

SECURITIES ALERT

AMENDMENTS TO FORM 8-K EFFECTIVE MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2004



Monday, August 23, 2004, is the effective compliance date for using amended Form 8-K, the Exchange Act form used by public companies to disclose important corporate events on a current basis.

Last spring, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) amended Form 8-K to —

- shorten the 8-K filing deadline for most items to four business days after the occurrence of an event triggering the disclosure requirements of the form
- add 10 new events that require disclosure on Form 8-K
- expand the required disclosure for many of the events currently reported on Form 8-K, and
- provide a limited safe harbor from liability under Exchange Act Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5 for failure to timely file seven of the additional Form 8-K items.

SHORTENED FILING DEADLINE

Most reporting companies must now file a Form 8-K within four business days following a triggering event.

TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

On August 4, the SEC also issued several technical corrections to the final release adopting the new Form 8-K.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about this topic, please contact the partner who normally represents you, or:

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