

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC)**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of recruitment for additional members for ETTAC.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) was rechartered on July 15, 1998, for two years pursuant to the provisions in Title IV of the Jobs through Trade Expansion Act, 22 U.S.C. 2151, and under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.2. The ETTAC serves as an advisory body to the Environmental Trade Working Group of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, reporting directly to the Secretary of Commerce in his capacity as Chairman of the TPCC. Members of the ETTAC have experience in exporting the full range of environmental technologies products and services.

Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, membership in a committee constituted under the Act must be balanced. To achieve balance the Department is seeking additional candidates from small, medium-sized, and large businesses from the following subsectors of the environmental industry:

- (1) Analytic Services
- (2) Financial Services
- (3) Water and Wastewater Services and Equipment
- (4) Air Pollution Control/Monitoring Equipment
- (5) Process and Prevention Technologies
- (6) Environmental Energy Sources
- (7) Solid and Hazardous Waste Equipment and Management
- (8) Engineering and Consulting

Committee members serve in a representative capacity, and must be able to generally represent the views and interests of a certain subsector. We are seeking CEO, President or Executive Vice President-level company candidates.

If you are interested in being considered as a candidate to serve on the ETTAC, please send a fact-sheet on your company that details your activity in the subsector as listed above, as well as a short biographical sketch on the executive who wishes to become a candidate. Materials can be faxed to the number listed below.

DEADLINE: This request will be open until close of business on November 9, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of Environmental Technologies Exports, Room 1003, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; phone 202-482-5225. Materials may be faxed to 202-482-5665, attention Sage Chandler or Jane Siegel.

Dated: September 24, 1998.

Carlos M. Montouliou,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology****Notice of Prospective Grant of Exclusive Patent License**

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of prospective grant of exclusive patent license.

SUMMARY: This is a notice in accordance with 35 USC 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i) that the National Institute of Standards of Technology ("NIST"), U.S. Department of Commerce, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license world-wide to NIST's interest in the invention embodied in U.S. Patent Application 09/034,918 titled, "Method And Apparatus for Diffraction Measurement Using A Scanning X-Ray Source", filed March 4, 1998; NIST Docket No. 97-026US to Digiray Corporation, having a place of business at 2239 Omega Road, San Ramon, CA. The grant of the license would be for all fields of use.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Terry Lynch, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Industrial Partnerships Program, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty days from the date of this published Notice, NIST receives written evidence and argument which establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The availability of the invention for licensing was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 96 (May 19, 1998). NIST and Digiray Corporation have entered into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) to further development of the invention.

U.S. Patent application 09/034,918 is jointly owned by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Secretary of Commerce, and Digiray Corporation. The present invention relates to x-ray diffraction measurement by using moving x-ray source x-ray diffraction. The invention comprises a raster-scanned x-ray source, a specimen, a collimator, and a detector. The x-ray source is electronically scanned which allows a complete image of the x-ray diffraction characteristics of the specimen to be produced. The specimen is placed remote from the x-ray source and the detector. The collimator is located directly in front of the detector. The x-rays are diffracted by the specimen at certain angles, which cause them to travel through the collimator and to the detector. The detector may be placed in any radial location relative to the specimen in order to take the necessary measurements. The detector can detect the intensity and/or the wavelength of the diffracted x-rays. All information needed to solve the Bragg equation as well as the Laue equations is available. The x-ray source may be scanned electronically or mechanically. The present invention is used to perform texture analysis and phase identification.

Dated October 14, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 100998E]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Red Snapper Advisory Panel (RSAP) and the Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

DATES: The RSAP meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 1998, and conclude by 3:30 p.m. The SSC will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 1998, and conclude by 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Crowne Plaza New Orleans, 333 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130; telephone: 504-525-9444.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RSAP, consisting of recreational and commercial red snapper fishermen, will review stock assessments of gag and vermilion snapper that were prepared by NMFS and reports from the Council's Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel and Socioeconomic Panel that include biological, social, and economic information related to the range of acceptable biological catch (ABC). Based on these reports, the RSAP may recommend levels of total allowable catch (TAC) for red snapper in 1999 and appropriate management measures.

The SSC, consisting of economists, biologists, sociologists, and natural resource attorneys, will also review the above reports, comment on their scientific adequacy, and may make recommendations regarding red snapper TAC and management measures.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the RSAP and SSC for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. The RSAP's and SSC's actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by October 27, 1998.

Dated: October 13, 1998.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100998D]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Precious Corals Plan Team.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 9, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the NMFS Laboratory, 2570 Dole Street, Room 112, Honolulu, HI; telephone: 808-983-5300.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Precious Corals Plan Team will discuss the findings of recent precious corals research conducted in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and other issues as required.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before this Team for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: October 9, 1998.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 99-C0002]

The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc., a Corporation; Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Flammable Fabrics Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1118.20(e). Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with the Neiman Marcus Group, Inc., a corporation, containing a civil penalty of \$112,500.

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by November 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 99-C0002, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald G. Yelenik, Trail Attorney, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0626, 1351.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: October 14, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,
Secretary.

Settlement Agreement and Order

1. This Settlement Agreement and Order, entered into between The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc. (hereinafter, "Neiman Marcus" or "Respondent"), a corporation, and the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (hereinafter, "staff"), pursuant to the procedures set forth in 16 CFR 1118.20, is a compromise resolution of the matter described herein, without a hearing or determination of issues of law and fact.

I. The Parties

2. The "staff" is the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (hereinafter, "Commission"), an independent federal regulatory agency of the United States government established by Congress pursuant to section 4 of the Consumer Product