Interpretation Memo

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SUBJECT: <u>UPDATE OF INTERPRETATION HANDBOOK - SEA RULE 15c3-1 AND</u>

SEA RULE 15c3-3

The accompanying updated Interpretation Handbook pages are being distributed as replacements for existing pages. The update includes clarification of existing rules and/or new interpretations. These interpretations should be carefully reviewed before insertion into the handbook.

July 1, 2003 is the effective date for interpretations SEA Rule 15c3-1(c)(2)(iv)(B)/092 ("Non-Marketable Collateral on Purpose Securities Borrowed Transactions") and SEA Rule 15c3-1 (c)(2)(iv)(F)(3)(ii)(C)/06 ("Non-Marketable Collateral on Reverse Repurchase Transactions"). This grace period is provided to allow broker-dealers the necessary time to properly implement procedures and to establish the appropriate regulatory systems that will be needed to monitor and comprehend the applicable capital charges.

SEA Rule 15c3-1 Page & Reference

Subject

128, (c)(2)(iv)(B)/092

Non-Marketable Collateral on Purpose Securities Borrowed

Transactions

165, (c)(2)(iv)(F)(3)(ii)(C)/06

Non-Marketable Collateral on Reverse Repurchase Transactions

SEA Rule 15c3-3 Page & Reference	Subject
486, (a)(6)/014	Ginnie Mae REMIC Trust Securities
552, (e)(3)/05	Excess Reserve Account Deposits Into Affiliated Banks (RESCINDED)
553, (e)(3)/051*	Reserve Bank Account Cash Deposits with Parent and/or Affiliated Bank

^{*} An example is included to illustrate interpretation SEA Rule 15c3-1(e)(3)/051 ("Reserve Bank Account Cash Deposits with Parent and/or Affiliated Bank") when a broker-dealer deposits cash into 15c3-3 Reserve Bank Accounts with both a parent and an affiliated bank (see attached Exhibit A).

Questions regarding this interpretation memo should be directed to your Finance Coordinator.

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Example of SEA Rule 15c3-3(e)(3)/051 Calculation

Excess Net Capital:

\$80 million

50% of ENC:

\$40 million

15c3-3 cash deposits with parent and affiliated bank:

Parent Bank:

\$55 million

Affiliated Bank:

\$5 million

Aggregate Deposit:

\$60 million

Calculation (A):

Since the aggregate cash deposit of \$60 million is <u>in excess</u> of 50% of the broker-dealer's ENC (\$40 million), \$20 million (60 minus 40) is <u>disallowed</u> and \$40 million is <u>allowed</u> for 15c3-3 deposit purposes.

Calculation (B):

Parent Bank's Equity:

\$300 million

10% of Equity:

\$30 million

Affiliated Bank's Equity:

\$100 million

10% of Equity:

\$10 million

Since the cash deposit with Parent Bank of \$55 million is in excess of 10% of Parent Bank's equity (\$30 million), \$25 million (55 minus 30) is disallowed and \$30 million is allowed for 15c3-3 deposit purposes.

Since the cash deposit with Affiliated Bank of \$5 million is not in excess of 10% of Affiliated Bank's equity (\$10 million), \$5 million is allowed for 15c3-3 deposit purposes.

In aggregate for Calculation (B), \$25 million is <u>disallowed</u> and \$35 million (30 plus 5) is allowed for 15c3-3 deposit purposes.

Greater of the amount of the excess cash deposit of the two calculations

The amount of the excess cash deposit (disallowed) in Calculation (B) (\$25 million) is greater than that of Calculation (A) (\$20 million). As such, the broker-dealer is subject to Calculation (B) where the computed total allowable 15c3-3 cash deposit with both the Parent Bank and Affiliated Bank is \$35 million.