

No other changes have been made in either the membership of planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and NEMI intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On June 6, 1996, NEMI 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 June 28, 1996 (61 FR 33774).

The last notification was filed with the Department on January 14, 2000. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on June 29, 2000 (65 FR 40131).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Quallion LLC: Rechargeable Batteries and Battery Management Systems

Notice is hereby given that, on June 27, 2000, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Quallion LLC 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 a cooperative research 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 section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are Quallion LLC, Valencia, CA; Teledyne Electronic Technologies, Los Angeles, CA; The Alfred E. Mann Foundation, Valencia, CA; and Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL. The nature and objectives of the venture are to conduct research on rechargeable batteries and battery management systems. The activities of this joint venture will be partially funded by an award from the Advanced Technology Program, National Institute

of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Telemanagement Forum

Notice is hereby given that, on June 1, 2000, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Telemanagement Forum ("the Forum") 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, Micromuse, Inc., Dallas, TX; AT&T, Middletown, NJ; KPMG Consulting, Short Hills, NJ; Sprint, Irving, TX; Computer Associates International Inc., Milan, Italy; Viryanet, Waltham, MA; PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Phoenix, AZ; Infostrada S.p.A., Milan, Italy; Trendium, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, FL; and Sycamore Networks, Chelmsford, MA have become Corporate Members. BusinessEdge Solutions Inc., Edison, NJ; Cygent, Inc., San Francisco, CA; DERA (Defense Evaluation and Research Agency), Dera Farnborough, Hants, England, United Kingdom; CoSine Communications, Redwood City, CA; Active Software, Santa Clara, CA; Concord Communications, Inc., Marlboro, MA; Cyrus Systems, Inc., Fremont, CA; Corvia Networks Inc., Sunnyvale, VA; Incatel AS, Sandvika, Norway; Broadwing Inc., Austin, TX; Algety Telecom, Paris, France; Tyco Submarine Systems, Inc., Eatontown, NJ; Alltel Information Services, Alpharetta, GA; PRIDE S.p.A., Milan, Italy; PSI AG, Velbert, Germany; Connexn Technologies, Inc., Westminster, CO; Calico Commerce, San Jose, CA; Equador Consulting, Richmond, Surrey, England, United Kingdom; PQ Africa, Randjespark, South Africa; Edifecs Commerce, Inc., Conroe, TX; T-Soft, Herzelia, Israel; Emperative, Boulder, CO; Orillion, Tulsa, OK; OSIX AB, Stockholm, Sweden; Connectivity Plus Ltd., Windsor, Berkshire, England, United

Kingdom; Tellium, Inc., Oceanport, NJ; TRW, Redondo Beach, CA; Kapsch AG, Vienna, Austria; CH2M Hill Communications Group, Englewood, CO; Cedere Corporation, Tyngsboro, MA; Altion Ltd., Dublin, Ireland; SL Corporation, Corte Madera, CA; Tele-Worx, Garland, TX; Menta, Cable & Televisio de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain; Native Networks, Petah Tikva, Israel; Narus, Inc., Palo Alto, CA; and Ernst & Young, LLP, Sacramento, CA have become Associate Members. IEL, Windsor, Berkshire, England, United Kingdom; Business Management Group B.V., Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Telecom & Technology, Denville, NJ; Paltek Corporation, Yokohama, Japan; RichStone Ltd., Tokyo, Japan; and XDL Intervest Capital Corp., Toronto, Ontario, Canada have become Affiliate Members.

The following existing members have changed their names: AT&T Unisource is now called AUCS Communications Services, Hoofddorp, The Netherlands; The National Computing Centre is now called NCC Group, Manchester, England, United Kingdom; TTI Team Telecom is now called TTI Telecom, Givat Shmuel, ISRAEL; Open Management Software is now called Idea.com, Newark, CA; Stentor is now called Bell Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; GE Information Services is now called GE Global eXchange Services, Tampa, FL; Object Design is now called Excelon, Burlington, MA; BSW Telecoms is now called Dimension Data, Midrand, South Africa; NTT Mobile Communications Network, Inc. is now called NTT Group, Tokyo, Japan; Marconi Communications is now called Marconi PLC, Poole, Dorset, England, United Kingdom; and ObjectSwitch is now called Kabira Technologies, Inc., San Rafael, CA.

The following companies have changed Membership categories to Corporate: SBC Communications, Inc., St. Louis, MO; Oracle Corporation, Redwood Shores, CA; Cyrus Systems, Inc., Fremont, CA; and Syndesis Limited, Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada.

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 the Forum intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in memberships.

On October 21, 1998, the Forum 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 8, 1998 (53 FR 49615).

