

Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) on December 16, 1997. This hearing is required by the OPIC Amendments Act of 1985, and this notice is being published to facilitate public participation. The notice also describes OPIC and the subject matter of the hearing.

DATES: The hearing will be held on December 16, 1997, and will begin promptly at 2 p.m. Prospective participants must submit to OPIC before close of business December 3, 1997, notice of their intent to participate.

ADDRESSES: The location of the hearing will be: Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., 12th Floor, Washington, D.C. Notices and prepared statements should be sent to Harvey Himberg, Financial Management and Statutory Review Department, Overseas Private Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20527.

Procedures

(a) *Attendance; Participation.* The hearing will be open to the public. However, a person wishing to present views at the hearing must provide OPIC with advance notice on or before December 3, 1997. The notice must include the name, address and telephone number of the person who will make the presentation, the name and address of the organization which the person represents (if any) and a concise summary of the subject matter of the presentation.

(b) *Prepared Statements.* Any participant wishing to submit a prepared statement for the record must submit it to OPIC with the notice or, in any event, not later than 5 p.m. on December 12, 1997. Prepared statements must be typewritten, double spaced and may not exceed twenty-five (25) pages.

(c) *Duration of Presentations.* Oral presentations will in no event exceed ten (10) minutes, and the time for individual presentations may be reduced proportionately, if necessary, to afford all prospective participants on a particular subject an opportunity to be heard or to permit all subjects to be covered.

(d) *Agenda.* Upon receipt of the required notices, OPIC will prepare an agenda for the hearing setting forth the subject or subjects on which each participant will speak and the time allotted for each presentation. OPIC will provide each prospective participant with a copy of the agenda.

(e) *Publication of Proceedings.* A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be compiled. The transcript will be available to members of the public at the cost of reproduction.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPIC is a U.S. Government agency which provides, on a commercial basis, political risk insurance and financing in friendly developing countries and emerging democracies for environmentally sound projects which confer positive developmental benefits upon the project country while creating employment in the U.S. OPIC is required by section 231A(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended ("the Act") to hold at least one public hearing each year.

Among other issues, OPIC's annual public hearing has, in previous years, provided a forum for testimony concerning section 231A(a) of the Act. This section provides that OPIC may operate its programs only in those countries that are determined to be "taking steps to adopt and implement laws that extend internationally recognized worker rights to workers in that country (including any designated zone in that country)."

Based on consultations with Congress, OPIC complies with annual determinations made by the Executive Branch with respect to worker rights for countries that are eligible for the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). Any country for which GSP eligibility is revoked on account of its failure to take steps to adopt and implement internationally recognized worker rights is subject concurrently to the suspension of OPIC programs until such time as a favorable worker rights determination can be made.

For non-GSP countries in which OPIC operates its programs, OPIC reviews any country which is the subject of a formal challenge at its annual public hearing. To qualify as a formal challenge, testimony must pertain directly to the worker rights requirements of the law as defined in OPIC's 1985 reauthorizing legislation (P.L. 99-204) with reference to the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, and be supported by factual information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEARING CONTACT: Harvey A. Himberg, Financial Management and Statutory Review Department, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20527 (202) 336-8614 or by facsimile at (202) 218-0177.

Dated: November 21, 1997.

James R. Offutt,

Assistant General Counsel, Department of Legal Affairs.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

December 9, 1997 Board of Directors Meeting; Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: Tuesday, December 9, 1997, 1:00 p.m. (Open Portion); 1:30 p.m. (Closed Portion).

PLACE: Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

STATUS: Meeting Open to the Public from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm; Closed portion will commence at 1:30 pm (approx.).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. President's Report
2. Testimonial
3. Approval of September 16, 1997 Minutes (Open Portion)
4. Meeting schedule through September, 1998

FURTHER MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: (Closed to the Public 1:30 PM)

1. Finance Project in Jamaica
2. Insurance Project India
3. Approval of September 16, 1997 Minutes (Closed Portion)
4. Pending Major Projects
5. Report on OPIC's Small Business Initiative

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Information on the meeting may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438.Q04

Dated: November 24, 1997.

Connie M. Downs,

OPIC Corporate Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Agency Information Collection Activities: Existing Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review: Claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 27, 1998.

We are requesting written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following points:

1. 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;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being sought;

4. 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.

Comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to: Gerard W. Fischer, Assistant Director, Torts Branch, Civil Division, P.O. Box 146, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-0146. Comments may also be submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Officer, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20530.

Overview of This Information Collection

1. *Type of Information collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* Claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

3. *Agency form number:* None. *Applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* The Radiation Exposure Compensation Unit, Constitutional and Specialized Torts Branch, Civil Division.

4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:

Primary: Individuals or households. *Other:* None. Information is needed to determine whether an applicant is eligible for a statutory compensation payment under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, 42 U.S.C. 2210 note (1994). Applicants are persons who reside near the Nevada Test Site, onsite participants in an atmospheric nuclear weapons test, and persons employed in underground uranium mines.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to*

respond: 2,000 annual respondents at 2.5 hours per response.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 5,000 annual burden hours.

Public comment on the proposed information is strongly encouraged.

Dated: November 24, 1997.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA") of 1980

Notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Larry A. Bell, et al.*, Civil Action No. 3-96-CV-80047, was lodged on October 29, 1997, with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, Davenport Division.

The complaint alleges that defendants Larry A. Bell ("Bell") and Bell Cedaridge Development, Inc. ("Bell Cedaridge") are liable for the United States' approximately \$740,000 in response costs at the Davenport Lead Superfund Site ("Site"), located at 5403 Ricker Hill Road, Davenport, Iowa, pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a). The complaint also includes an *in rem* action to recover these costs, which are secured by a CERCLA lien against the Site, pursuant to Section 107(l) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(l).

The Site, a partially-wooded lot owned by defendant Bell Cedaridge, was used as a disposal site for ebonite and other battery components in the early 1970s. As a result, on-Site soils were contaminated with lead at levels of up to 27,300 mg/kg. The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") incurred its approximately \$740,000 in response costs in this case by conducting a removal action at the Site in 1993.

The only valuable asset owned by Bell and Bell Cedaridge is the Site itself, which is appraised at approximately \$49,000. The Site is subject to an approximate \$25,000 mortgage and the CERCLA lien that secures the United States' response costs. Under the proposed consent decree, defendants Bell and Bell Cedaridge shall sell the Site and pay to United States the proceeds from the sale, less costs of the sale and amounts paid to secured

lienholders with lien interests superior to the United States' interest. In exchange, the United States will grant Bell and Bell Cedaridge a Covenant Not to Sue for the claims set forth in the complaint, and release the 107(l) lien attached to the Site.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Larry A. Bell, et al.*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-2-1008.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, District of Iowa, U.S. Courthouse Annex, 110 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50304, (515) 284-6257; the Region VII Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101, (913) 551-7010; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requiring a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$9.00 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Joel M. Gross,

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Order Pursuant to the Clean Water Act

Notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. The Glidden Company*, Civil Action No. 3:96CV7198, has been lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio on November 17, 1997.

The Consent Decree resolves the claims alleged against defendant, The Glidden Company ("Glidden"), under the Clean Water Act ("Act"), 33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.* The proposed Consent Decree provides that Glidden shall discharge process wastewaters from its facility at 300 Sprowl Road, Huron, OH, to the Erie County Sanitary Sewer System, and shall comply with the applicable National Pollutant Discharge