

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
May 27, 2008

ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

The Advisory Board Company

File No. 0-33283 – CF#20471

The Advisory Board Company submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibit to a Form 10-K filed on May 30, 2007.

Based on representations by The Advisory Board Company that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit will not be released to the public for the time period specified:

Exhibit 10.42 through February 6, 2010

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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