



SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Form 18 - Registration Form

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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 collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Form 18 (17 CFR 249.218) is a registration form that can be used by a foreign government or political subdivision thereof to register securities for listing on a U.S. exchange. The information collected is intended to provide U.S. investors in relevant foreign government securities with material information concerning those securities and the foreign government registrant so that investors can make informed investment decisions.

We estimate that Form 18 takes approximately 8 hours per response and that approximately 5 responses are made annually. We derived our burden hour estimate by estimating the average number of hours it would take a foreign government or political subdivision thereof to compile the necessary information and data, prepare and review the disclosure, file documents, and retain records. We estimate that 100% of the burden is carried out internally by the foreign government or political subdivision thereof. Based on our estimates, we calculate the total reporting burden to be 40 hours annually ((8 hours per response x 100%) x 5 responses annually).

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this 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 imposed by 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 by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

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Please direct your written comment to Austin Gerig, Director/Chief Data Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Tanya Ruttenberg, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549 or send an e-mail to: PaperworkReductionAct@sec.gov.

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