

"(B) any acquisition of an equity security by the issuer of such security ;

"(C) any acquisition or proposed acquisition of a security which the Commission, by rules or regulations or by order, shall exempt from the provisions of this subsection as not entered into for the purpose of, and not having the effect of, changing or influencing the control of the issuer or otherwise as not comprehended within the purposes of this subsection.

"(e) (1) It shall be unlawful for an issuer, to purchase any equity security which it has issued in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors or in order to prevent such acts and practices as are fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative. Such rules and regulations may require such issuer to provide holders of equity securities of such class with such information relating to the reasons for such purchase, the source of funds, the number of shares to be purchased, the price to be paid for such securities, the method of purchase, and such additional information, as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors, or which the Commission deems to be material to a determination whether such security should be sold.

"(2) For the purpose of this subsection, a purchase by or for the issuer, or any person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the issuer, or any bonus, profit sharing, pension, retirement, thrift, savings, incentive, stock purchase, or similar plan of the issuer or any such person shall be deemed to be a purchase by the issuer."

SEC. 3. Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

"(d) (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, by use of the mails or by any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of any facility of a national securities exchange or otherwise, to make a tender offer for, or a request or invitation for tenders of, any class of any equity security which is registered pursuant to section 12 of this title, or any equity security issued by a closed-end investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, if after consummation thereof, such person would, directly or indirectly, be the beneficial owner of more than 10 per centum of such class, unless five days prior to the date copies of such material are first published or sent or given to security holders, such person has filed with the Commission a statement containing such of the information specified in section 13(d) of this title, and such additional information as the Commission may by rules and regulations prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors. All requests or invitations for tenders or advertisements making a tender offer or requesting or inviting tenders of such a security shall be filed as a part of such statement and shall contain such of the information contained in such statement as the Commission may by rules and regulations prescribe. Preliminary copies of any additional material soliciting or requesting such tender offers subsequent to the initial solicitation or request shall contain such information as the Commission may by rules and regulations prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors, and shall be filed with the Commission at least two days prior to the date copies of such material are first published or sent or given to security holders. Copies of all statements, in the form in which such material is furnished to security holders and the Commission, shall be sent to the issuer not later than the date such material is first published or sent or given to any security holders. All copies of preliminary statements filed with the Commission hereunder shall be for the information of the Commission only, except that such statements may be disclosed to any appropriate department or agency of Government and the Commission may make such inquiries or investigation in regard to such statements as may be necessary for an adequate review thereof by the Commission. Definitive copies of all statements, in the form in which such material is furnished to security holders, shall be filed with, or mailed for filing to, the Commission and shall be sent to the issuer not later than the date such material is first published or sent or given to any security holders. The time periods contained in this subsection may be shortened as the Commission may direct.

"(2) When two or more persons act as a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate, or other group for the purpose of acquiring, holding, or disposing of securities of an issuer, such syndicate or group shall be deemed a 'person' for purposes of this subsection.