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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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Extension: Rule 506(e) of Regulation D Felons and Other Bad Actors Disclosure Statements
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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection[s] of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 506(e) (17 CFR 230.506(e)) of Regulation D under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.) requires the issuer to furnish to each purchaser, a reasonable time prior to sale, a description in writing of any matters that would have triggered disqualification under Rule 506(d)(1) of Regulation D, but occurred before September 23, 2013. The disclosures required by Rule 506(e) is not filed with the Commission, but serves as an important investor protection tool to inform investors of an issuer’s and its covered persons, involvement in past “bad actor” disqualifying events such as pre-existing criminal convictions, court injunctions, disciplinary proceedings, and other sanctions enumerated in Rule 506(d). Without the mandatory written statement requirements set forth in Rule 506(e), purchasers may have the impression that all bad actors are disqualified from participation in Rule 506 offerings.

We estimate there are 19,908 respondents that will conduct a one-hour factual inquiry to determine whether the issuer and its covered persons have had pre-existing disqualifying events before September 23, 2013. Of those 19,908 respondents, we estimate that 220 respondents with disqualifying events will spend ten hours to prepare a disclosure statement describing the matters that would have triggered disqualification under 506(d)(1) of Regulation D, except that these disqualifying events occurred before September 23, 2013, the effective date of the Rule 506 amendments. An estimated 2,200 burden hours are attributed to the 220 respondents with disqualifying events in addition to the 19,908 burden hours associated with the one-hour factual inquiry. In sum, the total annual increase in paperwork burden for all affected respondents to comply with the Rule 506(e) disclosure statement is estimated to be approximately 22,108 hours of company personnel time.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Please direct your written comment to David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Cynthia Roscoe, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549 or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

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