

GSI IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A PARTNERSHIP WITH PRACTISING LAW INSTITUTE (PLI), whereby GSI will be the exclusive sponsor of PLI programs in the corporate and securities areas. GSI will provide online securities information services to be used during the programs and other information of value to attendees.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

	DATES	PROGRAM TITLE	CITY
1	6/7/04 - 6/8/04	Advanced Doing Deals 2004: Dealmaking in the New Transactional Marketplace	NYC
2	6/10/04 - 6/11/04	Acquiring or Selling the Privately Held Company 2004	NY
3	6/14/04 - 6/15/04	The Pocket MBA for Lawyers: Understanding the Investment Banker's Role	CHI
4	6/17/04 - 6/18/04	Corporate Compliance Institute 2004	NYC
5	6/21/04 - 6/22/04	Acquiring or Selling the Privately Held Company 2004	CH
6	6/24/04 - 6/25/04	The Pocket MBA for Lawyers: Understanding the Investment Banker's Role	SF
7	6/30/04 - 6/30/04	D & O Liability & Insurance in a Sarbanes-Oxley World	NYC
8	7/8/04 - 7/9/04	Advanced Corporate Compliance Workshop 2004	SM
9	7/12/04 - 7/13/04	Acquiring or Selling the Privately Held Company 2004	LA
10	7/19/04 - 7/20/04	The Pocket MBA for Lawyers: Everything You Need to Know About Finance	NYC
11	7/22/04 - 7/23/04	Structuring, Negotiating & Implementing Strategic Alliances 2004	NYC
12	7/29/04 - 7/30/04	Basics of Accounting & Finance Summer 2004: What Every Practicing Lawyer Needs to Know	SF
13	8/2/04 - 8/3/04	The Pocket MBA for Lawyers: Crunching the Numbers Exercises in Present Value, Capital Structure & Valuation	NYC
14	8/5/04 - 8/6/04	Structuring, Negotiating & Implementing Strategic Alliances 2004	SF
15	8/11/04 - 8/11/04	Securities Arbitration 2004	NYC
16	8/12/04 - 8/13/04	Advanced Securities Law Workshop 2004	SD
17	8/16/04 - 8/17/04	Basics of Accounting & Finance Summer 2004: What Every Practicing Lawyer Needs to Know	NY
18	9/9/04 - 9/10/04	Understanding the Securities Laws 2004	SF
19	9/13/04 - 9/14/04	Basics of Accounting & Finance Summer 2004: What Every Practicing Lawyer Needs to Know	CHI
20	9/13/04 - 9/14/04	Securities Litigation & Enforcement Institute 2004	NYC
21	9/20/04 - 9/21/04	PLI's Second Annual Directors' Institute of Corporate Governance	NYC
22	9/27/04 - 9/28/04	The Pocket MBA for Lawyers: Crunching the Numbers Exercises in Present Value, Capital Structure & Valuation	SF
23	9/30/04 - 10/1/04	Securities Litigation & Enforcement Institute 2004	SF
24	10/6/04 - 10/6/04	Coping with Broker/Dealer Regulation & Enforcement 2004	NY
25	10/7/04 - 10/8/04	Understanding the Securities Laws 2004	NY
26	10/11/04 - 10/12/04	Understanding the Securities Laws 2004	CHI
27	10/21/04 - 10/22/04	Securities Filings 2004	NYC
28	10/28/04 - 10/29/04	Sixth Annual Private Equity Forum	NYC
29	11/11/04 - 11/13/04	36th Annual Institute on Securities Regulation	NYC
30	11/18/04 - 11/19/04	Securities Filings 2004	ATL
31	11/18/04 - 11/19/04	SWAPs & Other Derivatives in 2004	NY
32	12/3/04 - 12/3/04	Drafting Corporate Agreements 2004-2005	NYC
33	12/6/04 - 12/7/04	New Developments in Securitization 2004	NYC
34	12/6/04 - 12/7/04	PLI's Fourth Annual Institute on Securities Regulation in Europe: A Contrast in EU and USA Provisions	LON
35	12/9/04 - 12/10/04	Securities Filings 2004	SF
36	12/9/04 - 12/10/04	Understanding the Securities Laws 2004	NY
37	12/10/04 - 12/10/04	Drafting Corporate Agreements 2004-2005	ATL

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Letter from the CEO

June 7, 2004

Dear GSI Customers:

We have welcomed in a busy and fulfilling first half of 2004. If you missed a few issues, or one of the 17 luncheons I attended with customers around the country, this special edition of GSI News is sure to bring you up-to-date.

