

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## Antitrust Division

**Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company**

Notice is hereby given that, on November 5, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company ("3M") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are 3M, St. Paul, MN; Honeywell Inc., Minneapolis, MN; RSoft, Inc., Ossining, NY; Precitech, Inc., Keene, NH; Coors Ceramics Company, Golden, CO; and CFR Research Corporation, Huntsville, AL. The nature and objectives of the venture are to establish the infrastructure to enable low cost manufacturing of wide parallel data links. This infrastructure encompasses ceramic-based connectors, heterogeneous integration of optoelectronic devices with Si CMOS electronics, built in "smart link" functionality which will ensure link performance while loosening manufacturing tolerances, and a modeling and simulation infrastructure which will allow rapid adaptation to new link configurations. The goal of use of such an approach to produce low cost cabling and standardized receiver/transmitter interconnections is to result in an industry standard system for massively parallel optical interconnects for circuit boards, compatible with existing chip attach techniques (e.g., wave soldering, etc.). Targets for a system include 36 multimode fiber wide links operating at a data rate of between 1–2 Gbps/fiber with costs comparable to copper.

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**Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, Inc. ("NCMS")**

Notice is hereby given that, on January 7, 1999, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, Inc. ("NCMS") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. 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, Corning, Inc., Corning, NY has been added as a party to this venture. Also, Dresser Instrument Division of Dresser Industries, Inc., Milford, CT has been dropped as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, Inc. ("NCMS") intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On February 20, 1987, National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, Inc. ("NCMS") filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on March 17, 1987 (52 FR 8375).

The last notification was filed with the Department on May 8, 1998. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on June 8, 1998 (63 FR 33419).

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**Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—National Transparent Optical Network Consortium**

Notice is hereby given that, on November 17, 1998, pursuant to Section

6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"). National Transparent Optical Network Consortium (NTONC) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties, and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are GST Telecom, Inc., Vancouver, WA; Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, operated by the Regents of the University of California, Livermore, CA; Northern Telecom, Inc., McLean, VA; and Sprint Communication Companies L.P., Burlingame, CA. The nature and objectives of the venture are to engage in cooperative research in the area of high bandwidth networking technologies to better understand the application of these technologies in the design, deployment and management of the next generation of Terabit per second networks, including without limitation prototype hardware and software deployment for the experimental demonstration of such networks.

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**Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—OBI Consortium, Inc.**

Notice is hereby given that, on December 1, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), OBI Consortium, Inc. ("Consortium") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in the membership status. 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, Xerox Corporation, Webster, NY has been added as a party to this venture. Also, Requisite Technology, Boulder, CO; GE Global Services; Fairfield, CT; Hewlett Packard,

Roseville, CA; Affymax Research Institute, Santa Clara, CA; and Semptra Energy, Los Angeles, CA have been dropped as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and the Consortium intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On September 10, 1997, the Consortium filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on November 10, 1997 (62 FR 60531).

The last notification was filed with the Department on August 31, 1998. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on December 31, 1998 (63 FR 72332).

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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#### **Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Petroleum Environmental Research Forum Project No. 97-07 “Basic Principles and Control of Crude Oil Emulsion Formation—Part 4”**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Petroleum Environmental Research Forum Project No. 97-07 “Basic Principles and Control of Crude Oil Emulsion Formation—Part 4” has filed written notifications with the Attorney General on February 3, 1998 and the Federal Trade Commission on November 17, 1998 disclosing (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are ARCO Petroleum Production Company, Anaheim, CA; BP America, Inc., Cleveland, OH; Chevron Petroleum Technology Company, La Habra, CA; Exxon Research & Engineering Company, Florham Park, NJ; Mobile Technology Company,

Paulsboro, NJ; Nalco/Exxon Energy Chemicals, L.P., Sugar Land, TX; Texaco Group, Inc., Houston, TX; and Shell Oil Products Company, for itself and as an agent for Shell Oil Company, Houston, TX. The nature and objectives of the venture are to develop a fundamental understanding of the factors causing formation of stable crude oil/water emulsions, and methods for destabilizing them.

Participation in this project will remain open to interested persons and organizations until issuance of the final Project Report, which is presently anticipated to occur approximately eighteen (18) months after the date of publication of this Notice. The Participants intend to file additional written notification(s) disclosing all changes in membership of the group of participants in this Project. Information regarding participation in the Project may be obtained from Ms. Sheila Dubey, Shell Oil Products Company, Westhollow Technology Center, PO Box 1380, Houston, TX 77251-1380.

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#### **Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Rotorcraft Technology Association, Inc.**

Notice is hereby given that, on January 7, 1999, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Rotorcraft Technology Association, Inc. has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. 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, BF Goodrich, Aircraft Integrated Systems, Vergennes, VT; Endevco, San Juan Capistrano, CA; and Simula, Inc., Phoenix, AZ have joined RITA as Supporting Members. Georgia Institute of Technology—School of Aerospace Engineering, Atlanta, GA; Georgia Tech Research Institute, Smyrna, GA; Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA; The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA; and University of Maryland, College Park, MD have been

added as Associate Members to this venture. Also, one original member of RITA, The Boeing Company, acquired another original member, McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Co.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and Rotorcraft Technology Association, Inc. intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On September 28, 1995, Rotorcraft Technology Association, Inc. filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on April 3, 1996 (61 FR 14817).

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#### **Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Salutation Consortium, Inc.**

Notice is hereby given that, on November 16, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Salutation Consortium, Inc. has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. 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, Integrated Systems, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA; and Eastman Kodak Corporation, Rochester, NY have been dropped as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and Salutation Consortium, Inc. intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On March 30, 1995, Salutation Consortium, Inc. filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on June 27, 1995 (60 FR 33233).