

be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: December 11, 2006.

**Nancy M. Morris,**

*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549-0004.

*Extension:* Form 1-E, Regulation E; SEC File No. 270-221; OMB Control No. 3235-0232.

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 collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit the existing collection of information of the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Form 1-E (17 CFR 239.200) under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*) ("Securities Act") is the form that a small business investment company ("SBIC") or business development company ("BDC") uses to notify the Commission that it is claiming an exemption under Regulation E from registering its securities under the Securities Act. Rule 605 of Regulation E (17 CFR 230.605) under the Securities Act requires an SBIC or BDC claiming such an exemption to file an offering circular with the Commission that must also be provided to persons to whom an offer is made. Form 1-E requires an issuer to provide the names and addresses of the issuer, its affiliates, directors, officers, and counsel; a description of events which would make the exemption unavailable; the jurisdiction in which the issuer intends to offer its securities; information about unregistered securities issued or sold by the issuer within one year before filing the notification on Form 1-E; information as to whether the issuer is presently offering or contemplating offering any other securities; and exhibits, including copies of the rule 605 offering circular and any underwriting contracts.

The Commission uses the information provided in the notification on Form 1-

E and the offering circular to determine whether an offering qualifies for the exemption under Regulation E. It is estimated that approximately ten issuers file notifications, together with attached offering circulars, on Form 1-E with the Commission annually. The Commission estimates that the total burden hours for preparing these notifications would be 1,000 hours in the aggregate. Estimates of the burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the PRA, and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of SEC rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 of 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.

Please direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia, 22312; or send an e-mail to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov).

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

*Extension:* Rules 8b-1 to 8b-33; SEC File No. 270-135; OMB Control No. 3235-0176

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the

previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rules 8b-1 to 8b-33 (17 CFR 270.8b-1 to 8b-33) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) (the "Act") are the procedural rules an investment company must follow when preparing and filing a registration statement. These rules were adopted to standardize the mechanics of registration under the Act and to provide more specific guidance for persons registering under the Act than the information contained in the statute. For the most part, these procedural rules do not require the disclosure of information. Two of the rules, however, require limited disclosure of information.<sup>1</sup> The information required by the rules is necessary to ensure that investors have clear and complete information upon which to base an investment decision. The Commission uses the information that investment companies provide on registration statements in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection and policy-making roles. The respondents to the collection of information are investment companies filing registration statements under the Act.

The Commission does not estimate separately the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden associated with rules 8b-1 to 8b-33 because the burden associated with these rules are included in the burden estimates the Commission submits for the investment company registration statement forms (e.g., Form N-1A, Form N-2, Form N-3, and Form N-4). For example, a mutual fund that prepares a registration statement on Form N-1A must comply with the rules under section 8(b), including rules on riders, amendments, the form of the registration statement, and the number of copies to be submitted. Because the fund only incurs a burden from the section 8(b) rules when preparing a registration statement, it would be impractical to measure the compliance burden of these rules separately. The Commission believes that including the burden of the section 8(b) rules with the burden estimates for the investment company registration statement forms provides a more accurate and complete estimate of the total burdens associated with the registration process.

<sup>1</sup> Rule 8b-3 (17 CFR 270.8b-3) provides that whenever a registration form requires the title of securities to be stated, the registrant must indicate the type and general character of the securities to be issued. Rule 8b-22 (17 CFR 270.8b-22) provides that if the existence of control is open to reasonable doubt, the registrant may disclaim the existence of control, but it must state the material facts pertinent to the possible existence of control.

Investment companies seeking to register under the Act are required to provide the information specified in rules 8b-1 to 8b-33 if applicable. Responses will not be kept confidential.

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 OMB control number.

General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or e-mail to: [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov); and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312; or send an e-mail to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov). Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 Thereto Relating to iShares® Lehman Bond Funds

December 11, 2006.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>3</sup> notice is hereby given that on August 24, 2006 the New York Stock Exchange LLC (“NYSE” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change on November 6, 2006.<sup>4</sup> The Exchange

submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change on December 6, 2006.<sup>5</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons and is approving the proposal on an accelerated basis.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to list and trade shares (“Shares” or “iShares”) of the following eight series of the iShares Trust (collectively, the “Funds”): (1) iShares® Lehman Short Treasury Bond Fund; (2) iShares Lehman 3-7 Year Treasury Bond Fund; (3) iShares Lehman 10-20 Year Treasury Bond Fund; (4) iShares Lehman 1-3 Year Credit Bond Fund; (5) iShares Lehman Intermediate Credit Bond Fund; (6) iShares Lehman Credit Bond Fund; (7) iShares Lehman Intermediate Government/Credit Bond Fund; and (8) iShares Lehman Government/Credit Bond Fund.

