

of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), the OBI Consortium Inc., ("Consortium") 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 § 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are: American Express, New York City, NY; Actra Business Systems, Sunnyvale, CA; Intelisys Electronic Commerce, LLC, New York City, NY; Oracle Corporation, Redwood Shores, CA; BASF Corporation, Mount Olive, NJ; BOC Group, Inc., Murray Hill, NJ; Corporate Express, Inc., Broomfield, CO; Stream International Holdings, Inc., Norwood, MA; Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, MI; W.W. Grainger, Inc., Lincolnshire, IL; F. Hoffman-LaRoche, Ltd., Nutley, NJ; Office Depot, Inc., Delray, FL; Texas Instruments, Dallas, TX; United Technologies Corporation, Hartford, CT; VWR Scientific Products Corporation, W. Chester, PA; Boise Cascade Office Products Corporation, Itasca, IL; Eastman Chemical Co., Longview, TX.

The venture was formed as a Delaware non-stock member corporation. The primary objective of the venture is to create and promote a standard to facilitate purchasing via the Internet and to cause the broad adoption of that specification by technology vendors, suppliers and customers, in order to facilitate efficient, economic business to business purchasing via the Internet.

Membership in the Consortium will remain open and the Consortium will file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Petroleum Environmental Research Forum Project No. 95-10

Notice is hereby given that, on October 2, 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 participants in the Petroleum Environmental Research Forum ("PERF") Project No. 95-10, titled "Advanced NDE for Heat Exchange Tubular Inspection," have filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its 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, the following additional parties have become members of the Project: Shell Oil Company, Houston, TX; and Amoco Corporation, Houston, TX.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activities of PERF Project No. 95-10.

On November 1, 1996, PERF Project No. 95-10 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 December 4, 1996, (61 FR 64371).

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

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

Notice is hereby given that, on July 30, 1997, pursuant to § 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), the Salutation Consortium, Inc. (Consortium) has filed written notifications for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Specifically, the following have become members to the venture: WhetStone Technologies, Park City, UT; and Komatsu, Ltd., Kenagwa, Japan. The following entities are no longer members of the Consortium: ActiveVoice Corp., Wind River Systems, and Hermes Messaging Service. In addition, certain of the Consortium's previous notifications were amended as follows: The filing dated March 30, 1995 was amended by adding Zerox Corporation, Stamford, CT as a member. The filing dated October 18, 1995, was

amended by adding Hermes Messaging Service, Migdal-Haemek Israel. The filing dated January 17, 1996, was amended by adding Axis Communications AB, Lund Switzerland and NICS, Yamanashi-Ken, Japan. The filing dated April 8, 1997, was amended by adding Senior Technical Staff Consulting, Highland, UT as a member.

On March 30, 1995, Salutation Consortium filed its original notification under the Act under the name "Smart Office Industry Consortium". Pursuant to a change in structure from an unincorporated entity to a Delaware non-stock membership corporation, the joint venture changed its name to Salutation Consortium, Inc. on June 29, 1995.

No other changes have been made in the membership or the planned activity of the Consortium. Membership remains open and the Consortium intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On March 30, 1995, the Consortium filed its original notification pursuant to § 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to § 6(b) of the Act on June 27, 1995 (60 FR 33233). The last notification was filed on April 9, 1997. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 1997 (62 FR 27279).

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Silicon Integration Initiative, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on September 5, 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"), Silicon Integration Initiative, Inc. ("SI2") (formerly known as CAD Framework Initiative, Inc. ("CFI")) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing certain changes in its 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, Avant!, Sunnyvale, CA; and Chronology, Inc., Redmond, WA,

have become members of SI2. Advanced Micro Devices; Seiko Instruments; Ikos Systems; CNET-Grenoble; CPQD Telebras; Earl F. Ecklund; Nikolay Vitsyn; and Carl Hage, are no longer members of SI2.

The purpose of SI2 has been amended to read as follows: "Provide collaborative technology and services which enable higher levels of semiconductor design integration leading to industry accepted standards."

On December 30, 1988, SI2 filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. That filing was amended on February 7, 1989. The Department of Justice published a notice concerning the amended filing in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on March 13, 1989 (54 FR 10456). A correction notice was published on April 20, 1989 (54 FR 16013).

