff.
 - 3. We require the company to send you a copy of its statements opposing your proposal before it sends its proxy materials, so that you may bring to our attention any materially false or misleading statements, under the following timeframes:
 - i. If our no-action response requires that you make revisions to your proposal or supporting statement as a condition to requiring the company to include it in its proxy materials, then the company must provide you with a copy of its opposition statements no later than 5 calendar days after the company receives a copy of your revised proposal; or
 - ii. In all other cases, the company must provide you with a copy of its opposition statements no later than 30 calendar days before its files definitive copies of its proxy statement and form of proxy under <u>Rule 14a-6</u>.

<u>December 1, 2008 Correspondence from Mr. Chevedden to NYSE</u> <u>Euronext</u>

Atkinson-Hope, Laura-Lee

Subject:

FW: Shareholder Proposal

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*** FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16 ***

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Lucy Fato < Lucy.Fato@mmc.com >

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12:35 PM

Janet Kissane < JKissane@nyx.com>

Subject

Rule 14a-8 Broker Letter (MMC)

SPM

Dear Ms. Fato, Attached is the broker letter requested. Please advise within one business day whether there is any further rule 14a-8 requirement. Sincerely, John Chevedden

(See attached file: CCE00004.pdf)



Date: 1 Dec 2008

To whom it may concern:

As introducing broker for the account of William Steiner
account number MA & OMB Memorandum M-07, held with National Financial Services Corp.
as custodian, DJF Discount Brokers hereby certifies that as of the date of this certification
William Steiner is and has been the beneficial owner of 2000
shares of Marsh & McLennan; having held at least two thousand dollars
worth of the above mentioned security since the following date: $5/9/07$ also having
held at least two thousand dollars worth of the above mentioned security from at least one year prior to the date the proposal was submitted to the company.

Sincerely,

Mark Filiberto,

President

DJF Discount Brokers

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<u>December 1, 2008 Correspondence from NYSE Euronext to Mr.</u> <u>Chevedden</u>



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VIA EMAIL AND OVERNIGHT MAIL

December 1, 2008

Mr. John Chevedden

*** FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16 ***

Re: Stockholder Proposal

Dear Mr. Chevedden:

NYSE Euronext (the "Company") received a broker statement (see Exhibit A) from Mr. Mark Filiberto of DJF Discount Brokers dated December 1, 2008 ("Broker Statement") in response to our letter (see Exhibit B) dated November 28, 2008 addressed to you ("Deficiency Letter"), requesting a written statement from the "record" holder of shares of the Company for the account of William Steiner. The Broker Statement relates to shares of Marsh & McLennan and not shares of the Company. As such, the Broker Statement does not cure the deficiency stated in the Deficiency Letter.

The federal securities laws require that in order to be eligible to submit a proposal for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement, each shareholder proponent must, among other things, have continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value of the Company's common stock, or 1%, of the Company's securities entitled to vote on the proposal at the meeting for at least one year by the date you submit the proposal. The Company's stock records do not indicate that Mr. Steiner is currently the registered holder on the Company's books and records of any shares of the Company's common stock and Mr. Steiner has not provided proof of ownership. Accordingly, you must submit to us a written statement from the "record" holder of the shares (usually a broker or bank) verifying that, at the time Mr. Steiner submitted the proposal (November 18, 2008), he had continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the Company's common stock for at least the one year period prior to and including November 18, 2008.

In order to meet the eligibility requirements for submitting a shareholder proposal, you must provide the requested information to us with respect to stock ownership no later than 14 calendar days from the date you received the Deficiency Letter. Please address any response to me at the address or fax number as provided above.

Sincerely,

Janet M. Kissane

Enclosure



Date: 1 Dec 2008

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worth of the above mentioned security since the following date: $5/9/07$; also having
held at least two thousand dollars worth of the above mentioned security from at least one year prior to the date the proposal was submitted to the company.

Sincerely,

Mark Filiberto, President

DJF Discount Brokers

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VIA EMAIL AND OVERNIGHT MAIL

November 28, 2008

Mr. John Chevedden

*** FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16 ***

Re: Stockholder Proposal

Dear Mr. Chevedden:

I am writing on behalf of NYSE Euronext (the "Company"), which received a letter from Mr. William Steiner that was postmarked on November 18, 2008 submitting a stockholder proposal relating to simple majority vote for inclusion in the 2009 proxy statement of the Company. Mr. Steiner states in the letter that you are his designated proxy for purposes of this proposal.