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change, as amended. The text of those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item III below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

##### A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

###### 1. Purpose

The Exchange has adopted listing standards applicable to Investment

other things, represented that less than 1% of the market value of the underlying indices consisted of Rule 144A securities; addressed the firewall procedures used by Lehman Brothers Inc.; explained why an independent calculation agent is not required for the covered products; provided the top-ten component weightings for each index; and clarified the applicability of trade halts.

<sup>5</sup> In Amendment No. 2, which supplemented the proposed rule change as filed, the Exchange added disclosure to the purpose section of the filing and Exhibit 1 thereto (a) to note that the Funds (defined below) must comply with the federal securities laws, including that the securities accepted for deposit and those used to satisfy redemption requests are sold in transactions that would be exempt from the Securities Act of 1933 (“Securities Act”) and in compliance with the conditions of Rule 144A thereunder; and (b) to clarify how market capitalization is calculated for the Underlying Index (defined below) of each Fund.

Company Units (“ICUs”) and trading standards pursuant to which the Exchange may either list and trade ICUs or trade such ICUs on the Exchange on an unlisted trading privileges (“UTP”) basis.<sup>6</sup>

The Exchange now proposes to list and trade the following series of the iShares® Trust (the “Trust”)<sup>7</sup> under Section 703.16 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual (the “Manual”) and the Exchange’s Rules 1100 *et seq.*: (1) iShares<sup>®</sup> Lehman Short Treasury Bond Fund; (2) iShares Lehman 3-7 Year Treasury Bond Fund; (3) iShares Lehman 10-20 Year Treasury Bond Fund; (4) iShares Lehman 1-3 Year Credit Bond Fund; (5) iShares Lehman Intermediate Credit Bond Fund; (6) iShares Lehman Credit Bond Fund; (7) iShares Lehman Intermediate Government/Credit Bond Fund; and (8) iShares Lehman Government/Credit Bond Fund.

The Funds will be based on the following indexes, respectively: (1) Lehman Brothers Short U.S. Treasury Index; (2) Lehman Brothers 3-7 Year U.S. Treasury Index; (3) Lehman Brothers 10-20 Year U.S. Treasury Index; (4) Lehman Brothers 1-3 Year U.S. Credit Index; (5) Lehman Brothers Intermediate U.S. Credit Index; (6) Lehman Brothers U.S. Credit Index; (7)

<sup>6</sup> In 1996, the Commission approved Section 703.16 of the NYSE Manual, which sets forth general the rules related to the listing of ICUs. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36923 (March 5, 1996), 61 FR 10410 (March 13, 1996) (SR-NYSE-95-23). In 2000, the Commission also approved the Exchange’s generic listing standards pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e) of the Act for listing and trading, or the trading pursuant to UTP, of ICUs under Section 703.16 of the Manual and NYSE Rule 1100. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43679 (December 5, 2000), 65 FR 77949 (December 13, 2000) (SR-NYSE-00-46). Such standards, however, did not contemplate ICUs that are based on indexes containing fixed income securities, and thus the Exchange has filed this proposal to accommodate the products that are the subject of this proposal.

<sup>7</sup> The Trust is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Investment Company Act”). 15 U.S.C. 80a. On July 19, 2006, the Trust filed with the Commission a Registration Statement for the Funds on Form N-1A under the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. 77a, and under the Investment Company Act relating to the Funds (File Nos. 333-92935 and 811-09729) (the “Registration Statement”).

The Commission has issued orders granting relief requested by the Trust in its Applications for Orders under Sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Investment Company Act for the purpose of exempting the Funds from various provisions of the Investment Company Act. See *In the Matter of Barclays Global Fund Advisors, et al.*, Investment Company Act Release No. 25622 (June 22, 2002); *In the Matter of Barclays Global Fund Advisors, et al.*, Investment Company Act Release No. 26175 (September 8, 2003); and *In the Matter of Barclays Global Fund Advisors, et al.*, Investment Company Act Release No. 27417 (June 13, 2006).

<sup>8</sup> iShares is a registered trademark of Barclays Global Investors, N.A.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>4</sup> In Amendment No. 1, which supplemented the proposed rule change as filed, the Exchange, among