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§ 239.33 Form F-3, for registration under the Securities Act of 1933 of securities of certain foreign private issuers offered pursuant to certain types of transactions.

This instruction sets forth registrant requirements and transaction requirements for the use of Form F-3. Any foreign private issuer, as defined in Rule 405 (§ 230.405 of this chapter), which meets the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section (*Registrant requirements*) may use this Form for the registration of securities under the Securities Act of 1933 (the *Securities Act*) which are offered in any transaction specified in paragraph (b) of this section (*Transaction requirements*), provided that the requirements applicable to the specified transaction are met. With respect to majority-owned subsidiaries, see Instruction (a)(6) below.

(a) *Registrant requirements.* Except as set forth in this paragraph (a), all registrants must meet the following conditions in order to use this Form F-3 for registration under the Securities Act of securities offered in the transactions specified in paragraph (b) of this section:

(1) The registrant has a class of securities registered pursuant to section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) or has a class of equity securities registered pursuant to section 12(g) of the Exchange Act or is required to file reports pursuant to section 15(d) of the Exchange Act and has filed at least one annual report on Form 20-F (§ 249.220f of this chapter), on Form 10-K (§ 249.310 of this chapter) or, in the case of registrants described in General Instruction A(2) of Form 40-F, on Form 40-F (§ 249.240f of this chapter) under the Exchange Act.

(2) The registrant:

(i) Has been subject to the requirements of section 12 or 15(d) of the Ex-

change Act and has filed all the material required to be filed pursuant to sections 13, 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act for a period of at least twelve calendar months immediately preceding the filing of the registration statement on this form; and

(ii) Has filed in a timely manner all reports required to be filed during the twelve calendar months and any portion of a month immediately preceding the filing of the registration statement and, if the registrant has used (during those twelve calendar months and that portion of a month) § 240.12b-25(b) of this chapter with respect to a report or a portion of a report, that report or portion thereof has actually been filed within the time period prescribed by § 240.12b-25(b) of this Chapter.

(3) Neither the registrant nor any of its consolidated or unconsolidated subsidiaries have, since the end of their last fiscal year for which certified financial statements of the registrant and its consolidated subsidiaries were included in a report filed pursuant to section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act: (i) Failed to pay any dividend or sinking fund installment on preferred stock; or (ii) defaulted (A) on any installment or installments on indebtedness for borrowed money, or (B) on any rental on one or more long term leases, which defaults in the aggregate are material to the financial position of the registrant and its consolidated and unconsolidated subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(4) If the registrant is a successor registrant, it shall be deemed to have met conditions 1, 2, 3 and 4 above if: (i) Its predecessor and it, taken together, do so, provided that the succession was primarily for the purpose of changing the state or other jurisdiction of incorporation of the predecessor or forming a holding company and that the assets and liabilities of the successor at the time of succession were substantially the same as those of the predecessor; or (ii) all predecessors met the conditions at the time of succession and the registrant has continued to do so since the succession.

(5) *Majority-Owned Subsidiaries.* If a registrant is a majority-owned subsidiary, security offerings may be registered on this form if:

(i) The registrant-sub-sidiary itself meets the Registrant Requirements and the applicable Transaction Requirement;

(ii) The parent of the registrant-sub-sidiary meets the Registrant Requirements and the conditions of the Transaction Requirement set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section (Offerings of Certain Debt or Preferred Securities) are met; or

(iii) The parent of the registrant-sub-sidiary meets the Registrant Requirements and the applicable Transaction Requirement and fully and unconditionally guarantees the payment obligations on the securities being registered, and the securities being registered are non-convertible securities.

NOTE: In the situation described in paragraph (a)(6)(iii) of this section, the parent-guarantor is the issuer of a separate security consisting of the guarantee which must be concurrently registered but may be registered on the same registration statement as are the guaranteed securities. Both the parent-guarantor and the subsidiary shall each disclose the information required by this Form as if each were the only registrant except that if the subsidiary will not be eligible to file annual reports on Form 20-F or Form 40-F after the effective date of the registration statement, then it shall disclose the information specified in Form S-3 (§239.13 of this chapter). Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X (§210.3-10 of this chapter) specifies the financial statements required.

(6) *Electronic filings.* In addition to satisfying the foregoing conditions, a registrant subject to the electronic filing requirements of Rule 101 of Regulation S-T (§232.101 of this chapter) shall have filed with the Commission all required electronic filings, including confirming electronic copies of documents submitted in paper pursuant to a temporary hardship exemption as provided in Rule 201 of Regulation S-T (§232.201 of this chapter).

