

Furthermore, section 704(i)(1)(C) of the Act stipulates that the Department shall issue a countervailing duty order under section 706(a) of the Act effective with respect to entries of merchandise the liquidation of which was suspended, if the underlying investigation was completed. Finally, section 704(i)(1)(E) of the Act stipulates that the Department shall notify the petitioner, interested parties to the investigation, and the ITC of termination of the Agreement.

The GOB's request for termination of the Agreement is effective September 26, 2004. Because the GOB is withdrawing from the Agreement, the Department finds that suspension of the underlying investigation will no longer be in the public interest as of that date (see section 704(d)(1) of the Act). Therefore, the Department will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") to suspend liquidation of all entries of hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products from Brazil effective September 26, 2004. Accordingly, pursuant to section 704(i)(1)(C) of the Act, the Department hereby issues a countervailing duty order effective September 26, 2004, which is 60 days from the official filing date of the termination request of the GOB.

Countervailing Duty Order

In accordance with section 706(a)(1) of the Act, the Department will direct CBP to assess, beginning on September 26, 2004, a countervailing duty equal to the amount of the net countervailable subsidy determined or estimated to exist.

We will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit for each entry equal to the countervailing duty ad valorem rates found in the Department's *Final Determination* of July 19, 1999, as listed below. These suspension-of-liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice. The "All Others Rate" applies to all producers and exporters of subject merchandise not specifically listed. The final countervailing duty ad valorem rates are as follows:

Manufacturer/exporter	Margin (percent)
Companhia Siderurgica Nacional ("CSN")	6.35
Usinas Siderurgicas de Minas Gerais, S.A. ("USIMINAS") ...	9.67
Companhi Siderurgic Paulista ("COSIPA")	9.67
All others	7.81

This notice constitutes the countervailing duty order with respect to hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality

steel products from Brazil. Interested parties may contact the Department's Central Records Unit, room B-099 of the main Commerce building, for copies of an updated list of countervailing duty orders currently in effect. This notice is published in accordance with sections 704(i) and 777(i) of the Act. This order is published in accordance with section 706(a) of the Act.

Dated: September 13, 2004.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Availability of the Ballistic Missile Defense System Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) is initiating a public review and comment period for a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). This notice announces the availability of the Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) Draft PEIS, which analyzes the potential impacts to the environment as MDA proposes to develop, test, deploy, and plan for decommissioning activities to implement an integrated MDDBS. This Draft PEIS addresses the integrated BMDS and the development and application of new technologies; evaluates the range of complex programs, architecture, and assets that comprise the BMDS; and provides the framework for future environmental analyses as activities evolve and mature. The Draft PEIS has been prepared in accordance with NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*), and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508).

DATES: The public comment period for the NEPA process begins with the publication of this notice and request for comments in the **Federal Register**. Public hearings will be conducted as a part of the PEIS development process to ensure opportunity for all interested government and private organizations and the general public to provide

comments on the environmental areas considered in the Draft PEIS. Schedule and location for the public hearings are:

■ October 14, 2004, 6:30 p.m., Marriott Crystal City, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

■ October 19, 2004, 6 p.m., Sheraton Grand Hotel, 1230 J. St., Sacramento, CA.

■ October 21, 2004, 6:30 p.m., Sheraton Hotel, 401 E. 6th Ave., Anchorage, AK.

■ October 26, 2004, 6 p.m., Best Western Hotel, 3253 N. Nimitz Hwy, Honolulu, HI.

Copies of the Draft PEIS will be made available for review at various libraries. A list of library locations and a downloadable electronic version of the Draft PEIS are available on the MDA public access Internet Web site: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/mda/peis/html/home.html>. To ensure all comments are addressed in the Final PEIS, comments should be received at one of the addressed listed below no later than November 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written and oral comments regarding the Draft PEIS should be directed to MDA BMDS PEIS, c/o ICF Consulting, 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031, phone (Toll-Free) 1-877-MDA-PEIS (1-877-632-7347), Fax (Toll-Free) 1-877-851-5451, e-mail mda.bmds.peis@icfconsulting.com, or Web site <http://www.acq.osd.mil/mda/peis/html/home.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please call Mr. Rick Lehner, MDA Director of Communications at (703) 697-8997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MDA has a requirement to develop, test, deploy, and prepare for decommissioning the BMDS to protect the United States (U.S.), its deployed forces, friends, and allies from ballistic missile threats. The proposed action would provide an integrated BMDS using existing infrastructure and capabilities, when feasible, as well as emerging and new technologies, to meet current and evolving threats in support of the MDA's mission. Conceptually, the BMDS would be a layered system of weapons, sensors, Command and Control, Battle Management, and Communications (C2BMC), and support assets; each with specific functional capabilities, working together to defend against all classes and ranges of threat ballistic missiles in all phases of flight. Multiple defensive weapons would be used to create a layered defense comprised of multiple intercept opportunities along the incoming threat missile's trajectory. This would provide