Designed with you in mind, I hope you find many of the new features and enhancements made to LIVEDGAR® useful and helpful in doing your job more efficiently and effectively. In GSI News 2004 Mid Year Review, we cover eight new features added to LIVEDGAR this year, from Securities Laws & Regulations to Compare Wizard. We feel this would be a good opportunity to reflect on and review how you use LIVEDGAR, and for you to further consider if these improvements can be of benefit to you.

Clearly, these new LIVEDGAR features and enhancements, and those that preceded them in earlier years have moved LIVEDGAR well beyond EDGAR. In fact, LIVEDGAR has so much exclusive content, advanced features and expert services associated with it that any comparison to EDGAR might be more misleading than helpful. Rest assure, we will continue to develop a steady stream of new content, features and services – to provide you with the securities research tools you need.

Please take a few moments now to review GSI News 2004 Mid Year Review to recall what is new in LIVEDGAR. If you feel we've missed something important, or just want to send me a note, e-mail pbrown@gsonline.com. It is always wonderful to hear from you. We will continue to keep you informed of new LIVEDGAR features and enhancements through our sales representatives, trainers, monthly newsletter and bi-weekly E-News.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Phillip L. Brown
Chief Executive Officer
Global Securities Information, Inc.

AALL Annual Conference in July

Stop by GSI's booth #116 next month at the 97th AALL Annual Conference in Boston, Massachusetts.

It's a great opportunity to meet with GSI's CEO, Phil Brown, President, Richard Harrison and many GSI representatives.

You'll learn about recent enhancements and upcoming plans for GSI and LIVEDGAR. Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to register for a chance to win a \$500 VISA gift card and other gifts from GSI.

The exhibit hall will be open from July 11-13 during the following hours:

- Sunday, July 11 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**
- Monday, July 12 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, July 13 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Save Time with LIVEDGAR's Compare Wizard Feature

GSI offers all users a powerful time saving feature in LIVEDGAR called Compare Wizard.

LIVEDGAR's Compare Wizard allows users to compare any two documents from the same company with the click of a mouse. Once the base document from any LIVEDGAR Results page is chosen, the Compare Wizard feature instantly generates a list of potential matches that are best suited for comparison to the base document.

LIVEDGAR looks for potential matches that have the same filing number such as registrations with related amended documents. Also, LIVEDGAR identifies potential matches that fall within the 18 month time period surrounding the base document's filing date.

When the document to be compared is identified, LIVEDGAR merges the two filings and highlights the differences between the two versions.

For example, imagine you are tracking the amended filings for Better Minerals & Aggregates Corporation and you want to see what changes it made in its amended

filings for its most recent Form 10-Q.

1. Click on Company/Ticker search from LIVEDGAR's Main Menu.
2. Enter Better Minerals & Aggregates Corporation in the Find field to return a listing of all the company's filings.

3. Click on the View link next to Better Minerals & Aggregate's Form 10-Q filed on November 13, 2003.
4. From the View Document page, click on the Compare Wizard link in the VEPS menu bar to initiate the Compare Wizard process. LIVEDGAR will immediately offer a list of potential candidates to compare to the base document.
5. From the list of suggested document matches, click on the Form Type link next to Form 10-Q/A filed on April 2, 2004. At this point Compare Wizard will begin the merging process.

In the final document, LIVEDGAR will highlight all the differences between the November 13th Form 10-Q and the April 2nd Form 10-Q/A, enabling you to immediately identify the changes Better Minerals & Aggregates included in its amended filing.

The Compare Wizard feature is simple to use and, in addition to increasing the transparency of corporate disclosures over time, it offers many other practical applications for anyone involved in securities research, including the ability to:

- Locate differences between preliminary and final prospectuses or between original and amended periodic reports
- Pinpoint SEC mandated changes during the registration process
- Identify issues of importance that require further investigation and analysis
- Gain insight on the SEC's most current view about a disclosure or accounting issue before it is publicly available
- Determine whether disclosures over time are stale or current

This powerful new feature is simple to use and will save all LIVEDGAR users significant time when conducting comparison securities research.



