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2007-2008 DEPOSITORY INFORMATION-GATHERING PROJECT:

A REPORT FOR CLIENTS AND PARTICIPATING DEPOSITORIES

January 31, 2008

In September 2000, the Association of Global Custodians (“Association”) launched the Depository Information-Gathering Project (“Project” or “DIGP”) to gather information concerning central securities depositories operating in numerous countries around the world. The Association undertook this project to assist its members in meeting their regulatory obligations under Investment Company Act Rule 17f-7, adopted in 2000 by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). In an effort to achieve the greatest efficiency for respondents, the Association worked as a group to gather information needed in the evaluation of depository risk under Rule 17f-7. Based on the information provided to custodians through this exercise and the analysis thereof, U.S. investment funds make determinations with regard to the risks of holding securities in particular foreign depositories.

Due to the fact that Rule 17f-7 imposes ongoing monitoring obligations on global custodians, it is necessary to periodically repeat the information-gathering process. For this reason, since its inception in 2000, the Association has updated the Project on an annual basis. In addition, each year the Association publishes an annual report summarizing the Project and noting depositories involved. Previous years' reports are available on the Association's public website at <http://www.theagc.com>.

Beginning in 2001, participating depositories were able to respond to the questionnaire via an electronic, web-based secure extranet site. The web-based extranet allows respondents to save responses in a “draft” questionnaire that remains on the system and is available for revisions until the respondent submits the questionnaire to the Association for review. In addition, those participants who responded using the on-line format in a previous year are able to review, online, their prior completed questionnaire. Participants are then able to update responses that have changed since the previous year. Any questionnaires that are completed in hard copy are inputted into the online site by the site administrator to assist Association members in their questionnaire review and to enable all respondents to update their questionnaires online in future years.

Details regarding the information-gathering process and this year's Project results are provided below.

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The Association of Global Custodians

The Association is an informal group of eight global custodian banks that are major providers of securities custody and trade settlement services to institutional investors worldwide. The Association primarily seeks to address regulatory issues that are of common interest to global custody banks. The members of the Association are –

The Bank of New York Mellon
Brown Brothers Harriman
Citibank, N.A.
HSBC Securities Services
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
Northern Trust
RBC Dexia Investor Services
State Street Bank and Trust Company

In May 2000, the Association formed a DIGP Committee to gather information concerning securities depositories. This year, a representative from The Bank of New York Mellon served as the chair of the Committee. Prior chairs include representatives from State Street Bank (2000-2001), Brown Brothers Harriman (2001-2002), Mellon Financial (2002-2003), Investors Bank & Trust (2003-2004), Northern Trust (2004-2005), RBC Dexia Investor Services (2005-2006) and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (2006-2007). The Project described in this report is the result of the Committee's work.

The Objectives of the Depository Information-Gathering Project

The genesis of the Association's DIGP was the adoption by the SEC of Investment Company Act Rule 17f-7.¹ Rule 17f-7 sets forth the circumstances under which U.S. investment companies may hold securities through the facilities of non-U.S. securities depositories. A principal requirement of Rule 17f-7 is that an investment company must receive from its “Primary Custodian” an analysis of the custody risks associated with maintaining assets with each depository it uses.

¹ See Investment Company Release No. 24424 (April 27, 2000), 65 FR 25630 (May 3, 2000). Rule 17f-7 appears in **Appendix A** to this report.

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Rule 17f-7 does not provide specific guidance concerning the content of these analyses of depository custody risk. However, in the release announcing the adoption of the rule, the SEC stated:

“As a general matter, we expect that an analysis will cover a depository's expertise and market reputation, the quality of its services, its financial strength, any insurance or indemnification arrangements, the extent and quality of regulation and independent examination of the depository, its standing in published ratings, its internal controls and other procedures for safeguarding investments, and any related legal protections.” Investment Company Act Release No. 24424 at 10-11 (notes omitted) (April 27, 2000).

The purpose of the Association's depository questionnaire is to gather basic, factual information on an annual basis concerning foreign depositories in order to assist members in preparing the risk analyses required under Rule 17f-7. However, the questionnaire is not intended to limit or fully define the type of information that should form the basis for such an analysis, and individual Association members may choose to draw on additional sources of information in the preparation of particular risk analyses. Each Association member bank will decide for itself whether to gather additional information, and how to synthesize the information obtained through the DIGP and otherwise regarding a particular depository in preparing the required risk analyses.

Custodian banks are required by Rule 17f-7 “to monitor the custody risks associated with maintaining assets with the Eligible Securities Depository on a *continuing basis*, and promptly notify the Fund or its investment adviser of any material change in these risks.” (emphasis added) In addition, the structures, linkages, and settlement cycles at various depositories are rapidly evolving and changing. Accordingly, the Association has determined to update the DIGP on an annual basis in order to keep abreast of these changes and to aid its members in meeting their obligation to monitor depositories on a “continuing basis.”

Changes in Questionnaire Content

At the conclusion of each year of the project, the DIGP Committee reviews the questionnaire in light of depository responses in an effort to streamline the format and revise or eliminate certain questions. In addition, the Committee considers suggestions and comments received from many of the depository

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participants throughout the Project concerning the questionnaire. The Committee then revises the questionnaire by reworking or deleting questions that resulted in ambiguous responses, and adds necessary follow-up or new questions.

The Committee also has worked to provide additional features within the questionnaire to simplify the response process. These features include, for example, additional response options to various questions (*e.g.*, for most questions, respondents now have the opportunity to provide additional information, as needed, when “other” or “not applicable” is selected as the desired response), additional definitions in the glossary, table of contents and “help” tips on individual questions where additional guidance is appropriate.

A copy of the current DIGP questionnaire appears in **Appendix E** to this report.

Online Questionnaire

The Association has continued to work with the information technology staff of Baker & McKenzie LLP to maintain a secure extranet site through which depositories can review and respond to the questionnaire online. As a result, participating depositories can complete the questionnaire on-line, and Association members can review questionnaire responses immediately once the responding depository submits the completed questionnaire. The secure extranet site facilitates both the collection and review of the data, as well as the future updating thereof. Since the data collected will be maintained on the secure site, in subsequent years depository participants may simply review and revise their previous submissions to incorporate any changes that have occurred.

In addition to providing a convenient method by which respondents can complete and submit responses, the extranet site also provides general guidance concerning the questionnaire, including a glossary of terms used in the questionnaire, responses to frequently asked questions, and information on Association members involved in gathering the depository information. In addition, completion of the questionnaire via the extranet allows Association member banks to generate automated reports and facilitates review and analysis of the information obtained.

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Depositories Included in the Depository Information-Gathering Project

In determining which entities to include in the Project, the Association looked to the SEC's definition of the term "securities depository" in Rule 17f-7. Rule 17f-7 describes the depositories to which it applies by referring to another SEC rule, Investment Company Act Rule 17f-4. Rule 17f-4 provides that a securities depository is "a system for the central handling of securities where all securities of any particular class or series of any issuer deposited within the system are treated as fungible and may be transferred or pledged by bookkeeping entry without physical delivery of the securities."²

In some cases, however, it is not clear whether or not the SEC would regard particular non-U.S. facilities that perform some of the functions of a securities depository as falling within Rule 17f-7. The Association has not, as a group, made any formal determinations concerning which entities would be regarded as depositories within the meaning of the rule. Instead of making a legal determination, the Association sent the questionnaire to institutions that perform some or all of the functions encompassed by the definition. As a practical matter, the Association believes that most of the entities that received the questionnaire would be deemed depositories under Rule 17f-7. In those cases where the application of the definition is less clear, the Association believes that many institutional investors are likely to wish to receive the type of risk analysis information required by Rule 17f-7 with respect to the facility in question, regardless of whether or not it is technically a "securities depository."

Results of the Depository Information-Gathering Project

In August 2007, the Association sent the DIGP questionnaire to 139 depositories in 93 jurisdictions. As of January 31, 2008, the Association had received completed questionnaires from 120 of those depositories contacted. This year, the Association added one new depository to the distribution list. As of the end

² In 2003, the SEC approved changes to Rule 17f-4 that inadvertently altered the definition of "securities depository" for purposes of Rule 17f-7. SEC staff has assured the Association in writing that the prior definition of securities depository, as set forth above, should continue to prevail for purposes of Rule 17f-7, and that a correction to indicate this will be issued in the future.

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date of the Project, 19 depositories had declined to respond or had indicated their responses were pending.

Appendix C is a list of the 139 depositories that the Association contacted as part of the Project. In each case, the chart indicates whether the depository provided the Association with a completed questionnaire.

Use of Questionnaire Responses

Each Association member bank will use the questionnaire responses as it sees fit. The questionnaire is intended to be a source of information from which member banks can draw in preparing Rule 17f-7 analyses. How individual Association member banks use questionnaire responses is a matter committed to their discretion. The Association has no position on how questionnaire information should be used in preparing Rule 17f-7 analyses.

Availability of Completed Questionnaires

The Association will not release questionnaire responses directly to the general public or to participating depositories.³ We recognize that, in most cases, the information sought by the questionnaire is publicly available. However, the Association is concerned that if all depository responses are automatically disseminated to the general public or to other depositories, some depositories may be less likely to respond to future Association requests for updated information. This could, in turn, hamper the ability of Association members to provide clients with the analyses required by Rule 17f-7.

The Association has encouraged depositories to make their responses public, and many depositories have indicated a willingness to do so. **Appendix D** to this report is a list of each depository that has, as of January 31, 2008, indicated that it will provide its questionnaire responses to any interested person upon request and, if so, the name and address of the person or website from which the depository's response is available.

³ While the Association will not release questionnaire responses to the public, the members of the Association are not required to treat questionnaires as confidential. The Association does not believe that the raw questionnaires will generally be of use to, or will be sought by, clients of members.

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Of the 120 depositories that participated in the 2007-2008 DIGP, 94 have indicated that they will make their responses available upon request or that they have posted their response on a website. The remaining 26 depositories have indicated that they will not make their responses publicly available.

Frequently Asked Questions Concerning the Depository Questionnaire Project

In response to inquiries from depositories concerning this Project, the Association has prepared a paper that generally describes the Project and addresses some of the most frequently asked questions. A copy of that paper appears in **Appendix B** to this report.

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Clients of Association members should contact those persons at the member bank with whom they work to obtain further information on the DIGP. Others may contact the Association's counsel, Dan W. Schneider, at Baker & McKenzie LLP, One Prudential Plaza, 130 East Randolph Drive, Chicago, IL 60601 (telephone: 312/861-2620; fax: 312/861-2899; e-mail: dan.w.schneider@bakernet.com) if they have questions or comments concerning this report.

APPENDIX A

Investment Company Act Rule 17f-7

Rule 17f-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940

(17 C.F.R. 270.17f-7)

Custody of investment company assets with a foreign securities depository.

(a) *Custody Arrangement With an Eligible Securities Depository.* A Fund, including a Registered Canadian Fund, may place and maintain its Foreign Assets with an Eligible Securities Depository, *provided that:*

(1) *Risk-Limiting Safeguards.* The custody arrangement provides reasonable safeguards against the custody risks associated with maintaining assets with the Eligible Securities Depository, including:

(i) *Risk Analysis and Monitoring.*

(A) The fund or its investment adviser has received from the Primary Custodian (or its agent) an analysis of the custody risks associated with maintaining assets with the Eligible Securities Depository; and

(B) The contract between the Fund and the Primary Custodian requires the Primary Custodian (or its agent) to monitor the custody risks associated with maintaining assets with the Eligible Securities Depository on a continuing basis, and promptly notify the Fund or its investment adviser of any material change in these risks.

(ii) *Exercise of Care.* The contract between the Fund and the Primary Custodian states that the Primary Custodian will agree to exercise reasonable care, prudence, and diligence in performing the requirements of paragraphs (a)(1)(i)(A) and (B) of this section, or adhere to a higher standard of care.

(2) *Withdrawal of Assets From Eligible Securities Depository.* If a custody arrangement with an Eligible Securities Depository no longer meets the requirements of this section, the Fund's Foreign Assets must be withdrawn from the depository as soon as reasonably practicable.

(b) *Definitions.* The terms *Foreign Assets*, *Fund*, *Qualified Foreign Bank*, *Registered Canadian Fund*, and *U.S. Bank* have the same meanings as in § 270.17f-5. In addition:

(1) *Eligible Securities Depository* means a system for the central handling of securities as defined in § 270.17f-4 that:

(i) Acts as or operates a system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries in the country where it is incorporated, or a transnational system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries;

(ii) Is regulated by a foreign financial regulatory authority as defined under section 2(a)(50) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-2(a)(50));

(iii) Holds assets for the custodian that participates in the system on behalf of the Fund under safekeeping conditions no less favorable than the conditions that apply to other participants;

(iv) Maintains records that identify the assets of each participant and segregate the system's own assets from the assets of participants;

(v) Provides periodic reports to its participants with respect to its safekeeping of assets, including notices of transfers to or from any participant's account; and

(vi) Is subject to periodic examination by regulatory authorities or independent accountants.