The federal securities laws require that in order to be eligible to submit a proposal for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement, each shareholder proponent must, among other things, have continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value of the Company's common stock, or 1%, of the Company's securities entitled to vote on the proposal at the meeting for at least one year by the date you submit the proposal. The Company's stock records do not indicate that Mr. Steiner is currently the registered holder on the Company's books and records of any shares of the Company's common stock and Mr. Steiner has not provided proof of ownership. Accordingly, you must submit to us a written statement from the "record" holder of the shares (usually a broker or bank) verifying that, at the time Mr. Steiner submitted the proposal (November 18, 2008), he had continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the Company's common stock for at least the one year period prior to and including November 18, 2008.

In order to meet the eligibility requirements for submitting a shareholder proposal, you must provide the requested information to us with respect to stock ownership no later than 14 calendar days from the date you receive this letter. Please address any response to me at the address or fax number as provided above. A copy of Rule 14a-8, which applies to shareholder proposals submitted for inclusion in proxy statements, is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely.

Janet M Kissanc

Enclosure

This section addresses when a company must include a shareholder's proposal in its proxy statement and identify the proposal in its form of proxy when the company holds an annual or special meeting of shareholders. In summary, in order to have your shareholder proposal included on a company's proxy card, and included along with any supporting statement in its proxy statement, you must be eligible and follow certain procedures. Under a few specific circumstances, the company is permitted to exclude your proposal, but only after submitting its reasons to the Commission. We structured this section in a question-and- answer format so that it is easier to understand. The references to "you" are to a shareholder seeking to submit the proposal.

- a. Question 1: What is a proposal? A shareholder proposal is your recommendation or requirement that the company and/or its board of directors take action, which you intend to present at a meeting of the company's shareholders. Your proposal should state as clearly as possible the course of action that you believe the company should follow. If your proposal is placed on the company's proxy card, the company must also provide in the form of proxy means for shareholders to specify by boxes a choice between approval or disapproval, or abstention. Unless otherwise indicated, the word "proposal" as used in this section refers both to your proposal, and to your corresponding statement in support of your proposal (if any).
- b. Question 2: Who is eligible to submit a proposal, and how do I demonstrate to the company that I am eligible?
 - 1. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, you must have continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the company's securities entitled to be voted on the proposal at the meeting for at least one year by the date you submit the proposal. You must continue to hold those securities through the date of the meeting.
 - 2. If you are the registered holder of your securities, which means that your name appears in the company's records as a shareholder, the company can verify your eligibility on its own, although you will still have to provide the company with a written statement that you intend to continue to hold the securities through the date of the meeting of shareholders. However, if like many shareholders you are not a registered holder, the company likely does not know that

you are a shareholder, or how many shares you own. In this case, at the time you submit your proposal, you must prove your eligibility to the company in one of two ways:

- i. The first way is to submit to the company a written statement from the "record" holder of your securities (usually a broker or bank) verifying that, at the time you submitted your proposal, you continuously held the securities for at least one year. You must also include your own written statement that you intend to continue to hold the securities through the date of the meeting of shareholders; or
- ii. The second way to prove ownership applies only if you have filed a Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4 and/or Form 5, or amendments to those documents or updated forms, reflecting your ownership of the shares as of or before the date on which the one-year eligibility period begins. If you have filed one of these documents with the SEC, you may demonstrate your eligibility by submitting to the company:
 - A. A copy of the schedule and/or form, and any subsequent amendments reporting a change in your ownership level;
 - B. Your written statement that you continuously held the required number of shares for the one-year period as of the date of the statement; and
 - C. Your written statement that you intend to continue ownership of the shares through the date of the company's annual or special meeting.
- c. Question 3: How many proposals may I submit: Each shareholder may submit no more than one proposal to a company for a particular shareholders' meeting.
- d. Question 4: How long can my proposal be? The proposal, including any accompanying supporting statement, may not exceed 500 words.
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<u>December 3, 2008 Correspondence from Mr. Chevedden to NYSE</u> <u>Euronext</u>

Atkinson-Hope, Laura-Lee

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From: olmsted9MA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16 ***

Sent: 12/03/2008 11:04 AM PST

To: Janet Kissane

Subject: Rule 14a-8 Broker Letter (NYX) SMV

Dear Ms. Kissane, Attached is the broker letter requested. Please advise within one business day whether there is any further rule 14a-8 requirement. Sincerely, John Chevedden

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Date: 3 Dec 2008

To whom it may concern:

As introducing broker for the account of William Stewar
account number MA & OMB Memorandum M-07- Reid with National Financial Services Corp.
as custodian, DJF Discount Brokers hereby certifies that as of the date of this certification
William Steiner is and has been the beneficial owner of 6100
shares of NYSE EURONEXT; having held at least two thousand dollars
worth of the above mentioned security since the following date: 6/21/07, also having
held at least two thousand dollars worth of the above mentioned security from at least one
year prior to the date the proposal was submitted to the company.

Sincerely,

Mark Filiberto,

President

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