GSI Enhances Section Searching Results

Powerful new functionality added to the Search Results pages of all 10-K and Proxy Section Searches significantly streamlines the research process. Users can now select multiple Form 10-K and Proxy Statement sections and view results that are specific to only those sections.

Previously, if you selected multiple sections from the 10-K or Proxy Section search and clicked View on the Search Results page, LIVEDGAR would display the entire document thereby adding extra time and clutter to the research process.

Today, by extending the reach of section searching to the results page, LIVEDGAR users can choose multiple sections, as well as specify additional search criteria such as free text to return highly targeted results. For results returned as Hits in Context, LIVEDGAR will display only the specific section or sections selected where the additional search criteria conditions are also met. Limiting results to only those sections requested, applies not only to the initial Hits in Context results returned, but also to the View links in the Results page.

On the Abbreviated Listing Results page, LIVEDGAR includes a new column entitled Section. From this new column users can click on the View link to see results limited to the section or sections chosen on the 10-K and Proxy Section Search input pages. If users prefer to view the document in its entirety, the Filing and Document link is still available as always.



This powerful new functionality simplifies the research process significantly and enables users to view, e-mail, print or save single or multiple document sections in one easy step.

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DLEG Corporate Librarians in Legal Settings Roundtable: What's in Your Job Description?	Sunday, June 6th at the SLA 2004 Annual Meeting & Conference 1:30 - 3:00 PM Gaylord Opryland Resort – Nashville, Tennessee
Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians	Wednesday, June 9th at the SLA 2004 Annual Meeting & Conference 1:15 - 2:30 PM Gaylord Opryland Resort – Nashville, Tennessee
Private Law Libraries Business Meeting	Sunday, July 11th at the 97th AALL Annual Meeting & Conference 7:00 - 9:00 AM Sheraton Boston Hotel – Boston, Massachusetts

LIVEDGAR's Main Menu Has a New Look

LIVEDGAR's new Main Menu is now organized in a two column format in order to simplify the way LIVEDGAR users view the main page. The new arrangement is particularly beneficial to users with smaller browser windows and eliminates the need to scroll off the screen to view any of the Main Menu offerings.

Along with this change, GSI has moved the File Number menu item to a tab under Company/Ticker Search where it most logically fits. Otherwise, functionality on the Main Menu has not changed and the new look organizes databases under the same headings as previously used. Additionally, the two column format will easily accommodate future Main Menu offerings.

With this enhancement to the Main Menu, LIVEDGAR also introduces a new Feature Spotlight element where LIVEDGAR features are highlighted on a rotating basis, ensuring that you are kept up-to-date on all LIVEDGAR has to offer.



Check out the new look today by logging in to LIVEDGAR at www.gsonline.com.

One-Step Searching by Ticker Symbol Delivers Key Company Information

GSI is pleased to announce Ticker Search – a convenient new LIVEDGAR feature enabling one-step searching by ticker symbol for specific types of company information.

From the Company Search page, a similar drop-down box is available for searching by company, providing all the same options found in the drop-down box on the Main Menu, plus four additional options – Full-Text, 10-K Section, Proxy Section and SEDAR – automatically insert the CIK Number of the company you are searching into the appropriate search screen and take you to that screen. From there, you'll see that the CIK Number

page, select Full-Text Search from the drop-down box and click Submit. LIVEDGAR will take you to the Full-Text Search page, which will already be populated with Microsoft's CIK Number. From here, you can further refine your search by adding additional search criteria.

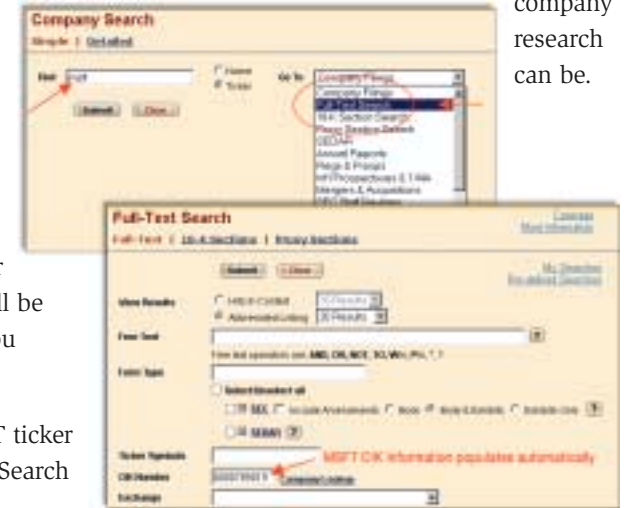
For convenient searching for key company information, start with LIVEDGAR's new Ticker Search and see how simple your company research can be.