(2) *Primary Custodian* means a U.S. Bank or Qualified Foreign Bank that contracts directly with a Fund to provide custodial services related to maintaining the Fund's assets outside the United States.

NOTE to § 270.17f-7: When a Fund's (or its custodian's) custody arrangement with an Eligible Securities Depository involves one or more Eligible Foreign Custodians (as defined in § 270.17f-5) through which assets are maintained with the Eligible Securities Depository, § 270.17f-5 will govern the Fund's (or its custodian's) use of each Eligible Foreign Custodian, while § 270.17f-7 will govern an Eligible Foreign Custodian's use of the Eligible Securities Depository.

APPENDIX B

**Some Frequently Asked Questions
Concerning the Depository Questionnaire Project
(January 2008)**

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Questions and Answers

1. What is the Association of Global Custodians?

The Association is an informal group of eight global custodian banks that are major providers of securities custody and trade settlement services to institutional investors worldwide. The members of the Association are listed at the introduction of this document. The Association primarily seeks to address regulatory issues that are of common interest to global custody banks. The member banks are competitors, and the Association does not involve itself in member commercial activities or take positions on how members should conduct their custody businesses.

2. What is SEC Rule 17f-7 and What Does it Require?

The genesis of the depository questionnaire is the adoption by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) of Investment Company Act Rule 17f-7.¹ Rule 17f-7 sets forth the circumstances under which U.S. investment companies may hold securities through the facilities of non-U.S. securities depositories. The key requirement of Rule 17f-7 is that an investment company must receive from its “Primary Custodian” an analysis of the custody risks associated with maintaining assets with each depository it uses.

Rule 17f-7 does not provide specific guidance concerning the content of these analyses of depository custody risk. However, in the release announcing the adoption of the rule, the SEC stated:

“As a general matter, we expect that an analysis will cover a depository's expertise and market reputation, the quality of its services, its financial strength, any insurance or indemnification arrangements, the extent and quality of regulation and independent examination of the depository, its standing in published ratings, its internal controls and other procedures for safeguarding investments, and any related legal protections.”²

¹ The SEC explained the background and purpose of Rule 17f-7 in Investment Company Release No. 24424 (April 27, 2000), 65 FR 25630 (May 3, 2000). You may review a copy of this release on the Commission's web site (<http://www.sec.gov>).

² Investment Company Act Release No. 24424 at 10-11 (notes omitted) (April 27, 2000).

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3. What is the Purpose of the Association's Depository Questionnaire?

The purpose of the Association's annual questionnaire is to gather basic, factual information concerning depositories and similar facilities as part of its members' efforts to prepare the analyses required under Rule 17f-7. Some custodians may decide to draw on additional sources of information in the preparation of their analyses. Each Association member bank will decide how to synthesize the information it obtains into its required Rule 17f-7 analyses.

4. How Does the Purpose of the Association's Questionnaire Differ from that of Other Questionnaires that a Depository May Receive?

The Association understands that depositories are being asked to respond to an increasing number of questionnaires seeking information concerning depository operations. The objectives of the various questionnaires differ. We believe that the Association's questionnaire is unique in four respects.

First, the Association developed its questionnaire in response to a regulatory requirement. As described above, Association members have a regulatory obligation, pursuant to Rule 17f-7, to provide their investment company clients with information concerning depository risk.

Second, the Association has no commercial interest in the information gathered and does not treat the information it receives from depositories as proprietary. The Association does not sell such information. On the contrary, we encourage depositories to make their questionnaire responses available to the general public.

Third, the Association will not, as a group, perform risk analyses or rate depositories as a result of their questionnaire responses. While each individual member will use the information at its discretion, the Association will not be a participant in that process. The Association's goal is simply to collect factual information concerning depositories.

Fourth, the questions on the Association survey are intended to collect facts about the structure and operating environments of existing entities and do not offer

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recommendations for changes. Other industry groups have constructed questionnaires in the form of guidelines for financial market infrastructure to achieve generally accepted best practice standards. The Association's effort is driven solely by legal compliance mandates and seeks only to determine what exists in the present environment.

The Association is sympathetic to the depositories' concerns regarding the increasing number of questionnaires being circulated. The Association has attempted to create a streamlined document to gather, in the least burdensome method possible, information relevant to its members' obligations to provide analyses pursuant to Rule 17f-7.

5. The Association Circulated a Similar Questionnaire Before. Why is it Requesting that Depositories Respond Again?

Rule 17f-7 requires that global custodians monitor the custody risks associated with depositories that hold investment company assets “on a continuing basis” and “promptly notify” their investment company clients of any material changes. While Association members use a variety of methods to monitor depositories, we believe that, as a practical matter, Rule 17f-7 requires that banks have a procedure in place to make sure that the information is current and accurate. Accuracy can only be assured if depositories are active participants in the update process. For this reason, the Association plans to ask depositories to review and update their questionnaire responses annually.

6. Why Has the Format of the Association's Questionnaire Changed From Past Years?

The Association has modified the questionnaire from time to time to clarify certain questions and to incorporate comments received from participating depositories.

In 2002, in an effort to make the entire information-gathering process more efficient and less of a burden on the participating depositories, the Association also implemented an optional online format for questionnaire updates. The online format has been available each subsequent year. For those entities that choose to respond to the questionnaire via the online extranet site, responses are saved

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electronically in order to facilitate future updates. This means that in subsequent years, participating depositories are able to simply open their questionnaire (as submitted in the prior year), review saved responses for current accuracy, revise responses as needed, and complete any additional questions. If much of the information in the questionnaire remains unchanged from one year to the next, the time necessary for responding to the questionnaire should be greatly reduced.

In recent years, only minor changes have been made to the questionnaire. These changes are largely based on participant feedback and suggestions.

7. How Does the Association Define the Term “Depository” for Purposes of the Questionnaire?

The Association looks to the SEC's definition of the term “securities depository.” Rule 17f-7 describes the depositories to which it applies by referring to another SEC rule, Rule 17f-4. Rule 17f-4 provides that a securities depository is “a system for the central handling of securities where all securities of any particular class or series of any issuer deposited within the system are treated as fungible and may be transferred or pledged by bookkeeping entry without physical delivery of the securities.”³

The SEC has provided only limited guidance concerning how this definition applies to nontraditional depositories. Therefore, in some cases, it is not clear whether the SEC would regard a particular facility that performs some of the functions of a securities depository as falling within the definition in Rule 17f-7.

³ In 2003, the SEC approved changes to Rule 17f-4 that inadvertently altered the definition of “securities depository” for purposes of Rule 17f-7. SEC staff has assured the Association in writing that the prior definition of securities depository, as set forth above, should continue to prevail for purposes of Rule 17f-7, and that a correction to indicate this will be issued in the future.

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8. Has the Association Determined that All of the Institutions that Receive the Questionnaire Are Securities Depositories Under the SEC's Definition?

No. The Association has not, as a group, made any determinations concerning which entities would be regarded as depositories within the meaning of Rule 17f-7. Because of the limited SEC guidance available and the ambiguity in some of the SEC's statements on this issue, we do not believe that it is appropriate for the Association to attempt to make such determinations. Individual Association members, in consultation with their clients, are, of course, free to decide whether they believe that a particular facility is or is not a "securities depository" under the SEC definition.

Instead of making a legal determination, the Association sends the questionnaire to institutions that perform some or all of the functions encompassed by Rule 17f-7. As a practical matter, the Association believes that most of the entities that receive the questionnaire would be deemed depositories. In those cases where the application of the definition is less clear, we believe that many institutional investors are likely to wish to receive the type of risk analysis information required by Rule 17f-7 with respect to the institution in question, regardless of whether or not it is technically a securities depository.

9. By Responding to the Questionnaire, Has an Institution Conceded that it is a Securities Depository?

No. For the reasons stated in the response to the prior question, the Association does not view an entity's willingness to respond to the questionnaire as indicating that the entity is necessarily a securities depository under the SEC definition.

10. Will the Association Treat Depository Questionnaire Responses as Confidential?

No. The information provided in response to the questionnaire will be used in compiling Rule 17f-7 risk analyses, which will be furnished to clients and other interested parties. The Association does not intend to release completed questionnaires directly to the general public and does not believe that most clients

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will request access to particular depository responses. However, the members of the Association cannot ensure that responses themselves will be confidential.

11. Will the Association Provide Participating Depositories, or the General Public, With Copies of Questionnaire Responses?

The Association does not intend to make responses available to other participating institutions or to release them to the general public. We recognize that, in most cases, the information sought by the questionnaire is publicly available. However, the Association is concerned that, if all responses are automatically disseminated to other depositories or to the general public, some institutions may be less likely to respond to the annual questionnaire, or to subsequent Association requests for updated information. This could, in turn, hamper the ability of Association members to provide clients with the analysis required by Rule 17f-7.

At the end of the questionnaire, participants are asked whether they will release their questionnaire responses upon request, and, if so, to inform us how interested persons can obtain the responses. At the completion of the project, the Association prepares a list identifying all institutions to which the Association sent its questionnaire, indicating whether, in each case, the institution has responded and, if so, whether it will make its response available upon request. If an institution is willing to make its response public, we will include on our list the name and address of the person or web site from which the response is available.

12. May Respondents Make Their Own Questionnaire Public?

The Association encourages participants to make their own responses public. We understand that some depositories post their responses on their web sites. The Association has no objection to such posting, or to any other use that a depository wishes to make of its own response.

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13. Will the Association “Unlock” Questionnaires Submitted via the Extranet to Allow Depositories to Add Commentary or to Modify Responses to a Previously Completed Questionnaire?

No. The questionnaire must remain locked. That is, participating entities will not have the ability to modify the responses or the format of the questionnaire without consultation with the Association. This ensures that there is only one current version of the depository’s responses available to Association members.

If a depository wishes to include commentary or documentation with its questionnaire submission, the additional information should either be set forth in a separate document and uploaded to the site, or entered into the space provided for a particular question within the online questionnaire. If the additional materials are not available electronically, such as a printed annual report, a copy of the supplemental material should be sent to the Baker & McKenzie LLP site administrator, as set out below. The site administrator will electronically scan the submitted documents and provide them to the members.

Similarly, if a depository wishes to change the information provided in a questionnaire that has already been submitted via the online extranet, the participating depository should contact the Baker & McKenzie LLP site administrator to advise of the revision and supply the information which will be updated on the depository's behalf by Baker & McKenzie LLP. You can contact the site administrator, Robin D. Truesdale, at robin.d.truesdale@bakernet.com or 202/835-1664.

14. What Determinations Does the Association Plan to Make Concerning Depositories?

The Association does not intend to issue ratings or make any other determinations concerning depositories. As explained above, the Association's objective is to gather basic, factual information. Each Association member will then decide for itself how to use that information in preparing a risk analysis under Rule 17f-7 or for other purposes. The Association, as a group, will not take any position on this issue.

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There is, however, one area in which the Association members will work together in evaluating questionnaire responses. Rule 17f-7 contains six eligibility standards. These standards provide that a securities depository is “eligible” as a securities depository if it –

- (i) Acts as or operates a system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries in the country where it is incorporated, or [as] a transnational system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries;
- (ii) Is regulated by a foreign financial regulatory authority as defined under section 2(a)(50);⁴
- (iii) Holds assets for the custodian that participates in the system on behalf of the Fund under safekeeping conditions no less favorable than the conditions that apply to other participants;
- (iv) Maintains records that identify the assets of each participant and segregate the system's own assets from the assets of participants;
- (v) Provides periodic reports to its participants with respect to its safekeeping of assets, including notices of transfers to or from any participant's account; and

⁴ Section 2(a)(50) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 provides:

“Foreign financial regulatory authority” means any (A) foreign securities authority, (B) other governmental body or foreign equivalent of a self-regulatory organization empowered by a foreign government to administer or enforce its laws relating to the regulation of fiduciaries, trusts, commercial lending, insurance, trading in contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery, or other instruments traded on or subject to the rules of a contract market, board of trade or foreign equivalent, or other financial activities, or (C) membership organization a function of which is to regulate the participation of its members in activities listed above.

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- (vi) Is subject to periodic examination by regulatory authorities or independent accountants.

The members of the Association intend to jointly review questionnaire responses in order to determine whether the information provided permits a determination concerning eligibility under these six criteria.⁵ In those cases where a questionnaire response is incomplete or unclear concerning eligibility, Baker & McKenzie LLP, on behalf of the Association, may contact the respondent for clarification or additional information.

15. If Individual Association Members or Their Clients Wish to Obtain Additional Information, How Will Follow-Up Occur?

Once the responses have been disseminated to Association members, and eligibility issues have been resolved, the member banks will use their own judgment concerning whether particular responses require amplification or explanation and, if so, what sources should be used in obtaining further information. That process could include follow-up inquiries to particular depositories. In addition, the sources to which Association members may look could include published information concerning depositories, the views of local institutions that are depository participants, and commercial rating services, among others.

