

By the Commission.

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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### Escalate Capital Partners SBIC III, L.P.; Notice Seeking Exemption Under Section 312 of the Small Business Investment Act, Conflicts of Interest

Notice is hereby given that Escalate Capital Partners SBIC III, L.P., 300 W. 6th Street, Suite 2230, Austin, TX 78701, a Federal Licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (“the Act”), in connection with the financing of a small concern, has sought an exemption under Section 312 of the Act and Section 107.730, Financings which constitute Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration (“SBA”) Rules and Regulations (13 CFR part 107). Escalate Capital Partners SBIC III, L.P. proposes to provide debt financing to Everspring, Inc., 1007 Church Street, Suite 420, Evanston, IL 60201. UTIMCO, an Associate of Escalate Capital Partners SBIC III, L.P., holds an indirect ownership interest in Everspring, Inc. of greater than 10 percent. Therefore, Everspring, Inc. is an Associate of Escalate Capital Partners SBIC III, L.P.

The financing is brought within the purview of § 107.730(a) of the Regulations because Everspring, Inc. is an Associate of Escalate Capital Partners SBIC III, L.P. Therefore this transaction requires a prior SBA exemption.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on the transaction, within fifteen days of the date of this publication, to the Associate Administrator for Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW., Washington, DC 20416.

Mark L. Walsh,

Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9422]

### Re-Consideration Concerning the Scope of Authorizations in a Presidential Permit Issued to Plains LPG Services, L.P. in May 2014 for Existing Pipeline Facilities on the Border of the United States and Canada Under the St. Clair River

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On May 23, 2014, the Department of State (Department) issued two Presidential Permits to Plains LPG Services, L.P. (Plains LPG) based on Plains LPG’s acquisition of six existing pipelines under the St. Clair River and one existing pipeline under the Detroit River. Plains LPG had applied for new permits reflecting its ownership of the pipeline facilities, but it did not seek any change or expansion of the previous authorizations for the pipelines’ use. The Presidential Permits issued in 2014 were intended to mirror previous authorizations from the 1970s, but the Department’s records were incomplete, particularly with regard to the six pipelines under the St. Clair River in the vicinity of Marysville, Michigan. While Plains LPG’s application asserted that the appropriate authorization was for the transport of any “liquefied hydrocarbons,” the Department issued one permit in 2014 for all of the St. Clair facilities authorizing the transport of “light liquid hydrocarbons,” which reflected the Department’s understanding of how the St. Clair pipelines were actually used in the 1970s and more recently.

After the new permits were issued, Plains LPG provided new information that alters the Department’s understanding of the historic authorization for two of the six St. Clair pipelines. These two pipelines were constructed in 1918; they have an outer diameter of eight inches and have subsequently been fitted with five-inch diameter liners. Specifically, Plains LPG provided the Department with copies of correspondence from 1971 between the Department and Dome Petroleum Corp. (the previous owner). In that correspondence Dome informed the Department that it had acquired the two St. Clair pipelines and that it planned to use them to transport “crude and other liquid hydrocarbons.” The Department wrote back to Dome acknowledging the letter and the company’s plans. The 1918 Presidential Permit had authorized the transport of crude oil.

In light of this additional information, the Department is revisiting Plains

LPG’s 2012 application and considering whether to issue a new permit for these two St. Clair pipelines that would authorize the transport of crude and other liquid hydrocarbons, superseding the authorization in the 2014 Presidential Permit for the transport of only light liquid hydrocarbons. The Department published in the **Federal Register** a Notification of Receipt of Application for a Presidential Permit on December 5, 2012 (**Federal Register** Citation 77 FR 72430) and solicited public comment on the application for a 30-day period, during which time it received one public comment requesting the Department ensure the pipelines are maintained and operated under government environmental and safety oversight required by law. The Department notes that it is not reconsidering the scope of authorization for use of the other four Plains LPG pipelines under the St. Clair River, or the Plains LPG facilities under the Detroit River.

Plains LPG is a Texas limited partnership with its principal place of business at 333 Clay Street, Suite 1600, Houston, Texas 77002. Plains LPG is a subsidiary of Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., a publicly traded master limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and headquartered in Houston, Texas.

