

## 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](http://www.gsonline.com).

## Upcoming Luncheon Events this May

To see if Phil Brown, GSI's CEO, will be in your neighborhood soon, check out these dates for GSI's upcoming Client Appreciation Luncheons.

If you would like to attend a particular luncheon, please send your request to Kelly O'Neill at [koneill@gsonline.com](mailto:koneill@gsonline.com).

Seating is limited and attendance will be determined on a first come, first served basis.

GSI would like to bring you up to speed on the latest developments at GSI and with LIVEDGAR. As always, we appreciate your continued support and hope to see you in the near future.

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May 11 Luncheon	Los Angeles - Downtown
May 11 Cocktails	Los Angeles - Century City
May 12 Luncheon	Palo Alto
May 13 Luncheon	San Francisco
May 19 Luncheon	Atlanta

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## Save Time with LIVEDGAR's New Compare Wizard Feature

GSI is pleased to offer all LIVEDGAR users an exciting new feature in LIVEDGAR called Compare Wizard.

This powerful time saving tool 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.

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

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## SLA Annual Conference in June

Stop by GSI's booth #443 next month at the SLA 2004 Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

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 June 6-8 during the following hours:  
Sunday, June 6th 11 AM – 6 PM  
Monday, June 7th 8 AM – 4 PM  
Tuesday, June 8th 10 AM – 5 PM

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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.

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 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.

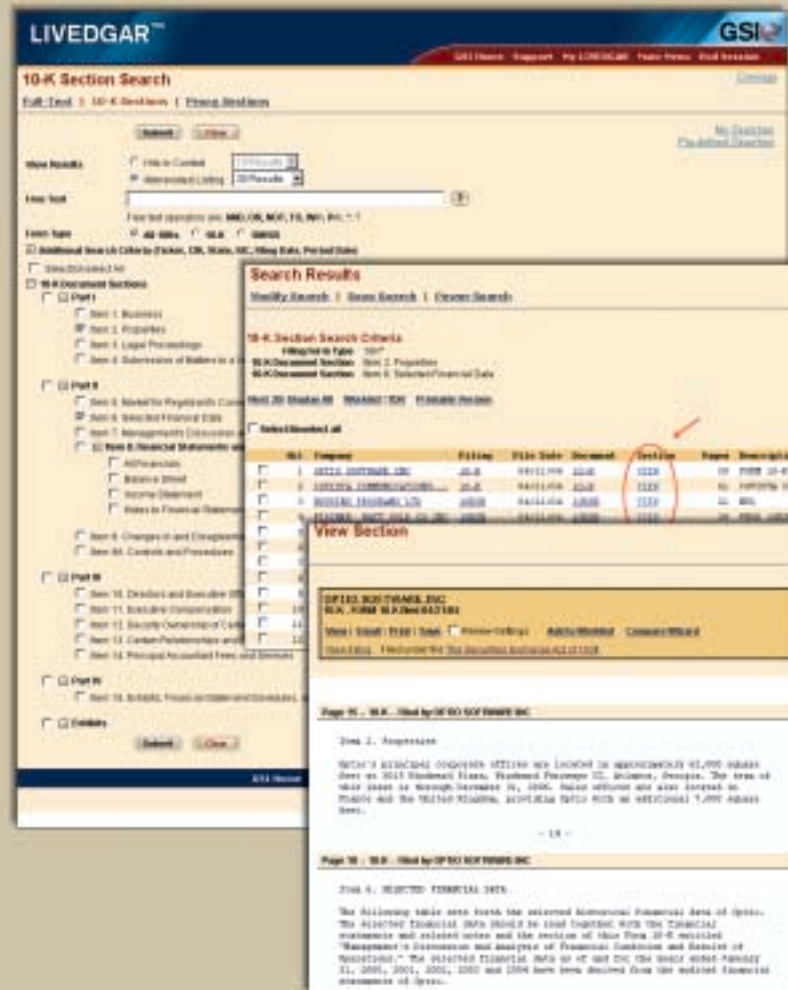
Previously, if you selected multiple sections from the 10-K or Proxy Section search and clicked View on the Results page, LIVEDGAR would display the entire document thereby adding extra time and clutter to the research process.

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.