a layered defense system of capabilities designed to back up one another.

This Draft PEIS considers two alternative approaches for implementing the integrated BMDS. In Alternative 1, the MDA would develop, test, deploy, and plan to decommission land-, sea-, and air-based platforms for BMDS weapons components and related architecture and assets. The BMDS envisioned in Alternative 1 would include space-based sensors but would not include space-based weapons. In Alternative 2, the MDA would develop, test, deploy, and plan to decommission land-, sea-, air-, and space-based platforms for weapons and related architecture and assets. Alternative 2 would be identical to Alternative 1, with the addition of space-based defensive weapons.

Under the No Action Alternative, the MDA would not test, develop, deploy, or plan for decommissioning activities to implement an integrated BMDS. Instead, the MDA would continue existing test and development of discrete missile defensive systems as stand-alone defensive capabilities. Under the No Action Alternative, individual components would continue to be tested to determine the adequacy of their stand-alone capabilities, but would not be subjected to integrated system-wide tests. In addition, the C2BMC architecture would be designed around the needs of individual components and would not be designed to manage an integrated system.

The approach and methods for deployment and decommissioning of components under the No Action Alternative would be the same as under the proposed action. This alternative would not meet the purpose of or need for the proposed action or the specific direction of the President and the U.S. Congress to defend the U.S. against ballistic missile attack.

Potential impacts of Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 were analyzed in the Draft PEIS, including impacts to air quality, airspace, biological resources, geology and soils, hazardous materials and waste, health and safety, noise, transportation, orbital debris, and water resources. The impacts of the No Action Alternative would be the same as the impacts of developing and testing individual components, which would continue to comply with NEPA analyses and documentation requirements on a program-specific basis. Potential cumulative impacts of the proposed action are also addressed in the Draft PEIS.

Dated: September 10, 2004.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Department of Defense Historical Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name of Committee: Department of Defense Historical Advisory Committee.

Date: October 28, 2004.

Time: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Place: U.S. Army Center for Military History, Collins Hall, Building 35, 103 Third Avenue, Fort McNair, DC 20319-5058.

Proposed Agenda: Review and discussion of the status of historical activities in the United States Army.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jeffrey J. Clarke, U.S. Army Center of Military History, ATTN: DAMH-ZC, 103 Third Avenue, Fort McNair, DC 20319-5058; telephone number (202) 685-2709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will review the Army's historical activities for FY 2004 and those projected for FY 2005 based upon reports and manuscripts received throughout the period. And the committee will formulate recommendations through the Chief of Military History to the Chief of Staff, Army, and the Secretary of the Army for advancing the use of history in the U.S. Army.

The meeting of the advisory committee is open to the public. Because of the restricted meeting space, however, attendance may be limited to those persons who have notified the Advisory Committee Management Office in writing at least five days prior to the meeting of their intention to attend the October 28, 2004 meeting.

Any members of the public may file a written statement with the committee before, during, or after the meeting. To the extent that time permits, the committee chairman may allow public presentations or oral statements at the meeting.

Dated: August 19, 2004.

Jeffrey J. Clarke,

Chief Historian.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive License or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Collapsible and Portable Work Station

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR part 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. US 6,776,105 B2 entitled "Collapsible and Portable Work Station" issued August 17, 2004. This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Rosenkrans at U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, Kansas Street, Natick, MA 01760, Phone; (508) 233-4928 or E-mail: Robert.Rosenkrans@natick.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any licenses granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Reserve Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive License or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Method for Making a Disposable Package for an Agent Activatable Substance and a Package Made Thereby

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR part 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. US 6,766,797 B1 entitled "Method for Making a Disposable Package for an Agent Activatable Substance and a Package Made Thereby" issued July 27, 2004. This patent has been assigned to the United