

produced gas from Platform Heritage to Platform Harmony for connection to the existing gas pipeline between Platform Harmony and Platform Hondo. From Platform Hondo, the gas would enter the Pacific Offshore Pipeline Company (POPCO) pipeline for transfer to the onshore POPCO gas processing plant and/or the Exxon gas treating facilities in Las Flores Canyon. The pipeline would not increase peak gas rates above either Exxon's or POPCO's permitted values and would not require any modifications to the POPCO pipeline or gas plant facilities. The proposed gas pipeline capacity is 75 million cubic feet per day (MMCFPD).

Location

Leases

OCS-P0182
OCS-P0183
OCS-P0329

EA Title: OCS Environmental Assessment, Platform Heritage to Platform Harmony Gas Pipeline, Santa Ynez Unit, Exxon Company, U.S.A., December 3, 1997.

FONSI Date: December 3, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons interested in reviewing environmental documents for the proposal listed above, or in obtaining information about EA's and FONSI's prepared for activities on the Pacific OCS, are encouraged to contact the Pacific OCS Regional office of MMS. The FONSI and associated EA are available for public inspection between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at: Minerals Management Service, Pacific OCS Region, Office of Public Affairs, 770 Paseo Camarillo, Camarillo, California 93010, phone: (805) 389-7533. Request may also be sent to MMS to Ralph Snyder, Minerals Management Service, Pacific OCS Region, 770 Paseo Camarillo, Camarillo, California 93010. This EA has been posted on the Pacific OCS Region's homepage. The homepage address is: <http://mmspub/omm/pacific/public/homepg.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMS prepares EA's and FONSI's for proposal which related to exploration and development for oil and gas resources on the Pacific OCS. The EA's examine the potential environmental effects of activities described in the proposal and present MMS conclusions regarding the significance for those effects. The EA is used as a basis for determining whether or not approvals of the proposals constitute major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment in the sense for NEPA 102(2) (C). A FONSI is prepared

in those instances where MMS finds that approval will not result in significant effects on the quality of the human environment. The FONSI briefly presents the basis for that finding and includes a summary of the EA. This Notice constitutes the public Notice of Availability of environmental documents required under the NEPA regulations.

Dated: January 5, 1998.

Peter Tweedt,

*Acting Regional Director, Pacific OCS Region,
Minerals Management Service.*

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-383 Sanctions
Proceeding]

In the Matter of Certain Hardware Logic Emulation Systems and Components Thereof; Notice of Commission Decision Regarding Appeals of ALJ Order No. 96

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade
Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to deny appeals of ALJ Order No. 96 in the above-captioned investigation and to adopt that order with the two exceptions identified below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay H. Reiziss, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-3116.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This patent-based section 337 investigation was instituted on March 8, 1996, based upon a complaint and motion for temporary relief filed on January 26, 1996, by Quickturn Design Systems, Inc. ("Quickturn"). 61 Fed. Reg. 9486 (March 8, 1996). The respondents are Mentor Graphics Corporation ("Mentor") and Meta Systems ("Meta") (collectively "respondents"). After an 11-day evidentiary hearing, in April and May of 1996, the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") issued an initial determination ("TEO ID") granting Quickturn's motion for temporary relief.

On August 5, 1996, the Commission determined not to modify or vacate the TEO ID and issued a temporary limited exclusion order and a temporary cease and desist order against domestic respondent Mentor. The Commission

imposed a bond of 43 percent of entered value on respondents' importations and sales of emulation systems and components thereof during the remaining pendency of the investigation. The Commission set complainant's bond at \$200,000.

On September 24, 1997, the Commission determined to modify respondents' temporary relief bond in the investigation. Respondents' temporary relief bond remained at 43 percent of the entered value of the subject imported articles if the entered value equals transaction value as defined in applicable U.S. Customs Service regulations. Respondents' temporary relief bond increased to 180 percent of the entered value of the subject imported articles if the entered value does not equal transaction value as defined in applicable U.S. Customs Service regulations.

Beginning on April 7, 1997, the ALJ held a pre-hearing conference and a 14-day evidentiary hearing concerning permanent relief issues and several sanctions-related motions. Closing arguments were held on June 25 and 26, 1997. On July 31, 1997, the ALJ issued an initial determination ("Final ID"), finding that respondents had violated section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), by infringing claims of all five of Quickturn's asserted patents. The ALJ found: (1) There has been importation and sale of the accused products; (2) Quickturn practices the patents in controversy and satisfies the domestic industry requirements of section 337; (3) the claims in issue are valid; (4) the accused products directly infringe the claims in issue; (5) components of the accused products contributorily infringe the claims in issue; and (6) respondents have induced infringement of the claims in issue. Based on these findings, the ALJ concluded there was a violation of section 337. The ALJ recommended issuance of a permanent exclusion order and a cease and desist order.