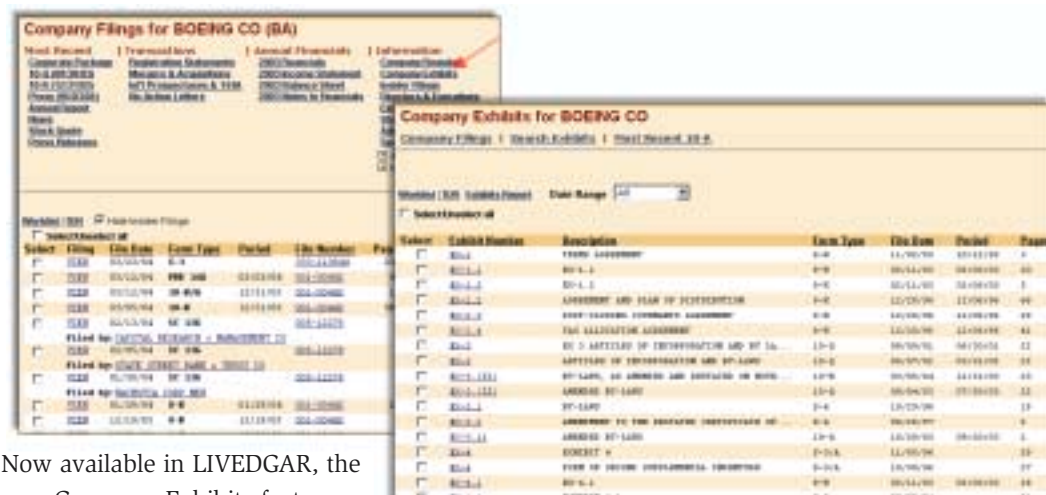
Now, from LIVEDGAR's Main Menu, you can simply enter a ticker symbol and select the type of information you want to see from a drop-down menu. Options include Company Filings, Annual Reports, Registrations & Prospectuses, International Prospectuses & 144A, Mergers & Acquisitions, SEC Staff Reviews, No-Action Letters, Company Roundup and Company News, Quotes & Financials.

of the company you've selected has been entered. At this point, you may also enter additional search criteria to further refine your search. All search results will be restricted to the company you originally selected.

For example, enter the MSFT ticker in the box on the Company Search



Centralized Company Exhibits Available in LIVEDGAR



Now available in LIVEDGAR, the new Company Exhibits feature aggregates a company's exhibits, making it easy for you to quickly locate selected exhibits such as articles, bylaws, employment agreements and other information commonly found in exhibits to SEC filings.

Accessible from the Company Filings page, the Company Exhibits link produces a complete listing of a company's exhibits, detailing the exhibit number, description, related form type,

file date, period and number of pages. For maximum ease-of-use, you can sort the exhibits list on any of the above fields to locate and view the specific exhibits you need. Furthermore, if the filer neglects to include a title for an exhibit, GSI will provide one based on SEC naming guidelines and rules.

Using convenient check boxes, exhibits you select can easily be added to your Worklist or included in a TDR.

Furthermore, the new Exhibits Report link quickly generates a nicely formatted report listing all the exhibits, which you can view, print, e-mail or save.

Finally, for added convenience, two links at the top of the Company Exhibits page simplify searching within exhibits, and locating exhibits attached to a company's most recent 10-K. The Search Exhibits link takes you to the Full-Text Search page, where

you can further refine your search, and where the CIK number of the company you are searching is automatically populated. The Most Recent 10-K link shows all exhibits attached to the company's most recent 10-K.

When you need to locate important information found in company exhibits, take advantage of LIVEDGAR's new Company Exhibits feature to help you find what you need.

