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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270-556, OMB Control No. 3235-0619]

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request; Extension: Rule 163**

*Upon Written Request Copies Available From:* Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget this request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 163 (17 CFR 230.163) provides an exemption from section 5(c) (15 U.S.C. 77e(c)) under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*) for certain communications by or on behalf of a well-known seasoned issuer. The information filed under Rule 163 is publicly available. We estimate that it takes approximately 0.375 burden hours per response to provide the information required under Rule 163 and is filed by approximately 12 issuers. We estimate that 25% of the 0.375 hours per response (0.09375 hours) is prepared by the issuer for an annual reporting burden of 1 hours (0.09375 hours per response × 12 responses).

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and (ii) David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o John Pezzullo, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov).

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**Sherry R. Haywood,**  
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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**Submission for OMB Review;  
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Rule 425 (17 CFR 230.425) under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*) requires the filing of certain prospectuses and communications under Rule 135 (17 CFR 230.135) and Rule 165 (17 CFR 230.165) in connection with business combination transactions. The purpose of the rule is to permit more oral and written communications with shareholders about tender offers, mergers and other business combination transactions on a more-timely basis, so long as the written communications are filed on the date of first use. The information provided under Rule 425 is made available to the public upon request. Also, the information provided under Rule 425 is mandatory. Approximately 7,160 issuers file communications under Rule 425 at an estimated 0.25 hours per response for a total of 1,790 annual burden hours (0.25 hours per response × 7,160 responses).

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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**Submission for OMB Review;  
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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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget this request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Securities Act Rule 173 (17 CFR 230.173) provides a notice of registration to investors who purchased securities in a registered offering under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*). A Rule 173 notice must be provided by each underwriter or dealer to each investor who purchased securities from the underwriter or dealer. The Rule 173 notice is not publicly available. We estimate that it takes approximately 0.0167 hour per response to provide the information required under Rule 173 and that the information is filed by approximately 5,720 respondents approximately 43,546 times a year for a total of 249,083,120 responses. We estimate that the total annual reporting burden for Rule 173 is 4,159,688 hours (0.0167 hours per response × 249,083,120 responses).