

requested by the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The Commission expects to deliver the results of its investigation to the USTR in two phases. Phase one will be delivered on March 27 and phase two will be delivered on May 1.

**Summary**

*Title:* Survey Worksheets for Investigation No. 332-390, Advice Concerning the Proposed Expansion of the Information Technology Agreement.

*Summary:* Staff of the USITC plans to make telephone contacts with a broad representation of U.S. companies and trade associations. The survey worksheets contain fewer than 10 questions that require responses from industry and are designed to provide staff with a uniform approach and consistent format for recording responses. Information collected will be used to assess U.S. companies' views on the possible elimination of duties and the existence of nontariff barriers on certain products.

*Need and Use of Information:* The responses collected will contribute to the advice and information requested by the USTR on a list of information technology products that are being considered for duty elimination in current Information Technology Agreement negotiations.

*Description of Respondents:* Firms and trade associations.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,250.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting—One Time.

*Total Burden Hours:* 625.

**Additional Information or Comment**

Copies of agency submissions to OMB in connection with this request may be obtained from Sylvia McDonough,

Branch Chief, Electronic Technology, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436 (telephone no. 202-708-4052). Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for U.S. International Trade Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 (telephone no. 202-395-7340). Copies of any comments should also be provided to Robert Rogowsky, Director, Office of Operations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, who is the Commission's designated Senior Official under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TDD terminal, (telephone no. 202-205-1810).

By order of the Commission.

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**Donna R. Koehnke,**

Secretary.

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**JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES**

**Revision of Certain Dollar Amounts in The Bankruptcy Code Prescribed Under Section 104(B) of The Code**

**AGENCY:** Judicial Conference of the United States.

**ACTION:** Notice is provided that various dollar amounts in title 11, United States Code, are increased.

**SUMMARY:** Section 108 of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994 established the mechanism for the automatic three-year

adjustment of dollar amounts in certain sections of the Bankruptcy Code by adding subsection (b) to section 104 of title 11. That provision states:

(b)(1) On April 1, 1998, and at each 3-year interval ending April 1 thereafter, each dollar amount in effect under [the designated sections of the code] immediately before such April 1 shall be adjusted—

(A) to reflect the change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, published by the Department of Labor, for the most recent 3-year period ending immediately before January 1 preceding such April 1, and

(B) to round to the nearest \$25 the dollar amount that represents such change.

(2) Not later than March 1, 1998, and at each 3-year interval ending on March 1 thereafter, the Judicial Conference of the United States shall publish in the **Federal Register** the dollar amounts that will become effective on such April 1 under sections 109(e), 303(b), 507(a), 522(d), and 523(a)(2)(C) [of the Bankruptcy Code].

(3) Adjustments made in accordance with paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to cases commenced before the date of such adjustments.

**Revision of Certain Dollar Amounts in Bankruptcy Code**

Notice is hereby given that the dollar amounts are increased in the sections in title 11, United States Code, as set out in the following chart. These increases do not apply to cases commenced before the effective date of the adjustments, i.e., April 1, 1998. Official Bankruptcy Forms 6E and 10 also will be amended to reflect these adjusted dollar amounts.

11 U.S.C.	Dollar amount to be adjusted	New (adjusted) dollar amount
Section 109(e)—allowable debt limits for filing bankruptcy under Chapter 13 .....	\$250,000 (each time it appears). 750,000 (each time it appears).	\$269,250 (each time it appears). 807,750 (each time it appears).
Section 303(b)—minimum aggregate claims needed for the commencement of an involuntary bankruptcy:		
(1)—in paragraph (1) .....	10,000 .....	10,775.
(2)—in paragraph (2) .....	10,000 .....	10,775.
Section 507(a)—priority claims:		
(1)—in paragraph (3) .....	4,000 .....	4,300.
(2)—in paragraph (4)(B)(i) .....	4,000 .....	4,300.
(3)—in paragraph (5) .....	4,000 .....	4,300.
(4)—in paragraph (6) .....	1,800 .....	1,950.
Section 522(d)—value of property exemptions allowed to the debtor:		
(1)—in paragraph (1) .....	15,000 .....	16,150.
(2)—in paragraph (2) .....	2,400 .....	2,575.
(3)—in paragraph (3) .....	400 .....	425
	8,000 .....	8,625.
(4)—in paragraph (4) .....	1,000 .....	1,075.
(5)—in paragraph (5) .....	800 .....	850
	7,500 .....	8,075.

