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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

Form 11-K

FOR ANNUAL REPORTS OF EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE, SAVINGS
AND SIMILAR PLANS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(MARK ONE)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
OF 1934 [FEE REQUIRED]

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
ACT OF 1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED]

FOR THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-7850

A. FULL TITLE OF THE PLAN AND THE ADDRESS OF THE PLAN, IF DIFFERENT FROM THAT
OF THE ISSUER NAMED BELOW:

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK

B. NAME OF ISSUER OF THE SECURITIES HELD PURSUANT TO THE PLAN AND THE ADDRESS
OF ITS PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD, POST OFFICE BOX 98510
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89193-8510

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ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Listed below are all financial statements and exhibits filed as a part of this Annual Report:

(a) Financial statements, including Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 1995 and 1994 and the related Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years then ended, Notes to Financial Statements and Schedules I and II, together with the report thereon of Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants (pages 3 - 14).

(b) Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the members of the Employees' 401(k) Plan of PriMerit Bank Committee have duly caused this Annual Report to be signed by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN
OF PRIMERIT BANK

Date: June 25, 1996

By: /s/ Dan J. Cheever

Dan J. Cheever
President and
Chief Executive Officer

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1995 AND 1994

AND THE YEARS THEN ENDED

TOGETHER WITH AUDITORS' REPORT

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Employees' 401(k) Plan of PriMerit Bank Committee:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Employees' 401(k) Plan of PriMerit Bank (the Plan) as of December 31, 1995 and 1994, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements and the schedules referred to below are the responsibility of the Plan Committee. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedules based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Plan Committee, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 1995 and 1994, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules of investments held at December 31, 1995, and reportable transactions for the year ended December 31, 1995, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The fund information in the statements of net assets available for benefits and the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits is presented for purposes of additional analysis rather than to present the net assets available for benefits and the changes in net assets available for benefits of each fund. The supplemental schedules and fund information have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Las Vegas, Nevada
June 11, 1996

(Except with respect to
the matter discussed in
Note 8 as to which the
date is June 18, 1996)

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS,
WITH FUND INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 1995

ASSETS

FUND INFORMATION

	SOUTHWEST GAS COMMON STOCK	GUARANTEED	BALANCED	CORE EQUITY	GOVERNMENT CORPORATE BOND	LARGE CAPITAL- IZATION EQUITY	TOTAL
Investments, at market value:							
Southwest Gas Common Stock	\$ 1,496,986	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 1,496,986
Guaranteed Account	--	1,509,518	--	--	--	--	1,509,518
Balanced Account	--	--	451,868	--	--	--	451,868
Core Equity Account	--	--	--	662,195	--	--	662,195
Gov't Corporate Bond Account	--	--	--	--	72,965	--	72,965
Large Capitalization Equity Account	--	--	--	--	--	258,938	258,938
Dreyfus Treasury Cash Management Fund	35,608	10,541	4,109	663	887	3,169	54,977
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	1,532,594	1,520,059	455,977	662,858	73,852	262,107	4,507,447
December 1995 contributions							
receivable	40,309	21,141	9,918	12,019	3,247	6,910	93,544
Notes receivable (Note 4)	--	93,999	--	--	--	--	93,999
Interest receivable	257	56	41	49	14	30	447
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	\$ 1,573,160	\$ 1,635,255	\$ 465,936	\$ 674,926	\$ 77,113	\$ 269,047	\$ 4,695,437
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LIABILITIES AND PLAN EQUITY

	SOUTHWEST GAS COMMON STOCK	GUARANTEED	BALANCED	CORE EQUITY	GOVERNMENT CORPORATE BOND	LARGE CAPITAL- IZATION EQUITY	TOTAL
Excess contributions payable:							
Participants (Note 7)	\$ --	\$ 5,363	\$ 2,549	\$ 6,406	\$ 675	\$ 3,125	\$ 18,118
Accrued expenses	16,664	--	--	--	--	--	16,664
Plan equity, at market value (Note 5)	1,556,496	1,629,892	463,387	668,520	76,438	265,922	4,660,655
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	\$ 1,573,160	\$ 1,635,255	\$ 465,936	\$ 674,926	\$ 77,113	\$ 269,047	\$ 4,695,437
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(See notes to financial statements)

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS,
WITH FUND INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 1994