## FULL-TEXT SEARCH WILL SOON BE RENAMED GLOBAL SEARCH

GSI will soon rename its Full-Text Search feature on LIVEDGAR to Global Search in order to more accurately reflect its scope and power.

As you know, Full-Text Search is one of the most powerful search features in LIVEDGAR. Leveraging this functionality, LIVEDGAR users can conduct comprehensive searches for information on EDGAR filings, SEDAR filings, SEC Staff Reviews, No-Action Letters, Annual Reports, SEC Library and Securities Laws & Regulations to name a few. Additionally, users can perform searches based on form type, form group, ticker, location, CIK, SIC, dates and many other parameters for precision results.

From these inputs LIVEDGAR renders and fully integrates results that include all EDGAR filings, SEDAR filings, Annual Reports, SEC Staff Reviews and many other scanned SEC document subsets.

What many people don't know is the Full-Text Search page also returns results for the SEC library, Securities Laws & Regulations, and No-Action Letters databases. The results from these particular databases are listed at the end of the search results page.

Changing the Full-Text Search name to Global Search more accurately reflects the functionality of this area, but does not affect any of the sophisticated search capabilities that LIVEDGAR users currently enjoy. Additionally, the name change lays the foundation for several LIVEDGAR enhancements that will be available by the end of the year.

These planned enhancements will further emphasize the global nature of Full-Text Search and LIVEDGAR's ability to look across all its databases and return precision research results quickly and easily.

## Legal Counsel Rankings for First Quarter of 2004 Ranked by Total Transactional Value

GSI announced the following legal counsels ranked by transaction value for first quarter of 2004. According to the rankings, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom's 19 first quarter deals totaled over \$19 billion, enough to top Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, whose 7 deals totaled almost \$11 billion.

The details of each transaction are available in LIVEDGAR. Using TDRs to create custom reports, users can easily create Excel spreadsheets to show selected data from any group of deals.

Legal Counsel Rankings for First Quarter of 2004 Ranked By Total Transactional Value

Rank	Name of Legal Counsel	No. of Deals	Transaction Value
1	Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom	19	\$19,443,419,929
2	Sidley Austin Brown & Wood	7	\$10,887,386,206
3	Kirkland & Ellis	10	\$8,769,024,296
4	Weil Gotshal & Manges	5	\$8,391,477,604
5	King & Spalding	3	\$6,476,194,240
6	Sullivan & Cromwell	5	\$6,198,005,790
7	Davis Polk & Wardwell	6	\$5,304,036,435
8	Willkie Farr & Gallagher	7	\$4,974,042,723
9	Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton	3	\$4,456,353,068
10	Simpson Thacher & Bartlett	6	\$4,239,970,793
11	Osler Hoskin & Harcourt	2	\$3,736,599,103
12	Stikeman Elliott	1	\$3,690,762,193
13	Shearman & Sterling LLP	6	\$3,572,359,783
14	Cravath Swaine & Moore	5	\$3,511,584,500
15	Pillsbury Winthrop LLP	3	\$3,299,995,446
16	Tulchinsky Stern & Co	1	\$3,271,446,475
17	Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft	2	\$3,234,833,260
18	Jones Day	5	\$2,623,789,380
19	Debevoise & Plimpton	2	\$2,506,781,675
20	Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	11	\$2,373,874,128
21	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	2	\$2,114,976,900
22	Hengler Mueller Weitzel Wirtz	1	\$1,985,891,918
23	Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease	2	\$1,545,000,000
24	Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker	2	\$1,537,732,200
25	Latham & Watkins	10	\$1,360,421,734

View these and other rankings on LIVEDGAR's Mergers & Acquisitions database. Note that LIVEDGAR also provides the actual source documents upon which the rankings are based.

The set of transactions consists of all deals registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that have completion dates that fall within the specified time period for this report and result in a change in control. The dollar amounts consist of estimated transaction values as disclosed by the filing party. All deals that have been registered with the SEC have been included, including international transactions. Only the lead advisor or counsel to the acquiring and target party is credited with the dollar value and count of each transaction, and each transaction is credited only once. While Global Securities Information, Inc. has obtained the information from sources it believes to be reliable, we do not guarantee its accuracy, and such information may be incomplete or condensed.