

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—DVD Copy Control Association (“DVD CCA”)**

Notice is hereby given that, on July 23, 2004, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), DVD Copy Control Association (“DVD CCA”) 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, BK DGTEC Co., Ltd., Seoul, Republic of Korea; Digeo Interactive, LLC, Palo Alto, CA; Eizano Nanao Corporation, Ishikawa, Japan; and Molino Networks, Inc., Santa Cruz, CA have been added as parties to this venture. Also, Aplus Technics Co., Ltd., Taipei Hsian, Taiwan; Aralion Inc., Seoul, Republic of Korea; Argus Electronics Co., Ltd., Taipei, Taiwan; Concord Disc Manufacturing Corp., Anaheim, CA; Dai Hwa Industrial Co., Ltd., Chungli, Taiwan; Escent Technologies, LLC, Indianapolis, IN; Force NO A/S, Oslo, Norway; Guangdong Kwanloon Electronics and Technology, Co., Ltd., Shenzhen, People’s Republic of China; HERTZ Engineering Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan; Hirel Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan; Musion Co., Ltd., Seoul, Republic of Korea; Oak Technology, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA; Pony Canyon Enterprise Inc., Tokyo, Japan; Prochips Technology Inc., Seoul, Republic of Korea; Pro-Tech Industries Corp., Hong Kong, Hong Kong-China; Ritek Corporation, HsinChu Industrial Park, Taiwan; SANYO Laser Products, Inc., Richmond, IN; Soft4D Co., Ltd., Seoul, Republic of Korea; and WEA Manufacturing Inc., Olyphant, PA 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 DVD CCA intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 11, 2001, DVD CCA filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(1) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal**

Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on August 3, 2001 (66 FR 40727).

The last notification was filed with the Department on July 2, 2004. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on August 6, 2004 (69 FR 47959).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Multiservice Switching Forum**

Notice is hereby given that, on July 16, 2004, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Multiservice Switching Forum (“MSF”) 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, Advanced Fibre Communications, Petaluma, CA; Applied Innovation, Dublin, OH; Italtel, Settimo Milanese, Italy; Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, Kamakura, Japan; Nortel Networks, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; and Xener Systems, Seoul, Republic of Korea, have been added 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 MSF intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On January 22, 1999, MSF 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 May 26, 1999 (64 FR 28519).

The last notification was filed with the Department on April 13, 2004. A notice was published in the **Federal**

Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on June 21, 2004 (69 FR 344050).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Office of Justice Programs****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested**

ACTION: 30-Day notice of information collection under review: School Crime Supplement (SCS) to the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS).

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 69, Number 88, on page 25414 on May 6, 2004, allowing for a 60-day comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until September 23, 2004. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to The Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395–5806. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- 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 submission of responses.

Overview of this Information Collection:

(1) Type of information collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) The title of the form/collection: School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey.

(3) The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the department sponsoring the collection: SCS-1.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract. Primary: Eligible individuals 12 to 18 years of age in the United States. The School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey collects, analyzes, publishes, and disseminates statistics on the school environment, victimization at school, exposure to fighting and bullying, availability of drugs and alcohol in the school, and attitudes related to fear of crime in schools.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply: Approximately 12,200 persons 12 to 18 years of age will complete an interview. We estimate each interview will take 10 minutes to complete.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The total respondent burden is approximately 2,038 hours.

If additional information is required contact: Brenda E. Dyer, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: August 19, 2004.

Brenda E. Dyer,
Department Clearance Officer, Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Mental Health Parity

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

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 other federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95)(44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data is 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.

By this notice, the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) is soliciting comments on the extension of the information collection requests (ICRs) included in the Interim Rules for Mental Health Parity as published in the **Federal Register** on December 22, 1997 (62 FR 66931) (Interim Rules). OMB approved the two separate ICRs under OMB control numbers 1210-0105 and 1210-0106, which expire on November 30, 2004 and October 31, 2004, respectively. Copies of the ICRs may be obtained by contacting the office shown below in the addresses section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section on or before October 25, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding the ICRs to Mr. Gerald B. Lindrew, Office of Policy and Research, U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5647, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-8410. Fax: (202) 219-4745 (these are not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The purpose of this notice is to seek comments from the public prior to submission to OMB for continued approval of two information collection requests included in the Interim Final Rules. The Mental Health Parity Act of 1996 (MHPA) (Pub. L. 104-204) generally requires that group health plans provide parity in the application of dollar limits between mental health and medical/surgical benefits. The statute exempts plans from this requirement if its application results in an increase in the cost under the plan or coverage by at least one percent. The Interim Final Rules under 29 CFR 2590.712(f)(3)(i) and (ii) require a group health plan electing to take advantage of this exemption to provide a written notice to participants and beneficiaries and to the federal government of the plan's election. This notice requirement is approved under OMB control number 1210-0105. To satisfy the requirements to notify the federal government, a group health plan may either send the Department a copy of the summary of material reductions in covered services or benefits sent to participants and beneficiaries, or the plan may use the Department's model notice published in the Interim Final Rule which was developed for this purpose.

The second ICR, approved under OMB control number 1210-0106, is a summary of the information used to calculate the plan's increased costs under the MHPA for purposes of electing the one percent increased cost exemption. The plan is required to make a copy of the summary available to participants and beneficiaries, on request at no charge. Under 29 CFR 2590.712(f)(2), a group health plan wishing to elect the one percent exemption must calculate their increased costs according to certain rules.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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