ASSETS

FUND INFORMATION

	SOUTHWEST GAS COMMON STOCK	GUARANTEED	BALANCED	CORE EQUITY	GOVERNMENT CORPORATE BOND	LARGE CAPITAL- IZATION EQUITY	TOTAL
Investments, at market value:							
Southwest Gas Common Stock	\$ 820,111	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 820,111
Guaranteed Account	--	1,372,563	--	--	--	--	1,372,563
Balanced Account	--	--	325,109	--	--	--	325,109
Core Equity Account	--	--	--	432,628	--	--	432,628
Gov't Corporate Bond Account	--	--	--	--	40,351	--	40,351
Large Capitalization Equity Account	--	--	--	--	--	139,968	139,968
Dreyfus Treasury Cash Management Fund	36,474	61	10	90	95	96	36,826
	856,585	1,372,624	325,119	432,718	40,446	140,064	3,167,556
Notes receivable (Note 4)	--	78,251	--	--	--	--	78,251
Interest receivable	83	49	12	11	3	9	167
	\$ 856,668	\$ 1,450,924	\$ 325,131	\$ 432,729	\$ 40,449	\$ 140,073	\$ 3,245,974

LIABILITIES AND PLAN EQUITY

	SOUTHWEST GAS COMMON STOCK	GUARANTEED	BALANCED	CORE EQUITY	GOVERNMENT CORPORATE BOND	LARGE CAPITAL- IZATION EQUITY	TOTAL
Excess contributions payable:							
Participants (Note 7)	\$ --	\$ 16,236	\$ 3,739	\$ 5,068	\$ 391	\$ 1,006	\$ 26,440
Accrued expenses	19,032	--	--	--	--	--	19,032
Plan equity, at market value (Note 5)	837,636	1,434,688	321,392	427,661	40,058	139,067	3,200,502
	\$ 856,668	\$ 1,450,924	\$ 325,131	\$ 432,729	\$ 40,449	\$ 140,073	\$ 3,245,974

(See notes to financial statements)

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS,
WITH FUND INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

	FUND INFORMATION						TOTAL
	SOUTHWEST GAS COMMON STOCK	GUARANTEED	BALANCED	CORE EQUITY	GOVERNMENT CORPORATE BOND	LARGE CAPITAL- IZATION EQUITY	
Investment Income:							
Dividends	\$ 60,876	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 60,876
Interest	1,263	94,149	209	308	83	223	96,235
	62,139	94,149	209	308	83	223	157,111
Realized gain on investments	3,565	--	5,668	14,362	869	4,023	28,487
Unrealized appreciation of investments	278,639	--	79,742	160,013	9,037	45,803	573,234
Contributions:							
PriMerit Bank	517,906	--	--	--	--	--	517,906
Participants	--	290,851	132,035	145,075	36,883	111,029	715,873
	517,906	290,851	132,035	145,075	36,883	111,029	1,233,779
Distributions to participants and beneficiaries	(106,861)	(242,144)	(44,031)	(67,051)	(11,095)	(24,748)	(495,930)
Administrative expenses (Note 1)	(36,528)	--	--	--	--	--	(36,528)
Transfer between funds	--	52,348	(31,628)	(11,848)	603	(9,475)	--
Net increase in Plan equity	718,860	195,204	141,995	240,859	36,380	126,855	1,460,153
Plan equity, beginning of year	837,636	1,434,688	321,392	427,661	40,058	139,067	3,200,502
Plan equity, end of year	\$ 1,556,496	\$ 1,629,892	\$ 463,387	\$ 668,520	\$ 76,438	\$ 265,922	\$ 4,660,655

(See notes to financial statements)

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS,
WITH FUND INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994

FUND INFORMATION

	SOUTHWEST GAS COMMON STOCK	GUARANTEED	BALANCED	CORE EQUITY	GOVERNMENT CORPORATE BOND	LARGE CAPITAL- IZATION EQUITY	TOTAL
Investment Income:							
Dividends	\$ 37,665	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 37,665
Interest	682	90,880	142	118	30	64	91,916
	38,347	90,880	142	118	30	64	129,581
Realized gain (loss) on investments	3,481	--	(245)	33	(20)	58	3,307
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	(134,163)	--	(4,845)	5,515	92	2,532	(130,869)
Contributions:							
PriMerit Bank	468,995	--	--	--	--	--	468,995
Participants	--	297,496	143,423	120,947	29,007	81,165	672,038
	468,995	297,496	143,423	120,947	29,007	81,165	1,141,033
Distributions to participants and beneficiaries	(104,996)	(290,540)	(45,289)	(64,588)	(347)	(3,602)	(509,362)
Administrative expenses (Note 1)	(34,769)	--	--	--	--	--	(34,769)
Transfer between funds	--	(142,916)	36,596	36,174	11,296	58,850	--
Net increase (decrease) in Plan equity	236,895	(45,080)	129,782	98,199	40,058	139,067	598,921
Plan equity, beginning of year	600,741	1,479,768	191,610	329,462	--	--	2,601,581
Plan equity, end of year	\$ 837,636	\$ 1,434,688	\$ 321,392	\$ 427,661	\$ 40,058	\$ 139,067	\$ 3,200,502

(See notes to financial statements)

NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Employees' 401(k) Plan (the Plan) of PriMerit Bank (the Bank) provides summary information regarding the Plan.