16. How Will the Results of the Questionnaire Be Presented to Clients of Association Members?

Each member bank will use the questionnaire responses as it sees fit. The questionnaire was not formulated with a view to routinely presenting the responses to clients. Instead, the questionnaire is intended to be a source of information from which member banks can draw in preparing Rule 17f-7 analyses. As noted above, the Association does not propose to amplify or analyze questionnaire responses, except in the area of Rule 17f-7 eligibility information. How individual Association

⁵ In those instances when responses are received after the project's end date, banks will make determinations as to the respondent's eligibility on an individual basis.

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member banks use questionnaire responses is a matter committed to their discretion and on which the Association has no position.

17. What is Baker & McKenzie LLP's Role in the Questionnaire Project?

Baker & McKenzie LLP's role is essentially ministerial. Baker & McKenzie LLP has been charged with distributing the questionnaire, responding to inquiries from depositories, collating responses, and following up with depositories that do not respond. While Baker & McKenzie LLP may seek clarification from depositories where responses are incomplete or inaccurate, it has not been asked to perform any type of substantive review or evaluation of depository responses. Baker & McKenzie LLP will provide each Association member bank with the responses. The member banks will then proceed independently in gathering any further information they deem necessary in preparing analyses for their clients.

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If you have further questions or comments concerning the questionnaire, please contact Dan W. Schneider at Baker & McKenzie LLP, One Prudential Plaza, 130 East Randolph Drive, Chicago, IL 60601 (telephone: 312/861-2620; fax: 312/861-2899; e-mail: dan.w.schneider@bakernet.com).

APPENDIX C

List of Depositories Contacted and of Depositories Responding

THE ASSOCIATION OF GLOBAL CUSTODIANS
I 7F-7 QUESTIONNAIRE ABBREVIATED SURVEY STATUS
JANUARY 31, 2008

	COUNTRY	DEPOSITORY NAME	RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM DEPOSITORY¹
1.	ARGENTINA	Caja de Valores S.A.	Yes
2.	AUSTRALIA	ASX Settlement and Transfer Corporation	Yes
3.	AUSTRALIA	Austraclear	Yes
4.	AUSTRIA	Oesterreichische Kontrollbank AG	Yes
5.	BAHRAIN	Bahrain Stock Exchange Clearing & Settlement Unit (CDS)	Did not participate
6.	BAHRAIN	Central Bank of Bahrain	Did not participate
7.	BANGLADESH	Central Depository Bangladesh Ltd.	Yes
8.	BARBADOS	Central Securities Depository	Yes
9.	BELGIUM	Euroclear Belgium	Yes
10.	BELGIUM	National Bank of Belgium	Yes
11.	BERMUDA	The Bermuda Securities Depository	Did not participate
12.	BOLIVIA	Entidad de Depósito (EDV) or Central Security Depository	Yes
13.	BOSNIA	Registar Vrijednosih Papira U Federaciji Bosne I Hercegovine (RVP)	Yes
14.	BOTSWANA	Bank of Botswana	Yes
15.	BRAZIL	CBLC – Companhia Brasileira de Liquidação e Custodia	Yes
16.	BRAZIL	CETIP – Central de Custódia e de Liquidação Financeira de Títulos	Yes
17.	BRAZIL	SELIC – Sistema Especial de Liquidação e de Custódia	Yes
18.	BULGARIA	Bulgarian National Bank	Yes
19.	BULGARIA	Central Security Depository AD	Yes
20.	CANADA	The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited	Yes
21.	CHILE	Deposito Central de Valores S.A.	Yes
22.	CHINA	China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited – Shanghai Branch	Yes
23.	CHINA	China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited – Shenzhen Branch	Yes
24.	COLOMBIA	Deposito Central de Valores	Yes
25.	COLOMBIA	Deposito Centralizado de Valores de Colombia DECEVAL S.A.	Yes
26.	COSTA RICA	Central de Valores de la Bolsa Nacional de Valores	Yes
27.	CROATIA	Central Depository Agency Inc. (Stredisnja Depozitarna Agencija)	Yes
28.	CYPRUS	Central Securities Depository	Yes
29.	CZECH REPUBLIC	Czech National Bank	Yes
30.	CZECH REPUBLIC	Stredisko Cenných Papíru	Yes

¹ At the time of publication, 19 depositories had declined to respond or had indicated their responses were pending.

COUNTRY	DEPOSITORY NAME	RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM DEPOSITORY
31. DENMARK	VP Securities Services (Danish Securities Centre)	Yes
32. ECUADOR	Depósito Centralizado de Valores SA	Did not participate
33. EGYPT	Bank of Egypt	Did not participate
34. EGYPT	Misr for Clearing Settlement & Central Depository	Yes
35. ESTONIA	Estonian CSD ("AS Eesti Väärtpaberikeskus")	Yes
36. FINLAND	Finnish Central Security Depository Ltd.	Yes
37. FRANCE	Euroclear France	Yes
38. GERMANY	Clearstream Banking Frankfurt	Yes
39. GHANA	The Bank of Ghana	Yes
40. GREECE	Bank of Greece Securities Settlement System	Yes
41. GREECE	Central Securities Depository S.A.	Yes
42. HONG KONG	Central Money Markets Unit	Yes
43. HONG KONG	Hong Kong Securities Clearing Corporation	Yes
44. HUNGARY	KELER Ltd.	Yes
45. ICELAND	Icelandic Securities Depository Limited	Yes
46. INDIA	Central Depository Services (India) Limited	Yes
47. INDIA	National Securities Depository Limited	Yes
48. INDONESIA	Bank Indonesia	Yes
49. INDONESIA	PT Kustodian Sentral Efek Indonesia	Yes
50. ISRAEL	Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Clearinghouse	Yes
51. ITALY	MonteTitoli S.P.A.	Yes
52. IVORY COAST	Depositaire Central/Banque de Reglement	Yes
53. JAMAICA	Jamaica Central Securities Depository	Yes
54. JAPAN	Bank of Japan	Yes
55. JAPAN	Japan Securities Depository Center	Yes
56. JORDAN	Jordan Securities Depository Center	Yes
57. KAZAKHSTAN	CJSC Central Securities Depository of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Yes
58. KENYA	Central Bank of Kenya	Did not participate
59. KENYA	Kenya Central Depository System & Settlement Corporation Limited	Yes
60. KUWAIT	Kuwait Clearing Company S.A.K.	Yes
61. LATVIA	Bank of Latvia	Yes
62. LATVIA	Latvian Central Depository	Yes
63. LEBANON	Banque du Liban (the Central Bank of Lebanon)	Yes
64. LEBANON	MIDCLEAR - Custodian and Clearing Centre of Financial Instruments for Lebanon and the Middle East	Yes
65. LITHUANIA	Central Securities Depository of Lithuania	Yes
66. MACEDONIA	Central Securities Depository	Yes
67. MALAYSIA	Bank Negara Malaysia (Central Bank of Malaysia)	Yes
68. MALAYSIA	Bursa Malaysia Depository Sdn. Bhd.	Yes
69. MALTA	Malta Stock Exchange/Central Securities Depository	Yes
70. MAURITIUS	Bank of Mauritius	Yes
71. MAURITIUS	Central Depository & Settlement Company Ltd.	Yes
72. MEXICO	S.D. Indeval, SA de CV	Yes
73. MOROCCO	Maroclear	Yes
74. NAMIBIA	Bank of Namibia	Yes

COUNTRY	DEPOSITORY NAME	RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM DEPOSITORY	
75.	NETHERLANDS	Euroclear Nederland	Yes
76.	NETHERLANDS	NIEC - Nederlands Interprofessioneel Effectencentrum BV	Yes
77.	NEW ZEALAND	Central Securities Depository	Yes
78.	NIGERIA	Central Securities Clearing System Limited	Did not participate
79.	NIGERIA	The Central Bank of Nigeria	Did not participate
80.	NORWAY	Verdipapirsentralen The Norwegian Central Securities Depository	Yes
81.	OMAN	Muscat Depository & Securities Registration Company, SAOC	Yes
82.	PAKISTAN	Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited	Yes
83.	PAKISTAN	State Bank of Pakistan	Did not participate
84.	PALESTINE	Central Depository System of the Palestine Securities Exchange, Ltd.	Yes
85.	PANAMA	Latinclear/Central Latinoamericana de Valores, S.A.	Yes
86.	PERU	CAVALI - Caja de Valores de Lima CSD	Yes
87.	PHILIPPINES	Philippine Depository Trust Corporation	Yes
88.	PHILIPPINES	Register of Scripless Securities	Yes
89.	POLAND	Central Register for Treasury Bills	Yes
90.	POLAND	KDPW S.A. (formerly National Depository for Securities)	Yes
91.	PORTUGAL	Central Bank of Portugal	Yes
92.	PORTUGAL	Interbolsa (Central de Valores Mobiliarios)	Yes
93.	QATAR	Doha Securities Market	Yes
94.	ROMANIA	Bucharest Stock Exchange	Did not participate ²
95.	ROMANIA	Depozitarul Central S.A.	Yes
96.	ROMANIA	National Bank of Romania	Yes
97.	RUSSIA	Depository Clearing Company	Yes
98.	RUSSIA	JSC VTB Bank (formerly Bank for Foreign Trade)	Did not participate
99.	RUSSIA	The National Depository Center	Yes
100.	SAUDI ARABIA	Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency	Did not participate
101.	SAUDI ARABIA	TADAWUL	Did not participate
102.	SERBIA	Central Securities Depository and Clearinghouse of Serbia	Yes
103.	SINGAPORE	The Central Depository (Pte) Ltd.	Yes
104.	SINGAPORE	Monetary Authority of Singapore	Yes
105.	SLOVAKIA	Centrálny depozitár cenných papierov SR, a.s	Yes
106.	SLOVAKIA	National Bank of Slovakia	Yes
107.	SLOVENIA	KDD Central Securities Clearing Corporation	Yes
108.	SOUTH AFRICA	Share Transactions Totally Electronic	Yes
109.	SOUTH KOREA	Korea Securities Depository	Yes
110.	SPAIN	IBERCLEAR (Equities) and (Fixed Income) Sociedad de Gestión de los Sistemas de Registro, Compensación y Liquidación de Valores, S.A. Unipersonal	Yes
111.	SRI LANKA	Central Depository Systems Private Limited	Yes
112.	SWEDEN	Swedish Central Securities Depository & Clearing Organization	Yes

² This depository's financial functions were taken over by the Depozitarul Central S.A.

COUNTRY	DEPOSITORY NAME	RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM DEPOSITORY
113. SWITZERLAND	SIS Swiss Financial Services Group	Yes
114. TAIWAN	Central Bank of the Republic of China (Taiwan)	Yes
115. TAIWAN	Taiwan Depository & Clearing Corporation	Yes
116. THAILAND	Thailand Securities Depository Co Ltd.	Yes
117. TRANSNATIONAL	Clearstream Banking SA (Luxembourg)	Yes
118. TRANSNATIONAL	Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.	Yes
119. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago	Did not participate
120. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Trinidad and Tobago Central Depository Limited	Yes
121. TUNISIA	Central Bank of Tunisia	Did not participate
122. TUNISIA	National Treasury	Did not participate
123. TUNISIA	Societe Tunisienne Interprofessionnelle pour la Compensation et le Dépôt de Valeurs Mobilières (STICODEVAM)	Yes
124. TURKEY	Central Bank of Turkey	Yes
125. TURKEY	Central Registry Agency (CRA) Inc.	Yes
126. UKRAINE	Depository JSC 'Interregional Securities Union' (MFS)	Yes
127. UKRAINE	National Bank of Ukraine	Yes
128. UKRAINE	National Depository of Ukraine	Yes
129. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Abu Dhabi Securities Market	Did not participate
130. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Central Depository Dubai Financial Market	Did not participate
131. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Dubai International Financial Exchange	Yes
132. UNITED KINGDOM	Depository and Clearing Centre	Yes
133. UNITED KINGDOM	Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited (formerly CRESTCo Limited)	Yes
134. URUGUAY	Banco Central del Uruguay	Yes
135. VENEZUELA	Central Bank of Venezuela	Did not participate
136. VENEZUELA	C.V.V. Caja Venezolana de Valores	Yes
137. VIETNAM	Vietnam Securities Depository (formerly Ho Chi Minh City Securities Trading Center)	Yes
138. ZAMBIA	Bank of Zambia	Yes
139. ZAMBIA	Lusaka Stock Exchange (or LuSE) Central Securities Depository	Yes
Total		120 Respondents

APPENDIX D

List of Publicly Available Depository Questionnaire Responses

Note: Attached is a list of each depository that has, as of January 31, 2008, informed the Association that it will provide its questionnaire response to any interested person upon request. In each case, the name and address of the person or website from which the depository's response is available is also included.

