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HELLER FINANCIAL INC

CIK: **46738** | IRS No.: **361208070** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
Type: **424B3** | Act: **33** | File No.: **333-38545** | Film No.: **98669831**
SIC: **6153** Short-term business credit institutions

Mailing Address
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Pricing Supplement No. 17
(To Prospectus dated October 30, 1997
Prospectus Supplement dated November 17, 1997)

Dated: July 20, 1998

U.S. \$2,500,000,000

Heller Financial, Inc.

Medium-Term Notes, Series H

(Registered Notes-Fixed Rate)

Due From Nine Months to Thirty Years From Date of Issue

Principal Amount: \$16,000,000

Issue Price: 100%

Original Issue Date: July 23, 1998

Stated Maturity Date: July 24, 2000

Form: Book-Entry Certificated

Depository: Depository Trust Company

Specified Currency: U.S. Dollars

(If other than U.S. Dollars, see attached)

Option to Receive Payments in Specified Currency: Yes No

(Applicable only if Specified Currency is other than U.S. Dollars)

Authorized Denominations:

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Base Rate: Commercial Paper Rate LIBOR Treasury Rate

Federal Funds Rate Prime Rate Other:

Interest Reset : N/A

Interest Payment Period : Semi-Annual

Interest Reset Dates: (If other than as specified in the Prospectus Supplement):
N/A

Interest Payment Dates: (If other than as specified in the Prospectus Supplement): The 24th day of January, and July beginning January 24, 1999 up to and including the Stated Maturity Date.

Interest Determination Date(s): N/A

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(To Prospectus dated October 30, 1997
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Dated: July 20, 1998

Initial Interest Rate: 5.93%

Index Maturity: N/A

Day Count Convention: 30/360

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Spread (+/-): N/A

Spread Multiplier: N/A

Optional Redemption: Yes No

Initial Redemption Date:

The Redemption Price shall initially be % of the principal amount of the Note to be redeemed and shall decline at each anniversary of the Initial Redemption Date by % of the principal amount to be redeemed until the Redemption Price is 100% of such principal amount.

Optional Repayment: Yes No

Optional Repayment Dates:

Optional Repayment Prices:

Repayment Provisions:

(If other than as specified in the Prospectus Supplement)

Discount Note: Yes No

Total Amount of OID:

Yield to Maturity:

Initial Accrual Period OID:

Calculation Agent: Heller Financial, Inc.

Exchange Rate Agent: N/A

Recognized Foreign Exchange Dealers: N/A

Discount or Commission: .093%

Other Provisions: a) AMOUNT ISSUED TO DATE, PRIOR TO PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 17
UNDER MTN-SERIES H PROGRAM: \$1,652,000,000
b) CUSIP #42333HJZ6

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