General

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Effective January 1, 1988 the Bank offered to all its eligible employees', participation in a voluntary defined contribution plan. All employees who were employed by the Bank on January 1, 1988 and who were at least age 21 on that date became participants on January 1, 1988. An employee hired after that date or reaching age 21 after that date is eligible to participate in the Plan on the applicable entry date on or following the date on which the employee reaches age 21 and has completed one year of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

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Participants may contribute from one percent to fifteen percent of their annual wages, including bonuses, overtime pay and commissions. During 1995 and 1994, the Bank's contribution was 100 percent of participants' contributions not exceeding 6 percent of a participant's annual wages. The Bank has discretion to make profit sharing contributions as determined by the Board of Directors. No profit sharing contributions were made during 1994 and 1995.

All of the Bank's contributions are invested in Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) common stock. The Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwest.

Vesting

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Participants are immediately 100 percent vested in their pre-tax contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the contributions made by the Bank and in any earnings thereon is determined based on years of service with the Bank as follows:

Years of Service	Vested Percentage
1	0%
2	20%
3	40%
4	60%
5	80%
6 or more	100%

A participant will receive a year of service if the participant has worked at least 1,000 hours in a Plan year.

Withdrawals from the Plan

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The Plan permits distributions from participants' accounts when any of the following events occur: (1) participant reaches normal or deferred retirement age; (2) participant becomes permanently disabled while employed by the Bank; (3) participant dies while employed by the Bank; (4) participant terminates employment with the Bank; (5) participant qualifies under a hardship withdrawal or a loan to withdraw amounts from the Plan; and (6) the Bank terminates the Plan. All distributions from the Plan, except hardship withdrawals and loans, less than \$3,500 will be paid in a single lump sum, while distributions greater than \$3,500 from the Plan are made in the form of an annuity contract. A participant, or their beneficiary, may elect to waive the annuity form of

distribution in favor of a single lump sum or in installments. Distributions, other than hardship withdrawals and loans, will be paid shortly after the end of the Plan year (or sooner, if administratively convenient) in the form selected by the participant or beneficiary.

Plan Expenses

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Plan expenses were paid by the Plan via participants' forfeitures with the Bank paying any excess. Forfeitures have not been used to reduce employer contributions.

Plan Administration

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Bank of America acts as the trustee and the Bank is the administrator for all activities of the Plan.

Reclassification

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Certain reclassifications have been made to conform the prior year with the current year presentation.

NOTE 2: VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS AND INCOME RECOGNITION

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All investments of the Plan are stated at quoted market value. The units of participation in the Guaranteed, Balanced, Core Equity, Government/Corporate Bond, and Large Capitalization Equity accounts are valued based upon original cost plus accumulated net interest income and changes in value of the underlying investments. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest is recorded on an accrual basis.

NOTE 3: ACCOUNT DESCRIPTIONS

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A description of the Plan accounts is as follows:

SOUTHWEST COMMON STOCK ACCOUNT - The Bank's contributions are invested in common stock of its parent. At December 31, 1995 and 1994, the Plan held 84,924 and 60,630 shares, respectively, of Southwest common stock.

GUARANTEED ACCOUNT - The account invests primarily in high-quality bonds and mortgages. The assets of the account are backed by the general assets of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company (Lincoln Life) and are invested the same way as Lincoln Life's general investment account. The account guarantees principal, a minimum rate of return and a current interest crediting rate. At December 31, 1995 and 1994, the Plan held 1,509,518 and 1,372,563 units, respectively, of the Guaranteed Account.

BALANCED ACCOUNT - The account invests in a combination of stocks, bonds and money market instruments. At December 31, 1995 and 1994, the Plan held 112,897 and 101,687 units, respectively, of the Balanced Account.

CORE EQUITY ACCOUNT - The account invests primarily in large capitalization stocks of well-established companies and broadly diversifies them to control risk. At December 31, 1995 and 1994, the Plan held 95,965 and 86,264 units, respectively, of the Core Equity Account.

GOVERNMENT/CORPORATE BOND ACCOUNT - The account invests primarily in government mortgage backed and corporate bonds structured to minimize interest rate risk and maximize return potential. At December 31, 1995 and 1994, the Plan held 15,916 and 10,069 units, respectively, of the Government/Corporate Bond Account.