11 U.S.C.	Dollar amount to be adjusted	New (adjusted) dollar amount
(6)—in paragraph (6) .....	1,500 .....	1,625.
(7)—in paragraph (8) .....	8,000 .....	8,625.
(8)—in paragraph (11)(D) .....	15,000 .....	16,150.
Section 523(a)(2)(C)—“luxury goods and services” or cash advances obtained by the consumer debtor within 60 days before the filing of a bankruptcy petition, which are considered non-dischargeable.	1,000 (each time it appears).	1,075 (each time it appears).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Francis F. Szczebak, Chief, Bankruptcy Judges Division, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, D.C. 20544, telephone (202) 273-1900.

Dated: February 3, 1998.

**Francis F. Szczebak,**

*Chief, Bankruptcy Judges Division.*

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The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed Settlement Agreement. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *In re R.C. Dick Geothermal Corporation*, DOJ #90-11-2-1298.

The proposed Settlement Agreement may be examined at the office of the Region IX office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed Settlement Agreement may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$5.25 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of limiting recovery of plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties to the venture are Aluminum Consultants Group, Inc., Murrysville, PA; Cast Metal Composites, Inc., Cleveland, OH; Delphi Chassis Systems, Dayton, OH; DWA Aluminum Composites, Chatsworth, CA; Metal Matrix Cast Composites, Inc., Waltham, MA; Metrix Composites, Inc., Clinton, NY; and Triton Systems, Inc., Chelmsford, MA. Technologies Research Corporation, Ann Arbor, MI has been engaged to administer the venture on behalf of the participants.

The objective of the venture is to undertake research and development activities focusing on aluminum metal matrix composites.

**Constance K. Robinson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Notice of Filing of Settlement Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Recovery Act (“CERCLA”)**

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, and Section 122(d)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(d)(2), notice is hereby given that a proposed Settlement Agreement in *In re R.C. Dick Geothermal Corporation*, Chap. 7, Bankr. No. 92-1-1293, and *In re R.C. Dick Geothermal L.P.*, Chap. 7, Bankr. No. 92-1-1294, (Substantively Consolidated) (referred to herein collectively as “R.C. Dick”) was filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California on January 23, 1998. This Settlement Agreement resolves an Administrative Expense claim filed by the United States against R.C. Dick, pursuant to Section 107(a), 42 U.S.C. 9607(a). The settling debtors were the owners/operators of a facility located on 1,100 acres in a remote location in Northern Sonoma and Southern Mendocino Counties (the “Site”) at the time of disposal of hazardous substances. The Settlement Agreement provides that the Trustee, on behalf of the debtor’s estate, will pay 50% of any funds remaining in the bankruptcy estate, after the payment of the Trustee’s fees and expenses and any other professional fees approved by the Court, to the Hazardous Substance Superfund for response costs incurred by the United States at the Site. In addition, the United States may perfect a lien against the real property owned by the debtor for any unpaid costs incurred with respect to the Site.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Antitrust Division**

**Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Aluminum Metal Matrix Composites (AIMMC) Consortium Joint Venture**

Notice is hereby given that, on December 15, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), the Aluminum Metal Matrix Composites (AIMMC) Consortium Joint Venture, has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties to the joint venture, and (2) the nature and objectives of the

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Antitrust Division**

**Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Semiconductor Research Corporation**

Notice is hereby given that, on December 1, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), the Semiconductor Research Corporation filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Suss Advanced Lithography, Inc. d/b/a SAL Corporation, Waterbury, VT; and Tessera, Inc., San Jose, CA have become Affiliate Members of the Semiconductor Research Corporation. No other changes