THE ASSOCIATION OF GLOBAL CUSTODIANS
DEPOSITORY INFORMATION-GATHERING PROJECT
PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DEPOSITORY QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

AS OF JANUARY 31, 2008

Depository	Web Site	Contact	Mailing Address	E-mail	Telephone	Fax
ARGENTINA						
Caja de Valores S.A.	http://www.cajival.sba.com.ar					
AUSTRALIA						
ASX Settlement and Transfer Corporation (ASTC)		Chan Arambewela		chan.arambewela@asx.com.au , clearing&settlement@asx.com.au		
AUSTRIA						
Oesterreichische Kontrollbank AG	http://www.oekb.at/control/index.html?id=378512	Gerold Graf		gerold.graf@oekb.at		
BANGLADESH						
Central Depository Bangladesh Limited		Mr. Hasib Rahman		cdbl@bol-online.com		
BELGIUM						
Euroclear Belgium	http://www.euroclear.be					
National Bank of Belgium	http://www.nbb.be	Mr. Dirk Roelandt		sss@nbb.be	+ 32 2 221 46 56	
BOLIVIA						
Entidad de Deposito (EDV) or Central Security Depository		Javier Aneiva Villegas - General Manager		janeiva@edvbolivia.com	(591-2) 214- 5110	
BOSNIA						
Registry of Securities of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina	http://www.rvp.ba/					

Depository	Web Site	Contact	Mailing Address	E-mail	Telephone	Fax
BOTSWANA						
Bank of Botswana		Mr. Chepete Chepete Public Relations Officer	Private Bag 154 Gaborone, Botswana	chepetec@bob.bw	+267 3606580	
BRAZIL						
Central of Custody and Financial Settlement of Securities – CETIP	http://www.cetip.com.br/english_v06/	Ricardo Ramos		ricardo@cetip.com.br		
Companhia Brasileira de Liquidação e Custodia	http://www.cblc.com.br/cblc/Default.asp	Monique Moura Almeida Emilio Meante dos Santos Bianca Sant'Ana Pereira		mmoura@cblc.com.br ; emeante@cblc.com.br ; bpereira@cblc.com.br		5511- 3233- 2332
Sistema Especial de Liquidação e de Custódia - SELIC		Ruben Almeida Galvão, Selma Oliveira Silva dos Santos		ruben.galvao@bcb.gov.br , selma.oliveira@bcb.gov.br	Ruben Galvão: 55 21 2189- 5450, Selma Santos: 55 21 2189-5271	55 21 2253- 7694
BULGARIA						
Bulgarian National Bank	http://www.bnb.bg/					
CHILE						
Deposito Central de Valores S.A.	http://www.dcv.cl					
COLOMBIA						
Deposito Central de Valores		Dionisio Valdivieso		dvaldibu@banrep.gov.co		
Deposito Centralizado de Valores de Colombia		Hugo Solano Amaris Operations Director Jorge Hernan Jaramillo Ossa President	Cra 10 No. 72-33 piso quinto. Bogota Colombia, South America	hsolano@deceval.com.co	571- 376-5460	571-345- 9949
COSTA RICA						
Central de Valores de la Bolsa Nacional de Valores		Gustavo Monge Maria Fernanda Solano		gmonge@bolsacr.com ; msolano@bolsacr.com	(506) 204 4927, (506) 204 4871	(506) 204 4920

Depository	Web Site	Contact	Mailing Address	E-mail	Telephone	Fax
CROATIA						
Central Depository Agency Inc. (Stredisnja Depozitarna Agencija)		Suzana Bahlen		suzana.bahlen@sda.hr		
CYPRUS						
Cyprus Central Securities Depository	http://www.cse.com.cy/gr/default.asp					
CZECH REPUBLIC						
Prague Securities Centre (Středisko cenných papírů - SCP)	http://www.scp.cz					
DENMARK						
Danish Securities Centre	http://www.uk.vp.dk/					
EGYPT						
Misr for Clearing Settlement & Central Depository		Mohamed S. Abdel Salam	70 El-Gomhoria Street Cairo	m.abdsalam@mcsd.com.eg	202-25971-509 202-25971-505 202-25971-506	202- 25971- 671
ESTONIA						
Estonian Central Depository for Securities Ltd. (Eesti Vaartpaberite Keskdepositooriumi AS)		Ahto Kink		ahto.kink@omxgroup.com	372-640-8854	
FINLAND						
Finnish Central Security Depository Ltd.	www.ncsdgroup.com					
FRANCE						
Euroclear France	www.euroclear.com	Euroclear France Secrétariat Général	Euroclear France 115 rue réaumur 75081 Paris CEDEX 02 – France	Gilles.Paccagnini@euroclearfrance.com	33-1-55-34-56- 69	33-1-55- 34-57-76
GERMANY						
Clearstream Banking AG (Frankfurt)	http://www.clearstream.com/ci/dispatch/en/kir/ci_nav/home					
GHANA						
The Bank of Ghana		Mr. Stephen Tetteh	Central Securities Depository, Bank of Ghana, 1st Floor Cedi House, Box 2674, Accra, Ghana	stephen.tetteh@bog.gov.gh	00233-21- 689313	00233-21- 689315

Depository	Web Site	Contact	Mailing Address	E-mail	Telephone	Fax
GREECE						
Hellenic Exchanges S.A. Holding, Clearing, Settlement and Registry (Central Securities Depository S.A.)	http://www.helex.gr	Vivian Mitropoulou, Manager, International Affairs Division, Hellenic Exchanges S.A. Holding		v.mitropoulou@helex.gr		
The Bank of Greece	http://www.bankofgreece.gr/en/statistics/BOGS.asp	Mr. M. Michalopoulos		mmichalopoulos@bankofgreece.gr		
HONG KONG						
Central Moneymarkets Unit		Eric Wong – Senior Manager of CMU		Eric TK Wong@hkma.gov.hk		
Hong Kong Securities Clearing Corporation		Mr. Derrick P. Y. Fung		derrickpyfung@hkex.com.hk		
HUNGARY						
KELER Ltd.	http://www.keler.hu	Mr. Tamás Madlena, Director, Marketing and Customer Relations Mr. Áron Varga, Marketing and Customer Relations		madlena.tamas@keler.hu ; varga.aron@keler.hu		
ICELAND						
Icelandic Securities Depository Limited	http://www.vbsi.is	Sigurður Ólafsson	Laugavegur 182 105 Reykjavík	so@vbsi.is	354-540-5500	354-540-5519
INDIA						
Central Depository Services (India) Limited	http://www.cdslindia.com	Mr. Dominic Fernandes – Vice President, Operations	16 th Floor P J Towers Dalal Street, Fort, Mumbai – 400001, India	dominicf@cdslindia.com	91-22-6634-1857	91-22-227-23199

Depository	Web Site	Contact	Mailing Address	E-mail	Telephone	Fax
National Securities Depository Limited	http://www.nsdl.co.in	Mr. Jayesh Sule, Executive Vice President	Trade World 5 th Floor, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400 013, India	info@nsdl.co.in		
INDONESIA						
PT Kustodian Sentral Efek Indonesia	www.ksei.co.id	Dian Kurniasarie		dian@ksei.co.id	(+62 21) 5299 1043	(+62 21) 5299 1052
ISRAEL						
Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Clearinghouse		Mr. Dror Shalit, General Manager and Mrs. Anat Blum, Head of Clearing Unit	54 Ahad Ha'am st. Tel-Aviv, 65202 Israel	shalit@tase.co.il anab@tase.co.il	972-3-567- 7455, 972-3- 567-7453	972-3- 560-7078, 972-3- 566-1822
ITALY						
Monte Titoli S.P.A.	http://www.montetitoli.it/eng/index.php?dir=chisiamo&pagina=pubbli	Customer Relations Department	Via Mantegna, 6 20154 Milano, Italy	customersrelations@montetitoli.it	39-02-33635- 640	39-02- 33635- 519
IVORY COAST						
Depositaire Central/Banque de Reglement		Pacôme-H. ZAHABI Directeur de l'Exploitation	DC/BR - BRVM 18, Avenue Joseph Anoma - Le Plateau 01 BP 3802 Abidjan 01 Côte d'Ivoire	phzahabi@brvm.org , msissoko@brvm.org , akgnamien@brvm.org , okande@brvm.org	+225 20 315 551	+225 20 312 51 12
JORDAN						
Jordan Securities Depository Center	http://www.sdc.com.jo	Samir Jaradat	Capital Market Building Al-Mansour Bin Abi Amer Street Al-Abdali Area Al-Madina Al-Riadiya District, Amman, Jordan	ceo@sd.com.jo	962-6-567- 2550	962-6- 567-2622
KAZAKHSTAN						
CJSC Central Securities Depository of the Republic of Kazakhstan	http://www.csd.kz	Elmira Zhulfayeva		web@csd.kz		

Depository	Web Site	Contact	Mailing Address	E-mail	Telephone	Fax
KENYA						
Central Depository & Settlement Corporation Limited		Chief Executive Central Depository & Settlement Corporation Limited for the attention of Ms. Rose Mambo	Nation Centre, Kimathi Street, P.O. Box 3464 - 00100 Nairobi Kenya	mambo@cdskenya.com		254-020-253077
LATVIA						
Bank of Latvia		Mr. Harijs Zulgis Chief Expert Market Operations Department Bank of Latvia		harijs.zulgis@bank.lv	+371 67022771	
Latvian Central Depository	http://www.omxgroup.com/riga	Mr. Aivars Slokenbergs, Chairman of Management Board	Valnu iela 1, Riga, LV-1050 Latvia	riga@omxgroup.com		+ 371 722 9411
LITHUANIA						
Central Securities Depository of Lithuania	http://www.csd.lit/lt/apie_cd/klausimynai.php	Margarita Prochorova		info@csdl.lt		
MACEDONIA						
Central Securities Depository	http://www.cdhv.org.mk/	Ms. Darinka Nestorovska		cdhv@cdhv.org.mk		
MALAYSIA						
Bursa Malaysia Depository	http://www.bursamalaysia.com			cheahsinkeat@bursamalaysia.com , Lee Sp@bursamalaysia.com , NoorrizaYusoff@bursamalaysia.com		
MALTA						
Malta Stock Exchange		General Manager	Castille Place Valletta VLT14 MALTA	borza@borzamalta.com.mt		(+00356) 25696316

Depository	Web Site	Contact	Mailing Address	E-mail	Telephone	Fax
MAURITIUS						
Bank of Mauritius		J Pandoo, Head Financial Markets Operations Division, J K Choolhun, Chief Financial Markets Operations Division	Sir William Newton Street Port Louis, Mauritius	jpandoo@bom.intnet.mu jkchoolh@bom.intnet.mu	230 202 3858 230 202 3872	230 211- 1355
Central Depository & Settlement Company Ltd.	www.stockexchangeofmauritius.com	Vipin Mahabirsingh, Managing Director	4th Floor, One Cathedral Square, 16, Jules Koenig Street, Port Louis, Mauritius	vipin.mahabirsingh@cds.intnet.mu	230 211 3507	230 211- 6880
MEXICO						
S.D. Indeval, SA de CV		Leonid Borgmann Arias	Paseo De La Reforma 255 3 Floor México D.F. 06500	lborgmann@indeal.com.mx		
MOROCCO						
Maroclear		General Secretary	Route d'El Jadida 18 cité Laia 20 200 Casablanca Maroc	haboub@maroclear.com		
NETHERLANDS						
Euroclear Nederland	www.euroclearnederland.nl	Sandra Steur		sandra.steur@euroclear.com		
Euroclear Nederland Interprofessioneel Effectencentrum NIEC B.V. ("NIEC")	www.euroclearnederland.nl	Sandra Steur		sandra.steur@euroclear.com		
NEW ZEALAND						
New Zealand Central Securities Depository	www.rbnz.govt.nz	Adrienne Barlow, Director, New Zealand Central Securities Depository		adrienne.barlow@rbnz.govt.nz	64-4-471-3629	
NORWAY						
Verdipapirsentralen/The Norwegian Central Securities Depository	http://www.vps.no					

Depository	Web Site	Contact	Mailing Address	E-mail	Telephone	Fax
PAKISTAN						
Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited		Kamran Qazi - CFO and Company Secretary	CDC House, 99-B, Block-B, S.M.C.H.S., Main Shakra-E-Faisal, Karachi, Pakistan	kamran_qazi@cdcpak.com	+92(021) 111-111-500 +92(021) 4326060 Direct	+92(021) 4326061
PALESTINE						
Central Depository System of the Palestine Securities Exchange Ltd		Dr. Hasan Abu-Libdeh Chairman of the Board of Directors & CEO		pse@p-s-e.com		+972 92341341
PANAMA						
Latinclear/Central Latinoamericana de Valores, S.A.	http://www.latinclear.com.pa/english/latinclear_general_info.htm	Iván A. Diaz		ldiaz@latinclear.com.pa		
PERU						
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APPENDIX E

Depository Questionnaire

The Association of Global Custodians: 2007 - 2008 Questionnaire

SCOPE, STRUCTURE, OWNERSHIP, CAPITAL, REGULATION AND AUDIT

The purpose of this section is to understand the ownership structure and financial strength of your institution, as well as the level of regulatory and operational supervision to which it is subject.