LARGE CAPITALIZATION EQUITY ACCOUNT - The account invests primarily in large capitalization stocks that have potential to grow 50% within 18 months from the date of purchase. At December 31, 1995 and 1994, the Plan held 53,440 and 37,293 units, respectively, of the Large Capitalization Equity Account.

Lincoln National Investment Management Company (LNIMC) serves as the primary investment advisor for the Guaranteed, Balanced, Core Equity, Government/Corporate Bond, and Large Capitalization Equity Accounts. The Guaranteed, Balanced and Government/Corporate Bond Accounts are also managed by LNIMC. The Core Equity Account is managed by Vantage Global Advisors. The Large Capitalization Equity Account is managed by Lynch & Mayer.

NOTE 4: NOTES RECEIVABLE

The Plan provides that participants may borrow against the balances in their accounts, subject to certain limitations specified in the Plan. Funds for loans are obtained through liquidation of participants' investment accounts. Payments on the loans include interest at a rate at or above the prime interest rate.

NOTE 5: PLAN EQUITY

Plan equity at December 31, 1995 and 1994 includes withdrawing participants' accounts with aggregate market value of \$223,496 and \$123,147, respectively. These amounts became payable subsequent to year end. Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants are recorded on the Form 5500 as a liability.

NOTE 6: PLAN TERMINATION

Although the Bank expects to continue the Plan indefinitely, it reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan at any time. Upon termination or complete discontinuance of contributions to the Plan, the participants will become 100 percent vested in all Bank contributions already allocated to participants' accounts.

NOTE 7: FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

The Plan obtained its last determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service on March 19, 1992. At that time, the Plan was deemed to be designed to satisfy the qualification requirements, and consequently the related trust appeared to satisfy the tax exempt requirement of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has been amended subsequently. The Plan administration and tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the qualification requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, and the related trust was tax exempt as of the financial statement date. The Internal Revenue Code requires that the Plan, on an annual basis, meet certain average deferral percentage tests in order to maintain its qualified plan status. At December 31, 1995 and 1994, the Plan did not comply with the average deferral percentage tests. In order to retain its qualified plan status, the Plan returned deferrals of \$18,118 and \$26,440 to participants for the years ended December 31, 1995 and 1994. No Bank contributions were returned for the years ended December 31, 1995 and 1994.

NOTE 8: SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On June 18, 1996, the Plan was amended to provide participants with 100% vesting upon change of control of the Bank. In January 1996, the Bank's parent company entered into a definitive agreement to sell the Bank, subject to regulatory and shareholder approval. The sale is anticipated to be finalized in the third quarter of 1996. As the Bank fully funds the matching contributions made on participants' contributions, no financial statement impact is anticipated upon the change in vesting.

SCHEDULE I

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK
 EIN: 88-0226101
 ITEM 27a - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES
 DECEMBER 31, 1995

ISSUER	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	COST	MARKET VALUE
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.	1,509,518 units Guaranteed Account	\$ 1,509,518	\$ 1,509,518
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.	15,916 units Government/Corporate Bond	\$ 63,814	\$ 72,965
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.	112,897 units Balanced Account	\$ 371,696	\$ 451,868
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.	95,965 units Core Equity Account	\$ 500,839	\$ 662,195
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.	53,440 units Large Capitalization/Equity Account	\$ 212,377	\$ 258,938
Southwest Gas Corporation	84,924 shares Southwest Gas Corporation Common Stock*	\$ 1,218,603	\$ 1,496,986
Dreyfus Service Corporation	54,977 shares Dreyfus Treasury Cash Management	\$ 54,977	\$ 54,977
Various Participants	Notes receivable from participants	\$ 93,999	\$ 93,999

* party-in-interest

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK
 EIN: 88-0226101
 ITEM 27d - SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

Description	Purchases		Sales			
	Number of Transactions	Cost	Number of Transactions	Proceeds	Original Cost	Gain (Loss)
Southwest Gas Common Stock Account	8	\$ 264,576	--	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Guaranteed Account	10	\$ 224,083	4	\$ 165,150	\$ 165,150	\$ --
Balanced Account	--	\$ --	--	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Core Equity Account	--	\$ --	--	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Large Capitalization Equity Account	--	\$ --	--	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Dreyfus Treasury Cash Management Fund	178	\$ 1,634,204	129	\$ 1,618,420	\$ 1,618,420	\$ --

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation by reference of our report included in this Form 11-K into Southwest Gas Corporation's previously filed Registration Statement File No. 33-35737.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Las Vegas, Nevada
June 25, 1996

EXHIBIT 23