On October 2, 1997, the Commission determined not to review the Final ID, thereby finding that respondents violated section 337. On December 3, 1997, the Commission issued a limited exclusion order directed to Meta and a cease and desist order against domestic respondent Mentor. The Commission set the bond for the 60-day Presidential review period at 43 percent of the entered value of the subject imported articles if the entered value equals transaction value as defined in applicable U.S. Customs Service regulations and at 180 percent of the entered value of the subject imported articles if the entered value does not

equal transaction value as defined in applicable U.S. Customs Service regulations.

On July 31, 1997, the ALJ also issued Order No. 96 in the investigation finding that respondents and certain of their counsel have engaged in discovery abuses and abuse of process justifying the imposition of evidentiary and monetary sanctions. Pursuant to rule 210.25(d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. § 210.25(d), the Commission on October 2, 1997, specified the schedule for the filing of petitions appealing Order No. 96 and responses thereto. On August 13, 1997, August 14, 1997, October 2, 1997, and November 6, 1997, respondents filed petitions appealing Order No. 96. Quickturn filed a reply to respondents' petitions on November 14, 1997. The Commission investigative attorneys filed a reply to respondents' petitions on November 17, 1997.

Having examined the record in this investigation, including Order No. 96, the petitions appealing Order No. 96, and the responses thereto, the Commission determined to deny the appeals and to adopt Order No. 96 with the exception of those portions of Order No. 96 granting Motion Docket No. 383-116 and Motion Docket No. 383-124, both of which the Commission did not adopt. The Commission also determined to deny respondents' request for a hearing and their motion for leave to file a reply to Quickturn's and the Commission investigative attorneys' responses to respondents' petitions. In connection with the final disposition of this matter, the Commission has ordered the presiding administrative law judge to issue an initial determination within six months ruling on the precise dollar amount of sanctions to be awarded pursuant to Order No. 96.

A Commission opinion in support of its determination will be issued shortly.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337) and sections 210.4, 210.25, 210.27, and 210.33 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.4, 210.25, 210.27, and 210.33).

Copies of the public versions of the Final ID, Order No. 96, and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD

terminal on 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

Issued: March 6, 1998.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

President's Advisory Board on Race; Notice of Meetings

SUMMARY: The President's Advisory Board on Race will meet on March 23 and 24, 1998, at Turnhalle, Tivoli Student Union, on the Auraria Campus, 900 Auraria Parkway, Denver, Colorado. On March 23, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., the Advisory Board will host a small-group citizen dialogue on race and stereotypes that is open to the public. The meeting will include an opportunity beginning at approximately 8:30 p.m. for members of the community to contribute to the conversation.

On March 24, the Advisory Board will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. The morning session will include a panel discussion addressing the causes and effects of racial stereotyping, the link between stereotypes and prejudice/racism, and strategies for combating stereotypes and their effects. In the afternoon, the Advisory Board will continue the discussion, adjourning at approximately 3:00 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend the meetings on a first-come, first-seated basis. Interested persons are encouraged to attend. Members of the public may also submit to the contact person, any time before or after the meeting, written statements to the Board. Written comments may be submitted by mail, telegram, facsimile, or electronic mail, and should contain the writer's name, address and commercial, government, or organizational affiliation, if any. The address of the President's Initiative on Race is 750 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. The electronic mail address is <http://www.whitehouse.gov/Initiatives/OneAmerica>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact our main office number, (202) 395-1010, for the exact time and location of the meetings. Other comments or questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Randy D. Ayers, (202) 395-1010, or via facsimile, (202) 395-1020.

Dated: March 9, 1998.

Randy D. Ayers,

Executive Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No.: 040-08980]

Heritage Minerals, Incorporated License Renewal and Opportunity for Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of intent to approve renewal request for the Heritage Minerals, Inc. (HMI), facility located in Manchester Township, New Jersey, and opportunity for hearing.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering approval of the renewal request for Source Material License No. SMB-1541, issued to Heritage Minerals, Inc. (HMI), to authorize decontamination and decommissioning activities of those areas of the licensee's Manchester Township, New Jersey site which require remediation prior to release for unrestricted use. The proposed licensing action also will authorize temporary storage of licensed material prior to disposition and be issued for a period of five years.

HMI is authorized by the NRC to perform within specific areas of its Manchester Township facility decontamination activities of licensed radioactive materials, and to possess, package, store, and transfer to authorized recipients monazite sands containing natural thorium. Residual radioactive contamination may also be present in some interior areas of the mill facilities on the site. There are no processing activities authorized by the license or by the proposed license renewal. The renewal is to promote timely decommissioning and remediation of the licensed material and associated monazite stockpile by HMI. Due to the lack of progress regarding disposition of the monazite pile from past operations, the NRC added this site to its Site Decommissioning Management Plan (SDMP) in 1990. The NRC established and implemented the SDMP to identify and resolve issues associated with the timely and effective cleanup of the sites on the list.

HMI ceased active operations in 1990 and maintained an active license until it expired on December 31, 1995. The licensee submitted a timely renewal