Scope, Structure, Ownership

1

Rule 17f-7, by reference to Rule 17f-4, requires that, for a depository to be eligible to hold securities of U.S. registered investment companies (such depositories hereinafter referred to as "Eligible Securities Depositories"), the depository must be a "system for the central handling of securities where all securities of any particular class or series of any issuer deposited within the system are treated as fungible and may be transferred or pledged by bookkeeping entry without physical delivery of the securities."

In particular, are all securities of a particular class or series of any issuer that are deposited in your institution treated as fungible, and can they be transferred or pledged by bookkeeping entry without physical delivery of the securities?

- Yes
 No - then answer 1a
 Other - then answer 1a

1a. Please explain:

2

Rule 17f-7 also requires that an Eligible Securities Depository "acts as or operates a system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries in the country where it is incorporated," or "acts as or operates a transnational system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries."

Does your institution: (Choose all that apply.)

- Act as or operate a system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries in the country where it is incorporated? - then answer 2b
 Act as or operate a transnational system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries? - then answer 2b
 Act in another capacity with respect to the handling of securities or equivalent book-entries? - then answer 2a
 Not applicable - then answer 2a
 Other - then answer 2a

2a. Please explain:

2b. Please specify the types of securities for which you act as or operate a system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries:

3

What type of legal entity is the institution? (Choose all that apply.)

- Public Company
- Private Company
- Central Bank (or part thereof)
- Stock Exchange (or part thereof)
- Other - then answer 3a

3a. If other, please explain:

4

Is the institution operated as a "for profit" or a "not for profit" organization?

- For profit
- Not for profit
- Other - then answer 4a

4a. If other, please explain:

5

Please provide the names of the owners and their ownership interest percentages.

6

What is the date of establishment of the depository? (DD/MM/YY)

7

What is the date that the depository's operations began? (DD/MM/YY)

8

Under what regulation or statute is the depository established and governed?

- then answer 8a

8a. Is the regulation or statute electronically available?

Yes - then answer 8b

No

8b. If regulation or statute is electronically available, please supply web address or upload document.



8c. If more than one link or document, please supply additional information here:



8d. If more than one link or document, please supply additional information here:



8e. If more than one link or document, please supply additional information here:



8f. If more than one link or document, please supply additional information here:



8g. Please provide details of the structure and composition of your Board together with their industry experience and responsibilities in governing the depository.

What are the qualifications to become a board member?

8h. What are the election procedures?

8i. What is maximum length of time they can serve as a board member?

8j. Who is responsible for regulating the board members?

8k. What is the extent of their voting powers?

9

Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository "is regulated by a foreign financial regulatory authority as defined under section 2(a)(50) of the Act", with section 2(a)(50) establishing that "'foreign financial regulatory authority' means any (A) foreign securities authority, (B) other governmental body or foreign equivalent of a self-regulatory organization empowered by a foreign government to administer or enforce its laws relating to the regulation of fiduciaries, trusts, commercial lending, insurance, trading in contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery, or other instruments traded on or subject to the rules of a contract market, board of trade or foreign equivalent, or other financial activities, or (C) membership organization a function of which is to regulate the participation of its members in activities listed above."

Who regulates the activities of the depository? (Choose all that apply.)

- A governmental body or regulatory organization empowered to administer or enforce laws related to securities matters.
- A governmental body or self-regulatory organization empowered to administer or enforce laws related to other financial activities.
- A membership organization which regulates the participation of its members in securities matters or other financial activities.
- Other. - then answer 9a

9a. Please explain:

10

Please provide the name of the regulatory authority(ies) identified in question 9:

11

Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository “is subject to periodic examination by regulatory authorities or independent accountants.”

Is the depository subject to periodic examination by: (Choose all that apply.)

- Regulatory authorities?
- Independent accountants?
- Other. - then answer 11a

11a. Please explain:

12

What enforcement actions are available to the regulatory authority(ies) for breach of applicable statute or regulatory requirements? (Choose all that apply.)

Name of Authority (1):

- then answer 12a

12a.

- Fines.
- Restrictions on depository activities.
- Suspension of depository activities.
- Termination of depository activities.
- Other. - then answer 12b

12b. Please explain:

12c. Name of Authority (2):

- then answer 12d

12d.

- Fines.
- Restrictions on depository activities.
- Suspension of depository activities.
- Termination of depository activities.
- Other. - then answer 12e

12e. Please explain:

13

Has there been any use of such enforcement actions in the last three years?

- Yes - then answer 13a
- No
- Other - then answer 13a

13a. If yes or other, please explain:

Capital

14

Are annual financial statements publicly disclosed?

- Yes - then answer 14a
- No - then answer 14c
- Other - then answer 14h

14a. If yes, the AGC requests a copy of the institution's annual report. Is the annual

report available electronically?

Yes - then answer 14b

No. (If no, please send a copy of the annual report to the Washington office of Baker & McKenzie, 815 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20006, Attn: Robin Truesdale)

14b. If yes, please upload the document here or insert web link:



14f. If more than one document for 14b, please upload the additional document here or insert web link:



14g. If more than one document for 14b, please upload the document here or insert web link:



14c. If no, and annual report and/or financial statements are not disclosed, please state your share capital, reserves, and retained earnings (or equivalents as determined under local accounting standards).

Share Capital:

- then answer 14d

14d. Reserves:

- then answer 14e

14e. Retained Earnings:

14h. If other, please explain:

With respect to the depository's financial audit

15

Do internal auditors perform a financial audit? (Choose all that apply.)

- Yes - then answer 15a
- No >> take you to 16
- Other - then answer 15g

15a. If Yes, which department in your depository handles the financial audit?

- then answer 15b

15b. How frequently does the financial audit occur? (Choose one.)

- Two or more times a year - then answer 15d
- Annually - then answer 15d
- Less than Annually - then answer 15c
- Other. Please explain in 15c. - then answer 15c

15c. If less than annually or other, please explain:

15d. Are results of the financial audit publicly available?

- Yes - then answer 15e
- No - then answer 15e

15e. Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last financial audit: (Choose one.)

- No material exceptions found.
- Minor exceptions found. - then answer 15f
- Material exceptions found. - then answer 15f
- Other - then answer 15f

15f. If minor, material or "other" exceptions were found, what actions were taken? Please describe:

15g. If other, please explain:

15h. Please list the date of your last financial audit performed by internal auditors and the period that the audit covered:

16

Do independent external auditors perform a financial audit? (Choose all that apply.)

- Yes - then answer 16a
- No >> take you to 17
- Other - then answer 16h

16a. If yes, what is the name of the accountant/accounting firm that handles the financial audit?

- then answer 16b

16b. How frequently does the financial audit occur? (Choose one.)

- Two or more times a year - then answer 16d
- Annually - then answer 16d
- Less than Annually - then answer 16c
- Other. Please explain in 16g. - then answer 16g

16c. If less than annually, please explain:

16d. Are results of the financial audit publicly available?

- Yes - then answer 16e
- No - then answer 16e
- Other - then answer 16i

16e. Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last financial audit: (Choose one.)

- No material exceptions found.
- Minor exceptions found. - then answer 16f
- Material exceptions found. - then answer 16f

Other - then answer 16f

**16f. If minor, material or "other" exceptions were found, what actions were taken?
Please describe:**

16i. If other, please explain:

16g. If other, please explain:

16h. If other, please explain:

16j. Please list the date of your last financial audit performed by independent external auditors and the period that the audit covered:

17

Do regulatory authorities perform a financial audit? (Choose all that apply.)

- Yes - then answer 17a
- No >> take you to 18
- Other - then answer 17h

17a. If Yes, what is the name of the regulatory authority that handles the financial audit?

- then answer 17b

17b. How frequently does the financial audit occur? (Choose one.)

- Two or more times a year - then answer 17d
- Annually - then answer 17d
- Less than Annually - then answer 17c
- Other. Please explain in 17g. - then answer 17g

17c. If less than annually, please explain:

17d. Are results of the financial audit publicly available?

- Yes - then answer 17e
- No - then answer 17e

17e. Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last financial audit: (Choose one.)

- No material exceptions found.
- Minor exceptions found. - then answer 17f
- Material exceptions found. - then answer 17f
- Other - then answer 17f

17f. If minor, material or "other" exceptions were found, what actions were taken? Please describe:

17g. If other, please explain:

17h. If other, please explain:

17i. Please list the date of your last financial audit performed by regulatory authorities and the period that the audit covered:

18

Do any other auditors perform a financial audit? (Choose all that apply.)

- Yes - then answer 18a
- No >> take you to 19
- Other - then answer 18h

18a. If Yes, please explain and identify by name?

- then answer 18b


18b. How frequently does the financial audit occur? (Choose one.) 

- Two or more times a year - then answer 18d
- Annually - then answer 18d
- Less than Annually - then answer 18c
- Other. Please explain in 18g. - then answer 18g

18c. If less than annually, please explain:

18d. Are results of the financial audit publicly available? 

- Yes - then answer 18e
- No - then answer 18e

18e. Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last financial audit: (Choose one.) 

- No material exceptions found.
- Minor exceptions found. - then answer 18f
- Material exceptions found. - then answer 18f
- Other - then answer 18f

18f. If minor, material or "other" exceptions were found, what actions were taken? Please describe:

18g. If other, please explain:

18h. If other, please explain:

18i. Please list the date of your last financial audit performed by any other auditors and the period that the audit covered:

With respect to the depository's operational audit

19

Do internal auditors perform an operational audit? (Choose all that apply.)

- Yes - then answer 19a
- No >> take you to 20
- Other - then answer 19g

19a. If Yes, which department in your depository handles the operational audit?

- then answer 19b


19b. How frequently does the operational audit occur? (Choose one.) 

- Two or more times a year
- Annually
- Less than Annually - then answer 19c
- Other. Please explain in 19c. - then answer 19c

19c. If less than annually or other, please explain:

19d. Are results of the operational audit publicly available? 

- Yes - then answer 19e
- No - then answer 19e

19e. Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last operational audit: (Choose one.) 

- No material exceptions found.
- Minor exceptions found. - then answer 19f
- Material exceptions found. - then answer 19f
- Other - then answer 19f

**19f. If minor, material or "other" exceptions were found, what actions were taken?
Please describe:**

19g. If other, please explain:

**19h. Please list the date of your last operational audit performed by internal auditors
and the period that the audit covered:**

20

Do independent external accountants perform an operational audit? (Choose all that apply.)

- Yes - then answer 20a
- No >> take you to 21
- Other - then answer 20h

**20a. If Yes, what is the name of the accountant/accounting firm that handles the
operational audit?**

- then answer 20b

20b. How frequently does the operational audit occur? (Choose one.) 

- Two or more times a year - then answer 20d
- Annually - then answer 20d
- Less than Annually - then answer 20c
- Other. Please explain in 20g. - then answer 20g

20c. If less than annually, please explain:

20d. Are results of the operational audit publicly available?

- Yes - then answer 20e
- No - then answer 20e

20e. Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last operational audit: (Choose one.)

- No material exceptions found.
- Minor exceptions found. - then answer 20f
- Material exceptions found. - then answer 20f
- Other - then answer 20f

20f. If minor, material or "other" exceptions were found, what actions were taken? Please describe:

20g. If other, please explain:

20h. If other, please explain:

20i. Please list the date of your last operational audit performed by independent external accountants and the period that the audit covered:

21

Do regulatory authorities perform an operational audit? (Choose all that apply.)

- Yes - then answer 21a
- No >> take you to 22
- Other - then answer 21h

21a. If Yes, what is the name of the regulatory authority that handles the operational audit?

- then answer 21b


21b. How frequently does the operational audit occur? (Choose one.) 

- Two or more times a year - then answer 21d
- Annually - then answer 21d
- Less than Annually - then answer 21c
- Other. Please explain in 21g. - then answer 21g

21c. If less than annually, please explain:

21d. Are results of the operational audit publicly available? 

- Yes - then answer 21e
- No - then answer 21e

21e. Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last operational audit: (Choose one.) 

- No material exceptions found.
- Minor exceptions found. - then answer 21f
- Material exceptions found. - then answer 21f
- Other - then answer 21f

21f. If minor, material or "other" exceptions were found, what actions were taken? Please describe:

21g. If other, please explain:

21h. If other, please explain:

21i. Please list the date of your last operational audit performed by regulatory authorities and the period that the audit covered:

22

Do any other auditors perform an operational audit? (Choose all that apply.)

- Yes - then answer 22a
- No >> take you to 23
- Other - then answer 22h

22a. If Yes, please explain and identify by name:

- then answer 22b


22b. How frequently does the operational audit occur? (Choose one.) 

- Two or more times a year - then answer 22d
- Annually - then answer 22d
- Less than Annually - then answer 22c
- Other. Please explain in 22g. - then answer 22g

22c. If less than annually, please explain:

22d. Are results of the operational audit publicly available? 

- Yes - then answer 22e
- No - then answer 22e

22e. Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last operational audit: (Choose one.) 

- No material exceptions found.
- Minor exceptions found. - then answer 22f
- Material exceptions found. - then answer 22f
- Other - then answer 22f

**22f. If minor, material or "other" exceptions were found, what actions were taken?
Please describe:**

22g. If other, please explain:

22h. If other, please explain:

**22i. Please list the date of your last operational audit performed by any other auditors
and the period that the audit covered:**

PARTICIPANTS AND PARTICIPATION

The purpose of the section is to understand issues relating to participation in the depository, including eligibility requirements, conditions of participation, and supervision of participants.