The Department’s consideration of the Presidential Permit for the St. Clair pipeline facilities is pursuant to E.O. 13337, which delegates to the Secretary of State the President’s authority to receive applications for permits for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of a range of facilities at the borders of the United States, including pipelines for liquid petroleum products, and to issue or deny such Presidential Permits upon a national interest determination. The Department also is soliciting the views of concerned federal agencies. Consistent with E.O. 13337, the Department will determine whether issuance of a new Presidential Permit for two of the St. Clair Pipeline border facilities, as discussed in this notice, would serve the U.S. national interest.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit comments within 30 days of the publication date of this notice on <http://www.regulations.gov> with regard to whether issuing a new Presidential Permit for two of the St. Clair pipelines authorizing the transport of crude and other liquid hydrocarbons would serve the national interest. To submit a comment, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter the title of

this Notice into the search field and follow the prompts.

Comments are not private. They will be posted on the site. The comments will not be edited to remove identifying or contact information, and the State Department cautions against including any information that one does not want publicly disclosed. The State Department requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the State Department inform those persons that the State Department will not edit their comments to remove identifying or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of Energy Diplomacy, Energy Resources Bureau (ENR/EDP/EWA) Department of State 2201 C St. NW., Ste 4428, Washington, DC 20520, Attn: Sydney Kaufman, Tel: 202-647-2041. Email: [kaufmans@state.gov](mailto:kaufmans@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information concerning the St. Clair pipeline facilities can be found at <http://www.state.gov/e/enr/applicant/applicants/index.htm>. Documents related to the Department of State's review of the application for a Presidential Permit can be found at <http://www.state.gov/e/enr/applicant>.

Dated: January 15, 2016.

**Chris Davy,**

*Deputy Director, Energy Resources Bureau, Energy Diplomacy, Bureau of Energy Resources, U.S. Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9422]

### Sanctions Lifting Actions Taken Pursuant to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Presidential Memorandum entitled "Preparing for the Implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action of July 14, 2015" issued on October 18, 2015 and to give effect to the United States commitment under Section 4.8.1 of Annex II and Section 17.3 of Annex V of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the Secretary of State has taken action pursuant to Section 9(b) of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-172) (50 U.S.C. 1701 note) ("ISA"), as amended, to discontinue the imposition of sanctions on the following individuals and entities sanctioned

under section 5(a) of ISA: Dimitris Cambis, FAL Oil Company Limited, Ferland Company Limited, Impire Shipping, Kuo Oil Pte. Ltd, Naftiran Intertrade Company, Petrochemical Commercial Company International, Petr leos de Venezuela S.A., Royal Oyster Group, Speedy Ship, and Zhuhai Zhenrong Company and the following entities sanctioned under Section 212 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012: Bimeh Markazi—Central Insurance of Iran and Kish Protection and Indemnity. The Secretary of State has also taken action to discontinue the imposition of sanctions under E. O. 13622 (July 30, 2012), as amended, on the following entities: Jam Petrochemical Company and Niksima Food and Beverage JLT. Finally, the Secretary of State has taken action pursuant to Section 1244(i) of the Iran Freedom and Counter-Proliferation Act of 2012 (subtitle D of title XII of Pub. L. 112-239, 22 U.S.C. 8801 *et seq.*) ("IFCA") to waive the imposition of sanctions under Section 1244(c)(1) of IFCA with respect to the following entities: the National Iranian Oil Company, the National Iranian Tanker Company, the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines, and South Shipping Line Iran, and under Section 1244(d)(1) of IFCA with respect to Goldentex FZE. The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control will take action to remove these entities from its list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List) and/or the Non-SDN ISA List, as appropriate, as of the effective date.

**DATES:** *Effective:* These actions were effective on January 16, 2016 (Implementation Day), when the Secretary of State confirmed that Iran had implemented the nuclear-related measures specified in Sections 15.1-15.11 of Annex V of the JCPOA, as verified by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** On general issues: Office of Sanctions Policy and Implementation, Department of State, Telephone: (202) 647-7489.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Relevant agencies and instrumentalities of the United States Government shall take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of this notice.

The following constitutes a list, as of the effective date of these actions, of persons on whom sanctions are imposed under ISA. The particular sanctions imposed on an individual person are identified in the relevant **Federal Register** Notice.

—Sytrol (see Public Notice 8040, 77 FR 59034, September 25, 2012)

Dated: January 19, 2016.

**Kurt Tong,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9419]

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "China's First Emperor and His Terracotta Warriors" Exhibition

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257-1 of December 11, 2015), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "China's First Emperor and His Terracotta Warriors," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Illinois, from on about March 4, 2016, until on or about January 8, 2017, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the imported objects, contact the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: [section2459@state.gov](mailto:section2459@state.gov)). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA-5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: January 15, 2016.

**Mark Taplin,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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