

2. Pursuant to sections 5, 6(a)(3) and 8 of the FLSA, as amended (29 U.S.C. 205, 206(a)(3), and 208), reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1950 (3 CFR 1949-53 Comp., p. 1004), and 29 CFR part 511, I hereby:

(a) Convene the above-appointed industry committee;

(b) Refer to the industry committee the question of the minimum rate or rates for all industries in American Samoa to be paid under section 6(a)(3) of FLSA, as amended; and,

(c) Give notice of the hearing to be held by the committee at the time and place indicated.

The industry committee shall investigate conditions in such industries, and the committee, or any authorized subcommittee thereof, shall hear such witnesses and receive such evidence as may be necessary or appropriate to enable the committee to perform its duties and functions under the FLSA.

The committee shall meet in executive session to commence its investigation at 9:00 a.m. and begin its public hearing at 11:00 a.m. on June 23, 1997, in Pago Pago, American Samoa.

3. The rate or rates recommended by the committee shall not exceed the rate prescribed by section 6(a) or 6(b) of the FLSA, as amended by the Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1996, of \$4.75 an hour effective October 1, 1996.

The committee shall recommend to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor the highest minimum rate or rates of wages for such industries that it determines, having due regard to economic and competitive conditions, will not substantially curtail employment in such industries, and will not give any industry in American Samoa a competitive advantage over any industry in the United States outside of American Samoa.

4. Where the committee finds that a higher minimum wage may be determined for employees engaged in certain activities or in the manufacture of certain products in the industry than may be determined for other employees in the industry, the committee shall recommend such reasonable classifications within the industry as it determines to be necessary for the purpose of fixing for each classification the highest minimum wage rate that can be determined for it under the principles set forth herein and in 29 CFR Part 511.10, that will not substantially curtail employment in such classification and will not give a competitive advantage to any group in

the industry. No classification shall be made, however, and no minimum wage rate shall be fixed solely on a regional basis or on the basis of age or sex. In determining whether there should be classifications within an industry, in making such classifications, and in determining the minimum wage rates for such classifications, the committee shall consider, among other relevant factors, the following:

(a) Competitive conditions as affected by transportation, living, and production costs;

(b) Wages established for work of like or comparable character by collective labor agreements negotiated between employers and employees by representatives of their own choosing; and,

(c) Wages paid for work of like or comparable character by employers who voluntarily maintain minimum wage standards in the industry.

5. Prior to the hearing, the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, shall prepare an economic report containing the information that has been assembled pertinent to the matters referred to the committee. Copies of this report may be obtained at the Office of the Governor, Pago Pago, American Samoa, and the National Office of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. Upon request, the Wage and Hour Division will mail copies to interested persons who make written request to the Wage and Hour Division. To facilitate mailing, such persons should make advance written request to the Wage and Hour Division. The committee will take official notice of the facts stated in this report. Parties, however, shall be afforded an opportunity to refute such facts by evidence received at the hearing.

6. The procedure of this industry committee will be governed by the provisions of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 511. Copies of this part of the regulations will be available at the Office of the Governor, Pago Pago, American Samoa, and at the National Office of the Wage and Hour Division. The proceedings will be conducted in English but in the event a witness should wish to testify in Samoan, an interpreter will be provided. As a prerequisite to participation as a party, interested persons shall file six copies of a pre-hearing statement at the aforementioned Office of the Governor of American Samoa and six copies at the National Office of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. Each pre-

hearing statement shall contain the data specified in 29 CFR 511.8 of the regulations and shall be filed not later than May 30, 1997. If such statements are sent by airmail between American Samoa and the mainland, such filing shall be deemed timely if postmarked within the time provided.

Signed at Washington, DC this 19th day of March 1997.

**Cynthia A. Metzler,**

*Acting Secretary of Labor.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 97-031]

### NASA Advisory Council (NAC), Space Science Advisory Committee (SSAC), Solar System Exploration Subcommittee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**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 NASA Advisory Council, Space Science Advisory Committee, Solar System Exploration Subcommittee.

**DATES:** Monday, April 7, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, April 8, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, April 9, 1997, 8:30 a.m., 5 p.m.; Thursday, April 10, 1997, 8:30 a.m., 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Building 525, Room C-41, 460 Sierra Madre Villa Avenue, Pasadena, California 91107.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jurgen Rahe, Code SA, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-2150.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Integrated Mission/Technology Plan
- Campaign Group Meetings
- Campaign Group Reports
- Splinter Sessions

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants, and in order for the Subcommittee to complete its report in May.

Dated: March 20, 1997.

**Leslie M. Nolan,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,  
National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration.*

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**[Notice 97-032]**

**Notice of Prospect Patent License**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of prospective patent license.

**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice that Digital Manufacturing Inc., of Fort Worth, Texas 76180, has applied for an exclusive patent license to practice the invention described and claimed in NASA Case No. MSC-21982-1, entitled "High Performance Circular Polarized Microstrip Antenna," which is assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Johnson Space Center.

**DATES:** Responses to this notice must be received by May 27, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hardie R. Barr, Patent Attorney, Johnson Space Center, Mail Code HA, Houston, TX 77058-3696, telephone (281) 483-1003.

Dated: March 19, 1997.

**Edward A. Frankle,**

*General Counsel.*

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**[Notice 97-033]**

**Notice of Prospective Patent License**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of prospective patent license.

**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice that New Mexico Highlands University, of National Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701, has applied for an exclusive Patent license to practice the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,562,963, entitled "Absorbent Pads for Containment, Neutralization and Clean-up of Environmental Spills Containing Chemically-Reactive Agents," NASA Case No. MSC-22360-1, and U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/654,461, same title, NASA Case No. MSC-22360-2, which are both assigned to the United

States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Johnson Space Center.

**DATES:** Responses to this notice must be received by May 27, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hardie R. Barr, Patent Attorney, Johnson Space Center, Mail Code HA, Houston, TX 77058-3696, telephone (281) 483-1003.

Dated: March 19, 1997.

**Edward A. Frankle,**

*General Counsel.*

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**[Notice 97-034]**

**Notice of Prospective Patent License**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of prospective patent license.

**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice that TruView Imaging Company, of Hampton, VA 23666-1340, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the invention described and claimed in NASA Case No. LAR-15514-1, entitled "Method for Improving a Digital Image," for which a U.S. Patent Application was jointly filed by the Science and Technology Corporation and the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Langley Research Center.

**DATES:** Responses to this notice must be received by May 27, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Robin W. Edwards, Patent Attorney, Langley Research Center, Mail Stop 212, Hampton, VA 23681-0001; telephone (757) 864-3230; fax (757) 864-9190.

Dated: March 19, 1997.

**Edward A. Frankle,**

*General Counsel.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-541)**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic

Conservation Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to these permit applications by April 15, 1997. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 306-1033.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-541), has developed regulations that implement the "Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora" for all United States citizens. The Agreed Measures, developed by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, recommended establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Specially Protected Areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

The application received is follows:

Permit Application: 98-001

**1. Applicant**

Ronald G. Koger, Project Director,  
Antarctic Support Associates, 461  
Inverness Drive East, Suite 300,  
Englewood, Colorado 80112-5121

**Activity for Which Permit Is Requested**

Taking. The applicant proposes to remove antarctic animals from the Palmer Station pier and other operational areas as is necessary for operational safety and well being of the animals and U.S. Antarctic Program participants. The affected animals include, but are not limited to: Elephant Seals (*Mirounga leonina*), Fur Seals (*Arctocephalus gazella*), Crabeater Seals (*Lobodon carcinophagus*), Adelie