Participant Eligibility Requirements

23

What types of entities are eligible to become participants and how many of each type are there currently? (Choose all that apply.)

- Banks - then answer 23a
- Brokers - then answer 23b
- Individuals - then answer 23c
- Foreign Institutions - then answer 23d
- Other entities. - then answer 23e
- Not applicable

23a. How many Bank participants are there currently?

- then answer 23g

23g. Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Banks. (Choose all that apply.)

- Financial Thresholds - then answer 23h
- Regulatory Oversight - then answer 23h
- Market Experience - then answer 23h
- Other. Please explain in 23q. - then answer 23q

23h. Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Bank participants be found?

23q. Please explain:

23b. How many Broker participants are there currently?

- then answer 23i

23i. Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Brokers. (Choose all that apply.)

- Financial Thresholds - then answer 23j
- Regulatory Oversight - then answer 23j
- Market Experience - then answer 23j
- Other. Please explain in 23r. - then answer 23r

23j. Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Broker participants be found?

23r. If other, please explain:

23c. How many Individual participants are there currently?

- then answer 23k

23k. Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Individual participants. (Choose all that apply.)

- Financial Thresholds - then answer 23l
- Regulatory Oversight - then answer 23l
- Market Experience - then answer 23l
- Other. Please explain in 23t. - then answer 23t

23l. Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Individual participants be found?

23t. If other, please explain:

23d. How many Foreign Institution participants are there currently?

- then answer 23m

23m. Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Foreign Institution participants. (Choose all that apply.)

- Financial Thresholds - then answer 23n
- Regulatory Oversight - then answer 23n
- Market Experience - then answer 23n
- Other. Please explain in 23u. - then answer 23u

23n. Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Foreign Institution participants be found?

23u. If other, please explain:

23e. If you have selected "Other entities" above, please explain:

- then answer 23f

23f. Indicate how many "Other entities" are currently participants?

- then answer 23o

23o. Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for the participants referred to above as "Other entities". (Choose all that apply.)

- Financial Threshold - then answer 23p
- Regulatory Oversight - then answer 23p
- Market Experience - then answer 23p
- Other. Please explain in 23s. - then answer 23s

23p. Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for participants describe above as "Other entities" be found?

23s. If other, please explain:

24

Are participants required to contribute capital to the depository that would result in ownership of the depository?

- Yes - then answer 24a
- No
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 24b

24a. If yes, what fixed amount is required or what formula is used to determine the

appropriate contribution level?

24b. If other, please explain:

25

Are prospective participants subject to an initial review and approval process regarding compliance with eligibility requirements?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 25a

25a. If other, please explain:

Conditions of participation

26

What governs the relationship between the depository and the participants? (Choose all that apply.)

- Relevant law and regulation
- Standard participation contract
- Established terms and conditions of participation
- By-laws of the depository
- Rules of the depository
- Other - then answer 26a
- Not applicable

26a. Please explain:

27

Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository “holds assets for the custodian that participates in the system on behalf of the Fund under safekeeping conditions no less favorable than the conditions that apply to other participants.”

Please confirm that assets of foreign investors held by custodians as participants in the depository are held under safekeeping conditions no less favorable than the conditions that apply to other participants.

- Yes
- No - then answer 27a
- Not applicable - then answer 27a
- Other - then answer 27a

27a. If no, other or not applicable, please explain:

28

How does the depository notify participants of material changes to the conditions of participation? (Choose all that apply.)

- By e-mail
- By telephone
- By public announcement
- By press release
- Other - then answer 28a
- Not applicable

28a. Please explain:

Governance of participants

29

Who enforces compliance with the depository's conditions of participation? (Choose all that apply.)

- The depository
- The exchange
- The depository's regulator
- Other - then answer 29a
- Not applicable

29a. Please explain:

30

What enforcement actions are available to the enforcement authority? (Choose all that apply.)

- Fines
- Restrictions on participation
- Suspension of participation
- Termination of participation
- Other - then answer 30a
- Not applicable

30a. Please explain:

31

Has there been any such enforcement actions in the last three years?

- Yes - then answer 31a
- No
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 31b

31a. If yes, please explain, including information relative to any suspensions of depository participants:

31b. If other, please explain:

DEPOSITORY FUNCTIONALITY AND SERVICES; USE OF AGENTS

Certain functionalities and services reduce risk to an investor if provided in an efficient manner. The purpose of this section is to identify those functionalities that may potentially be offered by depositories and clearing systems around the world, and ascertain whether they are offered by your institution.

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For which of the following security types do you serve as a depository or clearing system? (Choose all that apply.)

- Government Securities - then answer 32b
- Equities - then answer 32c
- Corporate Bonds - then answer 32d
- Corporate Money Market Instruments - then answer 32e
- Others - then answer 32a
- Not applicable

32a. Please name the other security types:

- then answer 32f

32f. Please name other depositories and clearing systems that handle the same securities listed in "Others" in your market:

32b. Please name other depositories and clearing systems that handle Government Securities in your market:

32c. Please name other depositories and clearing systems that handle Equities in your market:


32d. Please name other depositories and clearing systems that handle Corporate Bonds in your market:

32e. Please name other depositories and clearing systems that handle Corporate Money Market Instruments in your market:

Government Securities Settlements

33

Is the use of the depository in your market compulsory by law or compulsory by market practice for the settlement of government securities?

(Please note that responses to questions 33 through 42 should be consistent with questions 73 and 74.) 

- By law - then answer 33a
- By market practice - then answer 33a
- Neither/other - then answer 33b
- Not applicable

33a. What is the percentage of the total market of government securities in your jurisdiction (either volume or value) settled within your institution, exclusive of your links with third parties?

33b. If neither/other, please explain:

Government Securities Safekeeping

34

Is the use of the depository in your market compulsory by law or compulsory by market practice for the safekeeping of government securities? (Choose all that apply.)

(Please note that responses to questions 33 through 42 should be consistent with questions 73 and 74.)

- By law - then answer 34a
- By market practice - then answer 34a
- Neither/other - then answer 34b
- Not applicable

34a. What is the percentage of the total market of government securities in your

jurisdiction (either volume or value) held in safekeeping within your institution?

34b. If neither/other, please explain:

Equities Settlements

35

Is the use of the depository in your market compulsory by law or compulsory by market practice for the settlement of equities? (Choose all that apply.)

(Please note that responses to questions 33 through 42 should be consistent with questions 73 and 74.)

- By law - then answer 35a
- By market practice - then answer 35a
- Neither/other - then answer 35b
- Not applicable

35a. What is the percentage of the total market of equities in your jurisdiction (either volume or value) settled within your institution, exclusive of your links with third parties?

35b. If neither/other, please explain:

Equities Safekeeping

36

Is the use of the depository in your market compulsory by law or compulsory by market practice for the safekeeping of equities? (Choose all that apply.)

(Please note that responses to questions 33 through 42 should be consistent with questions 73 and 74.)

- By law - then answer 36a
- By market practice - then answer 36a
- Neither/other - then answer 36b
- Not applicable

36a. What is the percentage of the total market of equities in your jurisdiction (either volume or value) held in safekeeping within your institution?

36b. If neither/other, please explain:

Corporate Bonds Settlements

37

Is the use of the depository in your market compulsory by law or compulsory by market practice for the settlement of corporate bonds? (Choose all that apply.)

(Please note that responses to questions 33 through 42 should be consistent with questions 73 and 74.)

- By law - then answer 37a
- By market practice - then answer 37a
- Neither/other - then answer 37b
- Not applicable

37a. What is the percentage of the total market of corporate bonds in your jurisdiction (either volume or value) settled within your institution, exclusive of your links with third parties?

37b. If neither/other, please explain:

38

Is the use of the depository in your market compulsory by law or compulsory by market practice for the safekeeping of corporate bonds? (Choose all that apply.)

(Please note that responses to questions 33 through 42 should be consistent with questions 73 and 74.)

- By law - then answer 38a
- By market practice - then answer 38a
- Neither/other - then answer 38b
- Not applicable

38a. What is the percentage of the total market of corporate bonds in your jurisdiction (either volume or value) held in safekeeping within your institution?

38b. If neither/other, please explain:

39

Is the use of the depository in your market compulsory by law or compulsory by market practice for the settlement of corporate money market instruments? (Choose all that apply.)

(Please note that responses to questions 33 through 42 should be consistent with questions 73 and 74.)

- By law - then answer 39a
- By market practice - then answer 39a
- Neither/other - then answer 39b
- Not applicable

39a. What is the percentage of the total market of corporate money market instruments in your jurisdiction (either volume or value) settled within your institution, exclusive of your links with third parties?

39b. If neither/other, please explain:

Corporate Money Market Instruments Safekeeping

40

Is the use of the depository in your market compulsory by law or compulsory by market practice for the safekeeping of corporate money market instruments? (Choose all that apply.)

(Please note that responses to questions 33 through 42 should be consistent with questions 73 and 74.)

- By law - then answer 40a
- By market practice - then answer 40a
- Neither/other - then answer 40b
- Not applicable

40a. What is the percentage of the total market of corporate money market instruments in your jurisdiction (either volume or value) held in safekeeping within your institution?

40b. If neither/other, please explain:

Other Eligible Securities Settlements

41

Is the use of the depository in your market compulsory by law or compulsory by market practice for the settlement of other eligible securities? (Choose all that apply.)

(Please note that responses to questions 33 through 42 should be consistent with questions 73 and 74.)

- By law - then answer 41a
- By market practice - then answer 41a
- Neither/other - then answer 41c
- Not applicable

41a. What is the percentage of the total market of other eligible securities in your jurisdiction (either volume or value) settled within your institution, exclusive of your links with third parties?

- then answer 41b

41b. Please provide description of the other securities:

41c. If neither/other, please explain:

Other Eligible Securities Safekeeping

42

Is the use of the depository in your market compulsory by law or compulsory by market practice for the safekeeping of other eligible securities? (Choose all that apply.)

(Please note that responses to questions 33 through 42 should be consistent with questions 73 and 74.)

- By law - then answer 42a
- By market practice - then answer 42a
- Neither/other - then answer 42c
- Not applicable

42a. What is the percentage of the total market of other eligible securities in your jurisdiction (either volume or value) held in safekeeping within your institution?

- then answer 42b

42b. Please provide description of the other securities:

42c. If neither/other, please explain:

43

Are there any activities performed by a third party on behalf of the depository for the depository participants (e.g., vaulting of physical securities, registration, entitlement processing, etc.)?

- Yes - then answer 43a
- No
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 43g

43a. If third parties are employed, please indicate which services they supply:

- then answer 43b

43b. If third parties are employed, does the depository assume liability for losses incurred by participants as a result of the actions/inactions of the third parties?

- Yes - then answer 43c
- No

43c. If you acknowledge responsibility, please indicate whether your responsibility is assumed (Choose all that apply.)

- regardless of whether such loss was caused by any action or inaction of the agent; - then answer 43d
- if such loss was caused by the agent's action or inaction and such action or inaction was deemed to be negligence on the part of the agent; - then answer 43d
- if such loss was caused by the agent's action or inaction and such action or inaction was deemed to be gross negligence on the part of the agent; - then answer 43d
- if the loss was caused by the willful default or other willful conduct on the part of the agent; - then answer 43d
- Other - then answer 43h

43d. If you acknowledge responsibility for agents, your responsibility is assumed for losses (Choose all that apply.)

- without limit.
- which are not consequential losses.
- subject to a monetary limit not based on insurance limits. - then answer 43e
- subject to a monetary limit based on insurance limits. - then answer 43f
- Other - then answer 43i

43e. Please specify limit:

43f. Please specify limit:

43i. If other, please explain:

43h. If other, please explain:

43g. If other, please explain:

44

Has any participant suffered any losses in the past three years due to the depository's performance?

- Yes - then answer 44a
- No
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 44m

44a. If yes, please select all of the following in which loss has occurred. You will be prompted to enter the number of instances and total loss in USD thereafter. (Choose all that apply.)

- Corporate Action - then answer 44b
- Settlement Process - Securities - then answer 44c
- Settlement Process - Cash - then answer 44d
- System Outage - then answer 44e
- Other - then answer 44f

44b. Corporate Action. Please specify number of instances:

- then answer 44g

44g. Corporate Action. Please specify total loss in USD.

44c. Settlement Process - Securities. Please specify number of instances:

- then answer 44h

44h. Settlement Process - Securities. Please specify total loss in USD:

44d. Settlement Process - Cash. Please specify number of instances:

- then answer 44i

44i. Settlement Process - Cash. Please specify total loss in USD:

44e. System Outage. Please specify number of instances:

- then answer 44j

44j. System Outage. Please specify total loss in USD:

44f. If Other, please explain:

- then answer 44k

44k. For Other, please specify number of instances:

- then answer 44l

44l. For Other, please specify total loss in USD:

44m. If other, please explain:

Other Services

45

Who accepts cash deposits for depository transactions? (Choose all that apply.)

