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CHANGES IN ELIGIBLE CREDITS

In the month of April, there were two changes to the Treasurer's approved list of issuers.

The following were removed from the approved lists:

- 1) Aquinas Funding LLC
- 2) Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company

Please refer to the attached TIC memos for further information.

The following table summarizes the remaining SIV holdings that have had, or are being considered for further rating actions.

	Security Type	Maturity Date	Market Value *	% of Fund	ST Ratings, LT Ratings
<u>Extended Fund</u>					
SIGMA FIN INC	MTN	5/14/2008	\$ 49,826,550.00	2.18%	A-1+ *-/P-2 *- , AA- *-/A2 *-
SIGMA FIN INC	MTN	10/30/2008	49,427,900.00	2.17%	
SIGMA FIN INC	MTN	10/30/2008	24,713,950.00	1.08%	
			<u>\$ 123,968,400.00</u>	<u>5.43%</u>	
WHISTLEJACKET CAP LLC	MTN	1/25/2009	\$ 43,198,400.00	1.89%	D/NP, D/B2
WHISTLEJACKET CAP LLC	MTN	1/26/2009	25,919,040.00	1.14%	
			<u>\$ 69,117,440.00</u>	<u>3.03%</u>	

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To: Treasury Investment Committee
From: John Byerly, Senior Financial Analyst
Date: April 30, 2008

Subject: **Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company**
Ratings: A-1 */-P-1 */-NR A+ */-A1 */-NR
Exposure: County: \$50MM maturing 10-24-08
Schools/JWA/X-Fund: None

Recommend: Remove Wrigley from CP/MTN Eligibility List due to watch negative action and uncertain future financial profile after merger

Summary:

Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company is the world's leading maker of chewing gum, including some of the most widely recognized brands as Doublemint, Juicy Fruit, and Hubba Bubba. Wrigley also makes non-gum products including Altoids and Life Savers. While the company has lacked the product diversity of some of its peers, Wrigley benefits from strong geographic diversity with over 60% of revenue coming from outside North America as of year-end 2007.

On April 28, news of Wrigley's record sales was overshadowed by Mars Inc's announcement that they would purchase Wrigley for \$23 billion. The union will create the world's largest candy maker.

In response to the merger, Standard and Poor's and Moody's placed Wrigley's short and long term ratings on credit watch negative. Mars Inc. is unrated and the transaction will be partially debt-financed. Wrigley's use of debt has been very conservative. New levels of leverage and future financial policy will be the focus of the rating agency reviews.

The \$50MM of Wrigley commercial paper held in the County pool is backed up by a \$600MM five-year bank facility. In consideration of Investment Policy Statement restrictions, and while we wait for more detail, I have removed Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company from the CP/MTN eligibility list.

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To: Treasury Investment Committee
From: John Byerly, Senior Financial Analyst
Date: April 30, 2008

Subject: Aquinas Funding LLC
Ratings: A-1+/P-1/NR
Exposure: County/Schools/JWA/X-Fund: None
Recommend: Remove from CP/MTN Eligibility List

Summary:

Aquinas Funding LLC (Aquinas) is a fully supported ABCP program sponsored and administered by Rabobank Nederland (AAA/Aaa/AA+). Rabobank uses Aquinas, its first securities arbitrage ABCP program, to finance purchases of highly rated, dollar-denominated asset-backed debt securities.

With the implementation of Basel II, the economic advantages gained through Aquinas will no longer exist. Therefore, Aquinas is effectively being wound down. Outstanding commercial paper has dropped from about \$2.5 billion this summer to \$97 million by March 31, 2008. Future activity is not expected.

I recommend removing Aquinas Funding from the CP/MTN Eligibility List.