The last notification was filed with the Department on May 1, 1997. A notice as published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on July 23, 1997 (62 FR 39549).

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (97-161)]

### National Environmental Policy Act; Expansion of Launch Range Operations at Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and NASA policy and procedures (14 CFR Part 1216, Subpart 1216.3), NASA has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to the proposed expansion of launch range operations at Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility (WFF), Wallops Island, Virginia. NASA proposes to enhance national launch capabilities through improvements to infrastructure and the expansion of its launch range operations at WFF. The major elements of the proposed action include: (1) support of the Virginia Commercial Space Flight

Authority's establishment of a commercial launch site to operate from WFF under a Use Agreement with NASA (operation of this launch site would be licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)); (2) improvements to real property necessary to support the expansion of launch operations; (3) expansion of operations at WFF to accommodate an increase in orbital launch capability; and (4) restoration of the historical level and nature of suborbital operations on the WFF range. The improvements to infrastructure and the establishment of a licensed commercial launch site at WFF would increase the national capacity for the launch of commercial satellites, and provide additional capacity for all launch operations from Wallops Island.

The FAA has acted as a cooperating agency throughout the NEPA process.

**DATE:** Upon publication of this FONSI, NASA will proceed immediately to implement the proposed action.

**ADDRESSES:** The environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed expansion of launch range operations at WFF may be reviewed at the following locations:

(a) NASA Headquarters, Library, Room 1J20, 300 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20546.

(b) NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility, Public Affairs Office, Wallops Island, Virginia 23337.

(c) Eastern Shore Public Library, Accomack, VA 23301.

(d) Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Visitors Lobby, Building 249, 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, CA 91109 (818-354-5179).

(e) Spaceport U.S.A., Room 2001, John F. Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899. Please call Lisa Fowler beforehand at 407-867-2497.

In addition, the EA may be reviewed at the following NASA locations by contacting the pertinent Freedom of Information Act Office.

(f) NASA, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA 94035 (650-604-4190)

(g) NASA, Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA 93523 (805-258-3448).

(h) NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD 20771 (301-286-0730)

(i) NASA, Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX 77058 (281-483-8612).

(j) NASA, Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA 23665 (757-864-2497).

(k) NASA, Lewis Research Center, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, OH 44135 (216-433-2222).

(l) NASA, Marshall Space Flight Center, AL 35812 (205-544-0031).

(m) NASA, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529 (601-688-2164). A limited number of copies of the EA are available, on a first request basis, by contacting the WFF Public Affairs Office at the address or telephone number indicated herein.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Public Affairs Office, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, VA 23337; telephone 757-824-1579.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NASA has reviewed the EA prepared for the expansion of launch operations at WFF and determined that it represents an accurate and adequate analysis of the scope and level of associated environmental impacts. NASA hereby incorporates the EA by reference in this FONSI.

The purpose of the proposed action is to enhance national launch capabilities through improvements to infrastructure and the expansion of launch range operations at WFF. An FAA licensed commercial launch site at WFF would be established to promote this expansion of launch capabilities. The licensed commercial launch site is needed to further encourage, facilitate, and promote a competitive United States commercial launch industry.

The EA identifies potential impacts that may occur during implementation of the proposed actions. The EA addresses environmental impacts associated both with launch operations and construction of launch support facilities. The expansion of launch range operations would accommodate an increase in orbital launch capability, and a restoration of the historical level of suborbital launches conducted at the WFF launch range. The proposed annual orbital launch schedule for WFF is anticipated to be twelve per year, with environmental impacts associated with an individual launch less than or equivalent to launching a Lockheed-Martin Launch Vehicle-3 with eight strap-ons (LMLV-3). The proposed improvements to WFF's real property and infrastructure necessary to accomplish the proposed expansion include: (1) modifications to existing launch pad 0-A; (2) modifications to existing buildings for payload processing facilities; and (3) the construction of a new launch pad designated as pad 0-B. WFF's proposed launch range expansion would accommodate various solid and liquid (liquid oxygen-hydrogen, liquid oxygen-kerosene) rocket motor configurations.

Reasonable alternatives to the proposed action that were considered included launch sites at: (1) Spaceport