- Depository
- Central Bank
- Banks appointed by depository. - then answer 45a
- Others - then answer 45b
- Not applicable

45a. Please name banks:

45b. If others, please explain:

46

Who processes cash clearing for depository transactions? (Choose all that apply.)

- Depository
- Central Bank
- Banks appointed by depository. - then answer 46a
- Others - then answer 46b
- Not applicable

46a. Please name banks appointed by depository:

46b. If others, please explain:

47

Who controls the movement of cash for cash deposits? (Choose all that apply.)

- Depository
- Central Bank
- Banks appointed by depository. - then answer 47a
- Others - then answer 47b
- Not applicable

47a. Please name banks appointed by depository:

47b. If others, please explain:

48

Who controls the movement of cash for cash clearing? (Choose all that apply.)

- Depository
- Central Bank
- Banks appointed by depository. - then answer 48a

Others - then answer 48b

Not applicable

48a. Please name banks appointed by depository:

48b. If others, please explain:

49

Please indicate services you provide. (Choose all that apply.)

Information in advance on corporate (annual or special) meetings in order that owners can vote.

Tax assistance where foreign holders may be entitled to tax relief at source or through a claim.

In order to avoid fails, an automatic securities lending facility - if requested - is provided for: - then answer 49a

Collateral handling in support of activities including securities lending, overdraft coverage, cash management, repurchase agreements, etc. Please provide details - then answer 49c

Same day turnaround settlements.

Information on distribution of new issues (IPO, Privatization).

Other. - then answer 49d

Not applicable

49a. Automatic securities lending facility is provided for: (Choose all that apply.)

Brokers

Banks

Other Financial Institutions

Other - then answer 49b

49b. If Other, please explain:

49c. Collateral Handling: Please provide details:

49d. If Other services, please explain:

50

**What procedures are in place for the collection of corporate action entitlements?
(Choose all that apply.)**

- Credited to the securities account on the day indicated below regardless of whether actually collected by the depository on the scheduled date - then answer 50a
- Credited to the securities account upon actual receipt by the depository.
- Corporate action entitlements are handled by an entity separate from the depository. - then answer 50c
- Not applicable.
- Other. Please explain in 50d. - then answer 50d

50a. Credited to the securities account: (Choose all that apply.)

- On pay date.
- On pay date +1.
- On pay date +2.
- Other. - then answer 50b

50b. If other, please explain:

50c. Name of entity:

50d. If other, please explain:

51

What is the average percentage of entitlements that have actually been collected by the depository when the credits are made to the participant accounts?

52

What procedures are in place for the collection of interest and dividends? (Choose all that apply.)

- Credited to the cash account on the day indicated below regardless of whether actually collected by the depository on the scheduled date - then answer 52a
- Credited to the cash account upon actual receipt by the depository.
- Income and dividend collection is handled by an entity separate from the depository. - then answer 52c
- Not applicable.
- Other. Please explain in 52d. - then answer 52d

52a. Credited to the cash account: (Choose all that apply.)

- On pay date.
- On pay date +1.
- On pay date +2.
- Other. - then answer 52b

52b. If other, please explain:

52c. Name of entity:

52d. If other, please explain:

53

What is the average percentage of income receipts which have actually been collected by the depository from issuers or paying agents when the credits are made to the participant accounts?

Linkages with Other Central Securities Depositories (CSD) or International Central Securities Depositories (ICSD)

54

Please identify the existence and scope of electronic processing linkages with foreign depositories or settlement systems:

Do you have any electronic processing linkages with foreign depositories or settlement systems?

- Yes
- No >> take you to 63
- Other. Please explain in 54a. - then answer 54a and >> take you to 63
- Not applicable >> take you to 63

54a. If other, please explain:

55

If yes, identify entity, name of CSD or ICSD with which linkage has been established (if more than one, you will be prompted to enter their name at the end of this series of questions):

- then answer 55a

55a. Is the linkage Unilateral or Bilateral? (For an explanation of unilateral linkage and bilateral linkage, click on the "Help" button on the tool bar on the right side of this page.) (Choose all that apply.)

- Unilateral - then answer 55b
- Bilateral - then answer 55b
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 55l

55b. Does an intermediary provide interface to depository?

- Yes - then answer 55c
- No - then answer 55d

55c. If yes, name intermediary:

55d. Is cross listing on the other exchange mandatory for usage of depository linkages?



Yes - then answer 55e

No - then answer 55e

55e. Is Delivery-vs.-payment settlement possible?

Yes

No

Other. Please explain in 55j. - then answer 55j

55f. Is Free-of-payment settlements required?

Yes

No

Other. Please explain in 55k. - then answer 55k

55k. If other, please explain:

55g. Timing of transfers: How are they effected? (Choose all that apply.)

Batch mode

Real time

Not applicable

Other - then answer 55m

55m. If other, please explain:

55h. What is the percentage of all trades settled at your institution with this CSD or ICSD link?

55i. Do you have any additional electronic processing linkages with foreign depositories or settlement systems?

- Yes. If so please proceed to next question.
- No >> take you to 60
- Other - then answer 55n

55n. If other, please explain:

55j. If other, please explain:

55i. If other, please explain:

56

If yes, identify entity, name of CSD or ICSD with which linkage has been established (if more than one, you will be prompted to enter their name at the end of this series of questions):

- then answer 56a

56a. Is the linkage Unilateral or Bilateral? (For an explanation of unilateral linkage and bilateral linkage, click on the "Help" button on the tool bar on the right side of this page.) (Choose all that apply.)

- Unilateral - then answer 56b
- Bilateral - then answer 56b
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 56i

56b. Does an intermediary provide interface to depository?

- Yes - then answer 56c
- No - then answer 56d

56c. If yes, name intermediary:

56d. Is cross listing on the other exchange mandatory for usage of depository linkages?



Yes - then answer 56e

No - then answer 56e

56e. Is Delivery-vs.-payment settlement possible?

Yes

No

Other. Please explain in 56j. - then answer 56j

56f. Is Free-of-payment settlements required?

Yes

No

Other. Please explain in 56k. - then answer 56k

56k. If other, please explain:

56g. Timing of transfers: How are they effected? (Choose all that apply.)

Batch mode

Real time

Not applicable

Other - then answer 56m

56m. If other, please explain:

56h. What is the percentage of all trades settled at your institution with this CSD or ICSD link?

56i. Do you have any additional electronic processing linkages with foreign depositories or settlement systems?

Yes. If so please proceed to next question.

- No >> take you to 60
- Other - then answer 56n

56n. If Other, please explain:

56j. If other, please explain:

56l. If other, please explain:

57

If yes, identify entity, name of CSD or ICSD with which linkage has been established (if more than one, you will be prompted to enter their name at the end of this series of questions):

- then answer 57a

57a. Is the linkage Unilateral or Bilateral? (For an explanation of unilateral linkage and bilateral linkage, click on the "Help" button on the tool bar on the right side of this page.) (Choose all that apply.)

- Unilateral - then answer 57b
- Bilateral - then answer 57b
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 57l

57b. Does an intermediary provide interface to depository?

- Yes - then answer 57c
- No - then answer 57d
- Other - then answer 57n

57c. If yes, name intermediary:

57d. Is cross listing on the other exchange mandatory for usage of depository linkages?



- Yes - then answer 57e
- No - then answer 57e
- Other - then answer 57o

57e. Is Delivery-vs.-payment settlement possible?

- Yes
- No
- Other. Please explain in 57j. - then answer 57j

57f. Is Free-of-payment settlements required?

- Yes
- No
- Other. Please explain in 57k. - then answer 57k

57k. If other, please explain:

57g. Timing of transfers: How are they effected? (Choose all that apply.)

- Batch mode
- Real time
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 57m

57m. If other, please explain:

57h. What is the percentage of all trades settled at your institution with this CSD or ICSD link?

57i. Do you have any additional electronic processing linkages with foreign depositories or settlement systems?

- Yes. If so please proceed to next question.
- No >> take you to 60
- Other - then answer 57p

57p. If other, please explain:

57j. If other, please explain:

57o. If other, please explain:

57n. If Other, please explain:

57l. If other, please explain:

58

If yes, identify entity, name of CSD or ICSD with which linkage has been established (if more than one, you will be prompted to enter their name at the end of this series of questions):

- then answer 58a

58a. Is the linkage Unilateral or Bilateral? (For an explanation of unilateral linkage and bilateral linkage, click on the "Help" button on the tool bar on the right side of this page.) (Choose all that apply.)

- Unilateral - then answer 58b

- Bilateral - then answer 58b
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 58l

58b. Does an intermediary provide interface to depository?

- Yes - then answer 58c
- No - then answer 58d
- Other - then answer 58n

58c. If yes, name intermediary:

58d. Is cross listing on the other exchange mandatory for usage of depository linkages?



- Yes - then answer 58e
- No - then answer 58e
- Other - then answer 58o

58e. Is Delivery-vs.-payment settlement possible?

- Yes
- No
- Other. Please explain in 58j. - then answer 58j

58f. Is Free-of-payment settlements required?

- Yes
- No
- Other. Please explain in 58k. - then answer 58k

58k. If other, please explain:

58g. Timing of transfers: How are they effected? (Choose all that apply.)

- Batch mode
- Real time
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 58m

58m. If other, please explain:

58h. What is the percentage of all trades settled at your institution with this CSD or ICSD link?

58i. Do you have any additional electronic processing linkages with foreign depositories or settlement systems? 

- Yes. If so please proceed to next question.
- No >> take you to 60
- Other - then answer 58p

58p. If other, please explain:

58j. If other, please explain:

58o. If other, please explain:

58n. If other, please explain:

58l. If other, please explain:

59

If yes, identify entity, name of CSD or ICSD with which linkage has been established (if more than one, you will be prompted to enter their name at the end of this series of questions):

- then answer 59a

59a. Is the linkage Unilateral or Bilateral? (For an explanation of unilateral linkage and bilateral linkage, click on the "Help" button on the tool bar on the right side of this page.) (Choose all that apply.)

- Unilateral - then answer 59b
- Bilateral - then answer 59b
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 59m

59b. Does an intermediary provide interface to depository?

- Yes - then answer 59c
- No - then answer 59d
- Other - then answer 59o

59c. If yes, name intermediary:

59d. Is cross listing on the other exchange mandatory for usage of depository linkages?



- Yes - then answer 59e
- No - then answer 59e
- Other - then answer 59p

59e. Is Delivery-vs.-payment settlement possible?

- Yes
- No
- Other. Please explain in 59j. - then answer 59j

59f. Is Free-of-payment settlements required?

- Yes
- No
- Other. Please explain in 59k. - then answer 59k

59k. If other, please explain:

59g. Timing of transfers: How are they effected? (Choose all that apply.)

- Batch mode
- Real time
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 59n

59n. If other, please explain:

59h. What is the percentage of all trades settled at your institution with this CSD or ICSD link?

59i. Do you have any additional electronic processing linkages with foreign depositories or settlement systems?

- Yes. If so please proceed to next question. - then answer 59l
- No >> take you to 60
- Other - then answer 59q

59l. If yes, please prepare and upload a document with the additional information here:



59q. If other, please explain:

59j. If other, please explain:

59p. If other, please explain:

59o. If other, please explain:

59m. If other, please explain:

60

What governs the relationship in cross-system settlements? (Choose all that apply.)

- Negotiated terms and conditions of participation between the depositories
- By-laws of each depository
- Standard participation contracts with users of cross-system services
- Laws of the jurisdiction where settlement occurs
- Other - then answer 60a

60a. Please explain:

61

Are procedures and controls (firewalls) in place to avoid systemic collapse or contamination if one of the linked entities should experience business interruptions for whatever reason?

- Yes - then answer 61a
- No - then answer 61a
- Other - then answer 61a
- Not applicable

61a. Please explain:

62

Has a business interruption recovery plan been developed in the event the linkages should become inoperable for any reason?

- Yes
- No
- Other - then answer 62a
- Not applicable

62a. If other, please explain:

ACCOUNT STRUCTURES AND RECORDKEEPING

The purpose of this section is to identify the nature of accounts; the naming convention employed, the level of segregation achieved, accessibility in the event of bankruptcy and the frequency of reporting generated from them.

63

Are participants permitted to maintain more than one account at the depository?

- Yes - then answer 63a
- No
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 63d

63a. If yes, please indicate number (Choose one.):

- An unlimited number of accounts.
- More than one account, if so please indicate below how many. - then answer 63b
- Other (e.g., subaccounts). - then answer 63c

63b. If more than one account what is the maximum?

63c. If other, please explain:

63d. If other, please explain:

64

Are participants required/permited to segregate assets held for their own benefit from those they hold for their clients?

- Yes - then answer 64a
- No
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 64d

64a. If yes, is segregation required or simply permitted?

- Required - then answer 64b
- Permitted - then answer 64b
- Other - then answer 64e

64b. How does segregation occur? (Choose all that apply.)

