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  – Find Agreements and Plans of Merger, Reorganization, Exchange, or Purchase (Asset Purchase, Stock Purchase, etc.) by applying a relevant text search to Exhibits 2 and 10 only using our Exhibits Search filter.
  – Get precedent language for these types of transactions by putting keywords—e.g., merger agreement—in the Exhibit Label text search box.
  – To find company press releases announcing deals, limit search to 8-K and select Exhibit 99. Combine with relevant text string: for example, (announce OR agree OR agreement OR complete OR (entered into)) W/8 (merge OR merger).

• Form-type searching. Limit your results to form types associated with M&A disclosure:
  – 8-K (where completed deal is typically disclosed; see below for more detail)
  – DEFM14A (solicits shareholder approval for proposed deal)
  – 425 (communications pursuant to business combination transaction)
  – SC TO (Tender Offer Schedule; use our “Tender Offers“ form group)
  – SC 14D9 (communication by target company with respect to a proposed tender offer)
  – S-4 (registration of securities resulting from a business combination)

• 8-K Item searching. Apply text searching to only relevant 8-K Items:
  – Item 1.01, Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement
  – Item 2.01, Completion of Acquisition
  – Item 5.06, Change in Shell Company Status (for reverse mergers)

Form D page. A search page of over 120,000 securities offerings exempt from registration under Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933.

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