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**Rachel S. Bae,**

*Director for Intellectual Property and Innovation.*

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## OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

### September 15, 2008 Public Hearing

**Time and Date:** 2 p.m., Monday, September 15, 2008.

**Place:** Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

**Status:** Hearing open to the Public at 2 p.m.

**Purpose:** Public Hearing in conjunction with each meeting of OPIC's Board of Directors, to afford an opportunity for any person to present views regarding the activities of the Corporation.

**Procedures:** Individuals wishing to address the hearing orally must provide advance notice to OPIC's Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, September 11, 2008. The notice must include the individual's name, title, organization, address, and telephone number, and a concise summary of the subject matter to be presented.

Oral presentations may not exceed ten (10) minutes. The time for individual presentations may be reduced proportionately, if necessary, to afford all participants who have submitted a timely request to participate an opportunity to be heard.

Participants wishing to submit a written statement for the record must submit a copy of such statement to OPIC's Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, September 11, 2008. Such statements must be typewritten, double-spaced, and may not exceed twenty-five (25) pages.

Upon receipt of the required notice, OPIC will prepare an agenda for the

hearing identifying speakers, setting forth the subject on which each participant will speak, and the time allotted for each presentation. The agenda will be available at the hearing.

A written summary of the hearing will be compiled, and such summary will be made available, upon written request to OPIC's Corporate Secretary, at the cost of reproduction.

**Contact Person for Information:** Information on the hearing may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438, via facsimile at (202) 218-0136, or via e-mail at [Connie.Downs@opic.gov](mailto:Connie.Downs@opic.gov).

Dated: September 3, 2008.

**Connie M. Downs,**

*OPIC Corporate Secretary.*

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## OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

### September 18, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting

**Time and Date:** Thursday, September 18, 2008, 10 a.m. (Open Portion); 10:15 a.m. (Closed Portion).

**Place:** Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

**Status:** Meeting OPEN to the Public from 10 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Closed portion will commence at 10:15 a.m. (approx.).

**Matters To Be Considered:**

1. President's Report
2. Approval of July 17, 2008 Minutes (Open Portion)

**Further Matters To Be Considered:** (Closed to the Public 10:15 a.m.)

1. Report from Audit Committee
2. Finance Project—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras
3. Finance Project—Liberia
4. Finance Project—South Africa
5. Finance Project—Mexico, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Peru, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Cambodia, Bosnia, Kenya
6. Finance Project—Botswana
7. Finance Project—Bulgaria and the Balkans
8. Finance Project—Asia
9. Finance Project—South Asia
10. Finance Project—Global
11. Finance Project—Global
12. Finance Project—Global
13. Finance Project—Global
14. Finance Project—Latin America
15. Finance Project—Latin America
16. Finance Project—Latin America
17. Finance Project—Mexico and Central America

18. Finance Project—Central and South America

19. Approval of July 17, 2008 Minutes (Closed Portion)

20. Pending Major Projects

21. Reports

**Contact Person for Information:** Information on the meeting may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438.

Dated: September 3, 2008.

**Connie M. Downs,**

*Corporate Secretary, Overseas Private Investment Corporation.*

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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 Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

**Extension:**

Form N-17D-1; SEC File No. 270-231; OMB Control No. 3235-0229.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Section 17(d) (15 U.S.C. 80a-17(d)) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") authorizes the Commission to adopt rules that protect funds and their security holders from overreaching by affiliated persons when the fund and the affiliated person participate in any joint enterprise or other joint arrangement or profit-sharing plan. Rule 17d-1 under the Act (17 CFR 270.17d-1) prohibits funds and their affiliated persons from participating in a joint enterprise, unless an application regarding the transaction has been filed with and approved by the Commission. Paragraph (d)(3) of the rule provides an exemption from this requirement for any loan or advance of credit to, or acquisition of securities or other property of, a small business concern, or any agreement to do any of the foregoing ("investments") made by a small business investment company ("SBIC") and an affiliated bank, provided that reports about the investments are made on forms the Commission may prescribe. Rule 17d-2 (17 CFR 270.17d-2) designates Form N-

17D-1 (17 CFR 274.200) ("form") as the form for reports required by rule 17D-1.