- By separately designated participant accounts.
- By sub-accounts within a single participant account.
- By separately designated beneficial owner accounts.
- Other (e.g., share registration). - then answer 64c

64c. If other, please explain:

64e. If other, please explain:


64d. If other, please explain:

65

Does the depository permit its participants to open accounts in the participant's own nominee name(s)?

- Yes - then answer 65a

- No
- Other. Please explain in 65b. - then answer 65b
- Not applicable

65a. If "Yes", do laws exist which acknowledge the rights of beneficial owners with respect to securities registered in nominee name? 

- Yes
- No

65b. If other, please explain:

66

In the event a participant's single account is blocked for any reason (e.g., insolvency, penalties, violations, liens), would securities held in the account on behalf of the participant's clients be accessible:

66a. By the participant's clients? 

- Yes - then answer 66b
- No
- Not applicable.
- Other - then answer 66i

66b. If yes, please describe briefly how clients of participants would access their securities and whether there would be any delay in their ability to do so:

66i. If other, please explain:

66c. By the intervening authorities controlling insolvency or other proceedings? 

- Yes - then answer 66d
- No
- Not applicable.
- Other - then answer 66j

66d. If yes, please describe briefly under what conditions access would be granted to the intervening authorities:

66j. If other, please explain:

66e. By the participant's creditors?

- Yes - then answer 66f
- No
- Not applicable.
- Other - then answer 66k

66f. If yes, please describe briefly under what conditions access would be granted to the participant's creditors:

66k. If other, please explain:

66g. By the depository's creditors?

- Yes - then answer 66h
- No
- Not applicable.
- Other - then answer 66l

66h. If yes, please describe briefly under what conditions access would be granted to the depository's creditors:

66l. If other, please explain:

67

In what form does the depository maintain records identifying the assets of each participant? (Choose all that apply.) (Please refer to "Help" for clarification.)

- Computer file - then answer 67b
- Microfiche - then answer 67b
- Hard copy - then answer 67b
- Computer tape - then answer 67b
- Other - then answer 67a

67a. If other, please explain:

67b. In which format is the source data maintained?

68

Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository "provides periodic reports to its participants with respect to its safekeeping of assets, including notices of transfers to or from any participant's account."

Does the depository make available periodic safekeeping reports to participants, including notices of transfers to or from the participant's account?

- Yes - then answer 68b
- No (You will be asked to confirm whether you want to move on to 70 in advance of answering subquestion 68a, do not be alarmed as it will allow you to answer 68a before moving on.) - then answer 68a and >> take you to 70
- Other - then answer 68a

68a. If no or other, please explain:

68b. If yes, please indicate the scheduled frequency: (Choose one.)

- Daily.
- Weekly.

- Monthly.
- Quarterly.
- Annually.
- Upon Request.
- Other. - then answer 68c

68c. If other, please explain:

69

What is your document retention policy for documents described in previous question? (Choose one.) X

- 6 months or less.
- 1 year.
- 3 years.
- 5 years.
- 7 years.
- Other. - then answer 69a

69a. If other, please explain:

SETTLEMENTS

The purpose of this section is to identify the model of settlement employed, the relationship between cash and securities, and the basis on which participants' meet their obligations.

70

The Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) has identified three common structural approaches or models for linking delivery and payment in a securities settlement system. Please indicate which model your procedures most closely resemble (Please refer to details on the models within the "Help" feature connected with this question): (Choose all that apply.)

- Model 1 - Gross, Simultaneous Settlements of Securities and Funds Transfers. - then answer 70a
- Model 2 - Gross Settlements of Securities Transfers Followed by Net Settlement of Funds Transfers. - then answer 70a
- Model 3 - Simultaneous Net Settlement of Securities and Funds Transfers. - then answer 70a
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 70b

70a. How do your settlement procedures vary from the model chosen above?

70b. If other, please explain:

71

Are the cash and security movements simultaneous?

- Yes
- No - then answer 71a
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 71c

71a. If cash and security movements are not simultaneous, please indicate the duration of the timing gap: (Choose one.)

- 1 hour or less
- 2 hours
- 3 hours
- 4 hours
- 5 hours
- Overnight
- 2 days
- Other - then answer 71b

71b. If other, please explain:

71c. If other, please explain:

OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

The purpose of this section is to determine how ownership of securities is represented, the ways the depository maintains ownership or control of securities held in the depository, and the extent to which ownership of assets held by the depository is separated from the proprietary assets of the depository. This section also considers the process by which the ownership of securities is transferred in the depository and the existence of any liens or claims on depository securities (such as a clearing lien) that would affect the

ownership of depository securities.

72

How are depository eligible securities held by the depository?

- Securities in the depository are held in certificated form. - then answer 72b
- Securities in the depository are held in dematerialized form. (You will be asked to confirm whether you want to move on to 74 in advance of answering subquestion 72c, do not be alarmed as it will allow you to answer 72c before moving on.) - then answer 72c
- Other. - then answer 72a

72a. If other, please explain and identify percentage issued of total depository holdings:

72b. If held in certificated form, please indicate next to the type of security the percentage of the depository's total issues that each security represents. (Please provide numeric answer.)

- Government Securities in jumbo certificate form
- Equities in jumbo certificate form
- Corporate Bonds in jumbo certificate form
- Corporate Money Markets in jumbo certificate form
- Government Securities in individual certificate form
- Equities in individual certificate form
- Corporate Bonds in individual certificate form
- Corporate Bonds in individual certificate form
- Corporate Money Markets in individual certificate form
- Other - please explain in 72d.

72d. If other, please explain:

72c. If held in dematerialized form, please indicate next to the type of security the percentage of the depository's total issues that each security represents. (Please provide numeric answer.)

- Government Securities
- Equities
- Corporate Bonds
- Corporate Money Markets
- Other - please explain in 72e.

72e. If other, please explain:

73

If depository eligible securities are certificated, can depository eligible securities be held outside of the depository?

- All eligible securities must be held in the depository. - then answer 73b
- Securities may move freely into and out of the depository. - then answer 73g
- Once entered into the depository, eligible securities must remain in the depository. - then answer 73b
- Certain designated securities may be held outside the depository. - then answer 73a
- Not Applicable.
- Other - then answer 73j

73a. If certain designated securities are held outside the depository, please indicate under which conditions these securities would be held outside the depository:

73b. If depository eligible securities are required to be centrally immobilized at the depository, where and with whom are the certificates safekept?

- then answer 73c

73c. Are these certificates:

- Bearer
- Registered - then answer 73d
- Other - then answer 73k

73d. If registered, how are the depository eligible securities registered? (Do not be alarmed, the last two options will prompt you to ask whether you wish to proceed to 75 before allowing you to answer the subquestion but you will be given the opportunity to answer the subquestion before continuing).

- In the name of the depository.
- In the name of the depositing participant or its nominee.
- In the name of a separate nominee of the depository. - then answer 73f
- Other. - then answer 73e

73e. If other, please describe:

73f. If in the name of a separate nominee, please identify by name the nominee used:

73k. If other, please explain:

73g. If depository eligible securities may be held either in or out of the depository, are these certificates:

- Bearer - then answer 73h
- Registered - then answer 73h
- Other. Please explain in 73i. - then answer 73i

73h. What are the control features for receipt of certificates to the depository (e.g., authentication procedures, re-registration)? Please describe:

73i. If other, please explain:

73j. If other, please explain:

74

If securities are dematerialized:

May dematerialized security positions be re-certificated and held outside the depository?

- Yes - then answer 74a

- No - then answer 74a
- Not Applicable
- Other - then answer 74j

74a. Are the securities held: (Choose all that apply.)

- Through book-entry at the depository
- Through book-entry at a registrar or issuer - then answer 74b
- Other - then answer 74k

74b. Please identify which types of entities may act as registrars: (Choose all that apply.)

- Issuers
- Separate companies that perform registrar functions
- Depository
- Other - then answer 74c

74c. Please explain:

74d. If the securities held by the depository are recorded by book entry at the registrar, are the securities registered only to the depository, with the depository providing the function of recording ownership on a centralized basis for the market? (Choose all that apply.)

- Yes - then answer 74e
- No - then answer 74g
- Other - then answer 74l

74e. If yes, how are securities held at the registrar for the account of the depository? (Choose one.)

- In the name of the depository
- In the name of a separate nominee of the depository
- Other - then answer 74f

74f. Please describe:

74g. If the securities held with the depository are recorded by book-entry at the registrar but are not registered exclusively to the depository, may they be registered to:

- The beneficial owner
- A nominee
- Other - then answer 74h

74h. Please describe:

74i. If the securities held with the depository are recorded by book-entry at the registrar, what are the control features at the registrar for transfer of registrar positions to and from the depository (e.g., authentication procedures, reconciliation, confirmation of position at registrar)? Please describe:

74l. If other, please explain:

74k. If other, please explain:

74j. If other, please explain:

75

Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository “maintains records that identify the assets of each participant and segregate the system’s own assets from the assets of participants.”

Does the depository maintain records that identify the assets of each participant and segregate the system's own assets from the assets of participants?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable - then answer 75a
- Other - then answer 75a

75a. If other, please explain:

76

Does the law protect participant assets from claims and liabilities of the depository?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 76a

76a. If other, please explain:

77

Can the depository assess a lien on participant accounts? (A lien would entitle the depository to take and hold or sell the securities of the participant in payment of a debt.)

- Yes - then answer 77a
- No
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 77l

77a. If yes, for what reasons are liens or similar claims imposed? (Choose all that apply.)

- Fees and expenses
- Collateralization of overdrafts
- To secure payment for purchased securities
- Other - then answer 77b

77b. Please describe:

77c. Please indicate the limits of this lien as indicated below: (Choose one.)

- The lien is limited to securities in the participant's proprietary account.
- The lien is limited to securities in the course of purchase and sale transactions, but does not extend to settled positions.
- The lien may extend to settled client positions. - then answer 77d
- Other. Please explain in 77d. - then answer 77d

77d. Please explain:

77e. If a lien is placed on a participant's account which has been designated for its clients, will the depository select certain securities to be subject to the lien?

- Yes - then answer 77f
- No - then answer 77h
- Other - then answer 77m

77f. If yes, please indicate whether: (Choose one.)

- the lien is placed on the most liquid securities in the account
- the lien is placed on the securities with the greatest value in the account
- other selection criteria is used. - then answer 77g

77g. Please explain:

77h. If no, please indicate whether the entire account will be subject to the lien.

- Yes
- No
- Other - then answer 77n

77n. If other, please explain:

77i. For accounts designated as client accounts, do procedures exist to restrict the placement of liens only to obligations arising from safe custody and administration of those accounts?

- Yes - then answer 77j
- No
- Other - then answer 77o

77j. If yes, are the restrictions accomplished by:

- contract between the depository and the participant
- other procedures - then answer 77k

77k. Please explain:

77o. If other, please explain:

77m. If other, please explain:

77l. If other, please explain:

78

Transfer of Legal Ownership

Does the depository have legal authority to transfer title to securities?

- Yes - then answer 78a
- No
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 78e

78a. When does title or entitlement to depository securities pass between participants? (Choose one.)

- At the end of the business day on which the transfer occurs. - then answer 78c
- When corresponding money or other consideration is transferred. - then answer 78c
- When the transaction is processed on an intra-day basis. - then answer 78c
- Other. - then answer 78b

78b. Please describe:

78c. Where does title or entitlement to depository securities pass between participants? (Choose one.)

- On the depository books.
- On the registrars books.
- Other. - then answer 78d

78d. Please describe:

78e. If other, please explain:

HANDLING OF SECURITIES OUTSIDE THE DEPOSITORY ENVIRONMENT

The purpose of this section is to consider the process (and any risk inherent within such a process) that involves the safekeeping of client assets while they are being removed from a depository or being lodged into a depository.

79

How are eligible securities lodged in the depository system? (Choose all that apply.)

- A registered certificate in the name of the depository is delivered to the depository.
- A participant delivers the security with a valid transfer deed or stock power or other transfer document to the depository which then effects registration.
- A registrar re-registers the security in the name of the depository.
- Other. - then answer 79a
- Not applicable

79a. Please describe:

80

When are securities lodged into the depository reflected in a participant's depository account? (Choose all that apply.)

- Securities are reflected in the participant's depository account immediately upon delivery to the depository.
- Securities are re-registered prior to being reflected in the participant's depository account.
- Other. - then answer 80a
- Not applicable

80a. Please explain:

81

How long does it usually take to lodge securities with the depository? (Choose one.)

- 1 to 2 days.
- 3 days to 1 week.
- 2 to 4 weeks.
- More than 4 weeks. - then answer 81a
- Not applicable.
- Other. Please explain in 81b. - then answer 81b

81a. Please specify:

81b. If other, please explain:

82

During the process of lodging securities into the depository, can the securities:

Be traded?

- Yes
- No - then answer 82c
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 82c

82a. During the process of lodging securities into the depository, can the securities:

Be settled?

- Yes
- No - then answer 82d
- Not applicable
- Other - then answer 82d

82b. During the process of lodging securities into the depository, can the securities:

Have ownership transferred?

- Yes

