

CHX fixed fees, assignment fees and application fees.

The Exchange believes that the proposed change to the Schedule constitutes an appropriate means of ensuring that the Exchange continues to trade an appropriate number of NNM securities. For a variety of reasons, some specialists have deregistered from certain NNM securities formerly assigned to such specialists for trading on the CHX pursuant to unlisted trading privileges. At the same time, CHX floor brokers continue to receive orders for many of these "dropped" issues; such floor brokers view continued CHX trading of a wide variety of NNM securities to be critical to their customers and an important part of the Exchange's overall strategic plan. Accordingly, the CHX has devised the proposed fee exemption, which the CHX believes will provide sufficient economic incentive for specialists to continue trading a wide array of NNM securities.

2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁴ generally, and Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁵ in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among Exchange members.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The CHX does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective on filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁶ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁷ as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge paid solely by members of the CHX. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate, in the public interest, for

the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.⁸

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CHX. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-CHX-2002-07 and should be submitted by April 26, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Delta Venture Partners I, L.P.; Notice Seeking Exemption Under Section 312 of the Small Business Investment Act, Conflicts of Interest

Notice is hereby given that Delta Venture Partners I, L.P., 8000 Centerview Parkway, Suite 100, Cordova, TN 38018, a Federal Licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended ("the Act"), in connection with the financing of a small concern, has sought an exemption under Section 312 of the Act and Section 107.730, *Financings which Constitute Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration* ("SBA") Rules and Regulations (13 CFR 107.730 (2000)). Delta Venture Partners I, L.P., owned greater than 10 percent of Forum

Technologies, Inc., and therefore, Forum Technologies, Inc. is considered an Associate of Delta Venture Partners I, L.P. proposes to provide equity/debt security financing to Forum Technologies, Inc. (d.b.a. Appraisal Forum), 6800 Poplar Avenue, Suite 121, Memphis, TN 38138. The financing is contemplated for national sales force expansion and working capital.

The financing is brought within the purview of Section 107.730(a)(1) of the Regulations because John A. Bobango, an Associate of Delta Venture Partners I, L.P., owned greater than 10 percent of Forum Technologies Inc., and therefore, Forum Technologies, Inc., is considered an Associate of Delta Venture Partners I, L.P. as defined in Section 107.50 of the Regulations.

Notice is hereby given that any interested persons may submit written comments on the transaction to the Associate Administrator for Investment, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416.

Dated: January 22, 2002.

Harry Haskins,

Acting Associate Administrator for Investment

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 03/73-0220]

Meridian Venture Partners II, L.P.; Notice Seeking Exemption Under Section 312 of the Small Business Investment Acts, Conflicts of Interest

Notice is hereby given that Meridian Venture Partners II, L.P., 259 Radnor Chester Road, Suite 140, Radnor, PA 19087, a Federal Licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended ("the Act"), in connection with the financing of a small concern, has sought an exemption under section 312 of the Act and section 107.730, *Financings which Constitute Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration* ("SBA") rules and regulations (13 CFR 107.730 (2000)). Meridian Venture Partners II, L.P. proposes to provide equity/debt security financing to D.C. Retail I, Inc., 55 Carter Drive, Edison, NJ 08817. The financing is contemplated for working capital and expansion of the business.

The financing is brought within the purview of Sec. 107.730(a)(1) of the Regulations because Meridian Venture Partners and MVP Distribution Partners, Associates of Meridian Venture Partners

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁸ See Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

II, L.P., currently owns greater than 10 percent of D.C. Retail I, Inc. and therefore D.C. Retail I, Inc., is considered an Associate of Meridian Venture Partners II, L.P. as defined in Sec. 107.50 of the regulations.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on the transaction to the Associate Administrator for Investment, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416.

Dated: March 8, 2002.

Harry E. Haskins,

Acting Associate Administrator for Investment.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3399]

State of Ohio; Disaster Loan Areas

Lawrence County and the contiguous Counties of Gallia, Jackson and Scioto in the State of Ohio; Boyd and Greenup Counties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and Cabell and Wayne Counties in the State of West Virginia constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms and flooding that began on March 15, 2002 and continued through March 20, 2002. Applications for loans for physical damage may be filed until the close of business on May 28, 2002, and for economic injury until the close of business on December 30, 2002, at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	6.625
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.312
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	7.000

	Percent
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	3.500
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	6.375
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	3.500

The numbers assigned to this disaster for physical damage are 339906 for Ohio; 340006 for Kentucky; and 340106 for West Virginia. The numbers assigned to this disaster for economic injury are 909900 for Ohio; 9P0100 for Kentucky; and 9P0200 for West Virginia.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: March 29, 2002.

Hector V. Barreto,

Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Wisconsin District Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration advisory board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2002. The Wisconsin Advisory Council meeting will take place at the Metro Milwaukee Association of Commerce building located at 756 North Milwaukee Street 4th floor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The time set forth is 12 noon to 1 pm. The purpose for this meeting will be to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration or others present. For further information, please write or call Yolanda Staples-Lassiter, U.S. Small Business Administration, 310 West Wisconsin Ave., Suite 400, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202; telephone number (414) 297-1090.

The public is invited.

Steve Tupper,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3970]

Bureau of Consular Affairs; Designation of Certain Posts for Special Fee Payment Procedures

This public notice adds additional posts, located in Asia, the Near East, and South America to those already designated by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services for two purposes related to the payment of immigrant visa fees. The first purpose relates to the revised procedure for payment of the fee for the processing of the application for an immigrant visa set forth in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 2000, (65 FR 54598). The effective date of that notice was stayed until January 1, 2001 by a public notice in the **Federal Register** of December 14, 2000, (65 FR 78243).

The second purpose is to identify the posts for which a fee pursuant to Item 61 of the Schedule of Fees for Consular Services (22 CFR 22.1) will be assessed for advance review of and assistance with the Affidavit of Support that is required in certain immigrant visa cases. Notice of this fee requirement was added to the visa regulation pertaining to the Affidavit of Support requirement in 22 CFR 40.41(b), and was effective January 1, 2001.

The Department will publish further public notices as additional designations are made.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services has designated the Foreign Service posts in the following cities for participation in the new immigrant visa application processing fee payment system and the fee for review of and assistance with the Affidavit of Support required under section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The effective date of this notice is May 1, 2002.

Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
Accra, Ghana	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
Algiers, Algeria	Amman, Jordan.
Ankara, Turkey	Antananarivo, Madagascar.
Asmara, Eritrea	Auckland, New Zealand.
Bogota, Colombia	Cairo, Egypt.
Caracas, Venezuela	Casablanca, Morocco.
Chennai, India	Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.
Colombo, Sri Lanka	Cotonou, Benin.
Dakar, Senegal	Damascus, Syria.
Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania	Dhaka, Bangladesh.