(b) *Transaction requirements.* Security offerings meeting any of the following conditions and made by registrants meeting the Registrant Requirements above may be registered on this Form:

(1) *Primary offerings by certain registrants.* Securities to be offered for cash by or on behalf of a registrant, provided that the aggregate market value worldwide of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant is the equiva-

lent of \$75 million or more. In the case of securities registered pursuant to this paragraph, the financial statements included in this registration statement must comply with Item 18 of Form 20-F (§249.220f of this chapter).

Instruction to Paragraph (b)(1): The aggregate market value of the registrant's outstanding voting stock shall be computed by use of the price at which the stock was last sold, or the average of the bid and asked prices of such stock, in the principal market for such stock as of a date within 60 days prior to the date of filing. See the definition of "affiliate" in Securities Act Rule 405 (§230.405 of this chapter).

(2) *Primary offerings of non-convertible investment grade securities.* Non-convertible securities to be offered for cash if such securities are *investment grade securities*. A non-convertible security is an *investment grade security* if, at the time of sale, at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization (as that term is used in §240.15c3-1(c)(2)(vi)(F) of this chapter) has rated the security in one of its generic rating categories that signifies investment grade; typically, the four highest rating categories (within which there may be subcategories or gradations indicating relative standing) signify investment grade. In the case of securities registered pursuant to this paragraph, the financial statements included in this registration statement may comply with Item 17 or 18 of Form 20-F (§249.220f of this chapter).

(3) *Transactions involving secondary offerings.* Outstanding securities to be offered for the account of any person other than the issuer, including securities acquired by standby underwriters in connection with the call or redemption by the issuer of warrants or a class of convertible securities. In the case of such securities, the financial statements included in this registration statement may comply with Item 17 or 18 of Form 20-F (§249.220f of this chapter). In addition, Form F-3 (§239.33) may be used by affiliates to register securities for resale pursuant to the conditions specified in General Instruction C to Form S-8 (§239.16b). In the case of such securities, the financial statements included in this registration statement must comply with Item 18 of Form 20-F (§249.220f of this chapter).

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(4) *Rights offerings, dividend or interest reinvestment plans, and conversions or warrants.* Securities to be offered:

(i) Upon the exercise of outstanding rights granted by the issuer of the securities to be offered, if such rights are granted pro rata to all existing security holders of the class of securities to which the rights attach; or

(ii) Pursuant to a dividend or interest reinvestment plan; or

(iii) Upon the conversion of outstanding convertible securities or upon the exercise of outstanding transferable warrants issued by the issuer of the securities to be offered, or by an affiliate of such issuer. In the case of securities registered pursuant to this paragraph, the financial statements included in this registration statement may comply with Item 17 or 18 of Form 20-F (§ 249.220f of this chapter). The registration of securities to be offered or sold in a standby underwriting in the United States or similar arrangement is not permitted pursuant to this paragraph. See paragraphs (b) (1), (2) and (3) of this section.

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§ 239.34 Form F-4, for registration of securities of foreign private issuers issued in certain business combination transactions.

This form may be used by any foreign private issuer, as defined in rule 405 (§ 230.405 of this chapter), for registration under the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") of securities to be issued:

(a) In a transaction of the type specified in paragraph (a) of rule 145 (§ 230.145 of this chapter);

(b) In a merger in which the applicable law would not require the solicitation of the votes or consents of all of the securityholders of the company being acquired;

(c) In an exchange offer for securities of the issuer or another entity;

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(d) In a public reoffering or resale of any such securities acquired pursuant to this registration statement; or

(e) In more than one of the kinds of transactions listed in paragraphs (a) through (d) registered on one registration statement.

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§ 239.36 Form F-6, for registration under the Securities Act of 1933 of depositary shares evidenced by American Depositary Receipts.

Form F-6 may be used for the registration under the Securities Act of 1933 (the *Securities Act*) of Depositary shares evidenced by American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) issued by a depositary against the deposit of the securities of a foreign issuer (regardless of the physical location of the certificates) if the following conditions are met:

(a) The holder of the ADRs is entitled to withdraw the deposited securities at any time subject only to (1) temporary delays caused by closing transfer books of the depositary or the issuer of the deposited securities or the deposit of shares in connection with voting at a shareholders' meeting, or the payment of dividends, (2) the payment of fees, taxes, and similar charges, and (3) compliance with any laws or governmental regulations relating to ADRs or to the withdrawal of deposited securities;

(b) The deposited securities are offered or sold in transactions registered under the Securities Act or in transactions that would be exempt therefrom if made in the United States; and

(c) As of the filing date of this registration statement, the issuer of the deposited securities is reporting pursuant to the periodic reporting requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or the deposited securities are exempt therefrom by Rule 12g3-2(b) (§ 240.12g3-2(b) of this chapter) unless the issuer of the deposited securities concurrently files