Full-Text Search Across Entire SEDAR Collection

GSI is pleased to announce that all 1.2 million Canadian disclosure filings, from 15,000 filing entities going back to January 1, 1997, are full-text searchable within LIVEDGAR's SEDAR database.

Providing full-text search capabilities for the entire collection, LIVEDGAR's SEDAR tracks information across approximately two hundred data elements and provides options to search SEDAR-only data, SEC-only data, or both data sets.

Along with making the entire collection full-text searchable, GSI now also provides a Description column in the Search Results page that includes a brief definition of

the filed document and identifies the language used in the document.

LIVEDGAR's SEDAR database goes further than any other similar offering on the market today by allowing you to search for any public company, mutual fund or third-party document by specific form type. Convenient check boxes allow you to conduct focused searches on any or all of the 23 unique SEDAR form types.

GSI continues to add new filings daily, and pledges to be the best source for all SEDAR filings while providing the most comprehensive search capabilities available in the industry.

Public Company Documents	
Annual Information Form	Management's Discussion
Annual Report	Press Release
BC Form 51-901F	Prospectus
Financial Statements	Proxy Circular
Issuer Bid Circular	Other
Mutual Fund Documents	
Annual Information Form	Prospectus
Annual Report	Portfolio Transactions
Financial Statements	Other
Press Release	
Third-Party Documents	
Director's Circular	Proxy Circular
Early Warning Report	Take-Over Bid Circular
Press Release	Other

SEC Staff Reviews Continue to Gain Momentum

LIVEDGAR's exclusive SEC Staff Reviews database continues to be the talk of corporate practitioners. Some love the insight these documents provide on thinking at the SEC; while others are concerned about privacy issues. The legal and financial media is showing tremendous interest as well, and articles have appeared in the Wall Street Journal and many other publications.

GSI began making these previously unavailable SEC staff comment letters available to the public in December 2003, and continues to add to the collection every day. This collection gives LIVEDGAR users first hand access to a process that provides unique insight into the SEC's current interpretation of federal securities law. Plus, with full-text searching across the entire SEC Staff Reviews database, LIVEDGAR users can easily conduct comprehensive issues-based research on any accounting or corporate disclosure topic. Searches can also be limited to a particular industry or company.

To simplify the research process, the Topical Research Library provides over 50 pre-defined searches, giving you a glimpse of what you can extract from these valuable documents. Whether you are interested in restructuring charges or segment reporting, you only need to click on the pre-defined search statement to instantly initiate your search and get the information you need. And with Alert functionality built into the database, you can be the first to know every time something new related to a specific topic of interest is added to LIVEDGAR.

To see what the buzz is about check out LIVEDGAR's exclusive collection of SEC Staff Reviews today. You will find over 4,000 letters and 30,000 pages of previously unavailable and important SEC insight from 1100 companies. Stay tuned in the coming months as the depth and breadth of this database continues to grow, so will its unique value.

Securities Laws & Regulations Searchable in LIVEDGAR



GSI is pleased to announce the launch of LIVEDGAR's Securities Laws & Regulations collection. Now the most current versions of major securities statutes and regulations are fully integrated into LIVEDGAR, enabling you to easily search the laws that make up the foundation of the securities industry.

The Securities Laws & Regulations collection is the only one of its kind that can be full-text searched or browsed. Available from LIVEDGAR's Main Menu and SEC Library, the

collection reflects the most recent legislative changes and includes the most current versions of all major securities acts and regulations, such as the Securities Act of 1933, General Rules & Regulations under the 1933 Act, Regulation M and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to name a few.

From the Securities Laws & Regulations page, you can select the items you want to search using convenient check boxes, and can further tailor searches in the Free Text and Filing Date fields. You also have the option to Browse a complete list of securities laws and regulations to go directly to items of interest.

From LIVEDGAR's SEC Library, users can conduct even more refined searches of securities laws to locate related proposed rules, concept releases, final rule releases, policy statements and more.

To ensure that LIVEDGAR's Securities Laws & Regulations is up-to-date, the collection is updated each week. And, to help you stay abreast of the latest developments, users can set up customizable Alerts meeting their specific criteria to be automatically notified via e-mail any time the SEC makes updates or changes of concern to you.

To track down the precise information you need within the extensive body of securities law, there is no better resource than LIVEDGAR's new Securities Laws & Regulations. Take advantage of this powerful tool today to assist you with your research.