The last notification was filed with the Department on June 8, 1999. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on March 21, 2000 (65 FR 15177).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—VSI Alliance

Notice is hereby given that, on January 16, 2001, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), VSI Alliance 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, 3 DSP Corporation, Irvine, CA; Alatek, Inc., Las Vegas, NV; D.K. Arvind, Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom; ASIC Alliance Corp., Woburn, MA; CG-CorEL Programmable Solutions Ltd., Bangalore, India; Edoardo Charbon, Berkeley, CA; EnThink, Inc., Santa Clara, CA; ETRI Microelectronics Technology Laboratory, Daejeon, Republic of Korea; Goya Technology, Inc., Hsin-chu, Taiwan; IMEC, Leuven, Belgium; Intensys, San Jose, CA; Kun-Bin Lee, Hsin-chu, Taiwan; Mysti Com Ltd., Mountain View, CA; Nogatech Ltd., Kfar-Saba, Israel; Silicon Design Solutions, Milpitas, CA; Simplex Solutions, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA; Synad Technologies Limited, Marlow, United Kingdom; SynTest Technologies, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA; and Tensilia, Inc., Santa Clara, CA have been added as parties to this venture. Also, Adaptec, Inc., Milpitas, CA; Arasan Chip Systems, San Jose, CA; Johan Cockx, Leuven, Belgium; Enabling Technology, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA; Nxtwave Communications, Inc., Newtown, PA; PIXIM, Inc., Mountain View, CA; Patrick Schaumont, Leuven, Belgium; Verisys Corp., Fremont, CA; Virage Logic Corp., Fremont, CA; and Voyager Technologies, Inc., Morgan Hill, 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 VSI Alliance intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 29, 1996, VSI Alliance 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 4, 1997 (62 FR 9812).

The last notification was filed with the Department on October 26, 2000. A notice has not yet been published in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Payne Sales, Inc.; Denial of Application

On February 7, 2000, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), issued an Order to Show Cause (OTSC) by certified mail to Payne Sales, Incorporated (Payne Sales), located in Grand Haven, Michigan, notifying it on an opportunity to show cause as to why the DEA should not deny its application, dated August 24, 1999, for a DEA Certificate of Registration as a distributor of List I chemicals, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 823(h), as being inconsistent with the public interest. The order also notified Payne Sales that, should no request for hearing be filed within 30 days, the right to a hearing would be waived.

The DEA mailed the show cause order to Payne Sales by certified mail, and a return receipt, signed. "Fred Thornell" and dated February 18, 2000, was received by the DEA. No request for a hearing or any other response was received by DEA from Payne Sales or anyone purporting to represent it in this matter, however. Therefore, the Administrator of the DEA, finding that (1) thirty days have passed since receipt of the Order to Show Cause, and (2) no request for a hearing having been received, concludes Payne Sales is deemed to have waived its right to a hearing. After considering relevant material from the investigative file in this matter, the Administrator now enters his final order without a hearing

pursuant to 21 CFR 1301.43(d) and (e) and 1301.46 (1999).

The Administrator finds that on August 24, 1999, an application was submitted to DEA on behalf of Payne Sales for DEA registration as a distributor of the List I chemicals pseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, and ephedrine. The application was submitted by Peggy Joe Payne, President of Payne Sales, who was previously employed as an accountant for TNT Marketing, Incorporated (TNT) of Grand Haven, Michigan. Ms. Payne was also previously married to Frederick Thornell, President and CEO for TNT. The application lists Payne Sales address as 8 North Ferry, Grand Haven, Michigan, which is the same address as TNT.

The Administrator finds that on April 7, 1998, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control of DEA issued an Order to Show Cause to TNT for the revocation of its DEA Certificate of Registration, 001291TEY as a distributor of List I chemicals pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 824(a)(4) and to deny any pending applications for modification or renewal of such registration pursuant to § 823(h). That order to Show Cause alleged in sum that TNT had, during the period of January through July, 1997, and encompassing several transactions, and in spite of DEA requests to discontinue, sold at least 5040 cases of a List I chemical to recipients for which TNT knew or had reasonable cause to believe would divert the listed chemical to the unlawful manufacture of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. 841(d)(2). In addition, the DEA investigation revealed that TNT failed to make required reports of these regulated transactions, in violation of 21 CFR 1310.05(a), and further failed to create proper invoice records for at least seven shipments totaling 2,760 cases of a listed chemical, in violation of 21 CFR 1310.06.

Peggy Joe Payne was employed by TNT during the time the firm engaged in the unlawful sales alleged in the April 7, 1998, Order to Show Cause. On September 2, 1998, TNT surrendered its DEA Certificate of Registration for cause.

In August 1998, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, Southern Division, TNT Marketing, Inc., and three of its representatives, including Frederick Thornell, were each indicted on one felony count of distribution of a listed chemical (pseudoephedrine) and conspiracy pursuant to 21 U.S.C.