SBICs and their affiliated banks use form N-17D-1 to report any contemporaneous investments in a small business concern. The form provides shareholders and persons seeking to make an informed decision about investing in an SBIC an opportunity to learn about transactions of the SBIC that have the potential for self dealing and other forms of overreaching by affiliated persons at the expense of shareholders.

Form N-17D-1 requires SBICs and their affiliated banks to report identifying information about the small business concern and the affiliated bank. The report must include, among other things, the SBIC's and affiliated bank's outstanding investments in the small business concern, the use of the proceeds of the investments made during the reporting period, any changes in the nature and amount of the affiliated bank's investment, the name of any affiliated person of the SBIC or the affiliated bank (or any affiliated person of the affiliated person of the SBIC or the affiliated bank) who has any interest in the transactions, the basis of the affiliation, the nature of the interest, and the consideration the affiliated person has received or will receive.

Up to five SBICs may file the form in any year.<sup>1</sup> The Commission estimates the burden of filling out the form is approximately one hour per response and would likely be completed by an accountant or other professional. Based on past filings, the Commission estimates that no more than one SBIC is likely to use the form each year. Most of the information requested on the form should be readily available to the SBIC or the affiliated bank in records kept in the ordinary course of business, or with respect to the SBIC, pursuant to the recordkeeping requirements under the Act. Commission staff estimates that it should take approximately one hour for an accountant or other professional to complete the form.<sup>2</sup> The estimated total annual burden of filling out the form is 1 hour, at an estimated total annual cost of \$185.<sup>3</sup> The Commission will not keep

<sup>1</sup> As of May 22, 2008, five SBICs were registered with the Commission.

<sup>2</sup> This estimate of hours is based on past conversations with representatives of SBICs and accountants that have filed the form.

<sup>3</sup> Commission staff estimates that the annual burden would be incurred by a senior accountant with an average hourly wage rate of \$185 per hour. See Securities Industry Association and Financial Markets Association, Report on Management and Professional Earnings in the Securities Industry—2007 (2007), modified to account for an 1800-hour

responses on Form N-17D-1 confidential.

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules. 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 general comments regarding the above information to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or e-mail to:

*Alexander.T.Hunt@omb.eop.gov*; and (ii) Lewis W. Walker, Acting 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*.

Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

August 27, 2008.

**Florence E. Harmon,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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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 Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

#### *Extension:*

Form N-8b-4, SEC File No. 270-180, OMB Control No. 3235-0247.

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

Form N-8b-4 (17 CFR 274.14) is the form used by face-amount certificate companies to comply with the filing and disclosure requirements imposed by Section 8(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8(b)). Form

work year and multiplied by 5.35 to account for bonuses, firm size, employee benefits and overhead.

N-8b-4 requires disclosure about the organization of a face-amount certificate company, its business and policies, its investment in securities, its certificates issued, the personnel and affiliated persons of the depositor, the distribution and redemption of securities, and financial statements. The Commission uses the information provided in the collection of information to determine compliance with Section 8(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Based on the Commission's industry statistics, the Commission estimates that there would be approximately 1 annual filing on Form N-8b-4. The Commission estimates that each registrant filing a Form N-8b-4 would spend 171 hours in preparing and filing the Form and that the total hour burden for all Form N-8b-4 filings would be 171 hours. 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.

The information provided on Form N-8b-4 is mandatory. The information provided on Form N-8b-4 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 control number.

Please direct general comments regarding the above information to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or e-mail to:

*Alexander.T.Hunt@omb.eop.gov*; and (ii) Lewis W. Walker, Acting 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*.

Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: August 27, 2008.

**Florence E. Harmon,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

#### *Upon Written Request, Copies Available*

*From:* Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor