

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Interchangeable Virtual Instruments Foundation, Inc.**

Notice is hereby given that, on June 30, 2003, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Interchangeable Virtual Instruments Foundation, 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, ICS Electronics, Pleasanton, CA; and GCS Division of Harris Corp., Melbourne, FL have been added as parties to this venture. Also, Soletron, Milpitas, CA; and Nokia Mobile Phones Inc., San Diego, 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 Interchangeable Virtual Instruments Foundation, Inc. intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On May 29, 2001, Interchangeable Virtual Instruments Foundation, 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 July 30, 2001 (66 FR 39336).

The last notification was filed with the Department on April 8, 2003. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on May 7, 2003 (68 FR 24502).

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—PXI Systems Alliance, Inc.**

Notice is hereby given that, on June 30, 2003, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the

National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), PXI Systems Alliance, 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, Aeroflex, Inc., Wichita, KS; Nextronics, Taipei Hsien, Taiwan; Huntron, Inc., Mill Creek, WA; SMA Regelsysteme GmbH, Niestetal, Germany; and Acculogic, Inc., Markham, Ontario, Canada have been added 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 PXI Systems Alliance, Inc. intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 22, 2000, PXI Systems Alliance, 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 March 8, 2001 (66 FR 13971).

The last notification was filed with the Department on April 8, 2003. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on May 7, 2003 (68 FR 24502).

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Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 03-082]

Return to Flight Task Group; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the Return to Flight Task Group (RTFTG).

DATES: Thursday, August 7, 2003, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: John F. Kennedy Space Center, Visitors Complex, Debus Center, Highway 405, Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899, (321)-867-2468.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David M. Lengyel, Executive Secretary, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Houston, TX 77058, (281) 283-7581.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. Return to Flight Task Group is co-chaired by Lieutenant General Thomas Stafford, USAF, (Retired) and Mr. Richard O. Covey, using expertise from the Stafford IOR Advisory Expert Council—Task Force, personnel from the aerospace industry, federal government, academia, and the military. The Task Group will periodically report their assessments to the agency, and deliver a written report to the NASA Administrator one month before the return to flight of the Space Shuttle launch (STS-114). The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

—Task Group Charter/Panel Charters.

—Report Writing (Interim and Final Report Discussion).

—Draft Johnson Space Center Agenda.

Prior to the public meeting, the members of the Task Group will be receiving briefings concerning administrative matters, such as Federal Advisory Committee Act, Government personnel, travel and ethics issues, background briefings relative to their tasks and a tour of relevant facilities at the John F. Kennedy Space Center. It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

June W. Edwards,

Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978**

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 9, 2003, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit application received. A permit was issued on July 16, 2003 to:

Peter Doran Permit No. 2004-004

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and purpose of information collection: Voluntary Customer Surveys in Accordance with Executive Order 12862, OMB 3220-0192. In accordance with Executive Order 12862, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) conducts a number of customer surveys designed to determine the kinds and quality of services our beneficiaries, claimants, employers and members of the public want and expect, as well as their satisfaction with existing RRB services. The information collected is used by RRB management to monitor customer satisfaction by determining to what extent services are satisfactory and where and to what extent services can be improved. The surveys are limited to data collections that solicit strictly voluntary opinions, and do not collect information which is required or regulated.

The information collection, which was first approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in 1997, provides the RRB with a generic clearance authority. This generic

authority allows the RRB to submit a variety of new or revised customer survey instruments (needed to timely implement customer monitoring activities) to the OMB for expedited review and approval.

The average burden per response for customer satisfaction activities is estimated to range from 2 minutes for a Web site questionnaire to 2 hours for participation in a focus group. The RRB estimates an annual burden of 2,050 annual respondents totaling 727 hours for the generic customer survey clearance.

Additional Information or Comments: To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Statement of Claimant or Other Person.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* G-93.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0183.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:*
- (5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 900.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 900.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 225.
- (10) *Collection description:* Under Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, pertinent information and proofs must be submitted by an applicant so that the Railroad

Retirement Board can determine his or her entitlement to benefits. The collection obtains information supplementing or changing information previously provided by an applicant.

Additional Information or Comments:

Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363).

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Relating to Amendments to Pilot Rule in IM-10100(f) and (g) of the Code of Arbitration Procedure To Require Industry Parties in Arbitration To Waive Application of Contested California Arbitrator Disclosure Standards upon the Request of Customers or Associated Persons

July 16, 2003.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on July 8, 2003, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), through its wholly owned subsidiary, NASD Dispute Resolution, Inc. ("NASD Dispute Resolution") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by NASD Dispute Resolution. NASD has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a "non-controversial" rule change pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).