

Agency ("EPA") for \$1,250,000 in past response costs incurred by EPA at the Site, pay up to \$250,000 in oversight costs, and perform the remedial design and remedial action at the Site.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. 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 *United States v. Freeman, et al.*, DOJ Ref. Number 90-11-2-139.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 138 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14202; the Region II Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10278; and the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$22 for the Consent Decree without the attachments or \$77.50 for the Consent Decree with the attachments (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Bruce S. Gelber,

Deputy Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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Antitrust Division

United States v. Baroid Corporation, et al., Civil Action No. 93-2621 (D.D.C.); Proposed Modification of Final Judgment

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Justice ("Department") and Smith International Inc. ("Smith") have filed with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, a joint motion to modify the judgment in *United States v. Baroid Corporation, et al.*, Civil Action No. 93-2621, and that the Department, in a stipulation also filed with the Court, has consented to modification of the Judgment but has reserved the right to withdraw its consent for at least seventy (70) days after the publication of this notice. The complaint in this case (filed December 23, 1993) alleged that the merger of Dresser Industries, Inc.

("Dresser") and Baroid Corporation ("Baroid") might substantially lessen competition in the United States in the manufacture and sale of two oil field service products, including drilling fluids, in violation of Section 7 of the Clayton Act. At the time the Judgment was entered, Dresser and Baroid were two of the three major U.S. producers of drilling fluids.

On April 12, 1994, a Judgment was entered that resolved the merger's effect on the drilling fluids business by requiring Dresser to divest either its 64 percent partnership interest in M-I Drilling Fluids Company ("M-I") or Baroid's wholly owned subsidiary, Baroid Drilling Fluids Inc. Pursuant to the divestiture requirement, Dresser sold its partnership interest in M-I to Smith.

Paragraph IV.F. of the Final Judgment states that the purchaser of the divested drilling fluids business cannot combine that business with any one of four named companies. One of the four named companies is Anchor Drilling Fluids ("Anchor").

The joint motion to modify the final judgment would permit M-I to acquire Anchor subject to a divestiture agreement set forth in the joint motion to modify under which M-I would sell the United States operation of Anchor within a specified period of time. If M-I does not complete the divestiture by the allotted time, a trustee will be appointed to complete the divestiture.

The divestiture agreement between the Department and Smith specifies the assets to be included in the divestiture package. Those assets include the right of the purchaser to obtain crude barite ore from M-I for a period of five years, with an option to extend that right for another five years. Barite is an essential ingredient in drilling fluids. The divestiture assets also include the right to use the Anchor name in the United States and the right to manufacture and sell Anchor brand drilling fluid products.

The Department has filed with the Court a memorandum setting forth the reasons why the Government believes the modification of the Judgment would serve the public interest. Copies of the Complaint and Judgment, the Joint Motion to Modify Final Judgment and Divestiture Agreement, the Stipulation containing the Government's consent, the Department's memorandum, and all further papers filed with the Court in connection with this motion will be available for inspection at Room 215, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 325 7th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530 and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for

the District of Columbia, Third Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Copies of any of these materials may be obtained from the Antitrust Division upon request and payment of the copying fee set by Department of Justice regulations.

Interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed modification of the decree to the Government. Such comments must be received by the Antitrust Division within sixth (60) days and will be filed with the Court by the Government. Comments should be addressed to Roger W. Fones, Chief, Transportation, Energy, and Agriculture Section, Antitrust Division, Suite 500, 325 7th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530, (202-307-6351).

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations.

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

Notice is hereby given that, on June 11, 1996, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Semiconductor Research Corporation ("SCR") 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, SCR has added MicroUnity Systems Engineering, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA and SiBond L.L.C., Hopewell Junction, NY as affiliate members. DesignAid, Inc., Emergent Technologies Corporation, Integrated Silicon Systems, Inc., Process Technology Limited, Q-Metrics, Inc., and SRI International have withdrawn as members.

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 Semiconductor Research Corporation intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On January 7, 1985, Semiconductor Research Corporation 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 January 30, 1985 (50 FR 4281).

The last notification was filed with the Department on March 25, 1996. A notice was published in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on April 22, 1996 (61 FR 17728).

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Correction

On March 4, 1996, a Notice of Application for Johnson Matthey, Inc. (Johnson Matthey), Custom Pharmaceuticals Department, 2003 Nolte Drive, West Deptford, New Jersey 08066, was published in the Federal Register requesting registration as a bulk manufacturer of Schedules I and II controlled substances. See 61 FR 8303. The notice invited that comments or objections be filed by May 3, 1996. A correction was subsequently published on June 5, 1996, deleting meperidine (9230) from the list of controlled substances for which Johnson Matthey made application to manufacture in bulk. See 61 FR 28597.

However, Johnson Matthey does wish to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of meperidine. Therefore, meperidine is hereby added to the list of controlled substances for which Johnson Matthey made application to manufacture in bulk.

Any other such applicant and any person who is presently registered with DEA to manufacture meperidine may file comments or objections to the issuance of the above application.

Any such comments or objections may be addressed, in quintuplicate, to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20537, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative (CCR), and must be filed no later than August 26, 1996.

Dated: June 18, 1996.

Gene R. Haislip,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Notification of Methane Detected in Mine Atmosphere

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement of the information collection related to the Notification of Methane Detected in Mine Atmospheres. MSHA is particularly interested in comments which:

- * Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- * Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- * Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- * Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the contact section of this notice.

DATES: Submit written comments to the office listed in the ADDRESSES section below on or before August 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments shall be mailed to Patricia W. Silvey, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via E-mail to psilvey@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Ms. Silvey can be reached at (703) 235-1910 (voice) or (703) 235-5551 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George M. Fesak, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 715, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Mr. Fesak can be reached at gfesak@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-8378 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Sections 103 (c), (i), and (j) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 authorized the recordkeeping and reporting requirements implemented in 30 CFR Part 57, Subpart T—Safety Standards for Methane in Metal and Nonmetal mines. Methane is a flammable gas found in underground mining. Methane is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas, and it tends to rise to the roof of a mine because it is lighter than air. Although methane itself is nontoxic, its presence reduces the oxygen content by dilution when mixed with air, and consequently can act as an asphyxiant when present in large quantities. Methane mixed with air is explosive in the range of 5 to 15 percent, provided that 12 percent or more oxygen is present. The presence of dust containing volatile matter in the mine atmosphere may further enhance the explosion potential of methane in a mine.

Metal and Nonmetal mine operators are required to notify MSHA when: (a) There is an outburst that results in 0.25 percent or more methane in the mine atmosphere; (b) there is a blowout that results in 0.25 percent or more methane in the mine atmosphere; (c) there is an ignition of methane; (d) air sample results indicate 0.25 percent or more methane in the atmosphere of a Subcategory I-B, I-C, II-B, V-B, or Category VI mine, or (e) methane reaches 2.0 percent in a Category IV mine. MSHA investigates the occurrence to determine that the mine is placed in the proper category to follow appropriate precautionary standards.