

plans. A presentation will be made on striking a balance between prevention and control activities. Panel operating procedures and committee work plans will be discussed and approved.

Minutes of both meetings will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 840, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622. Minutes of the Western Regional Panel meeting will also be maintained by the Panel's Coordinator, c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 315 Houston Street, Suite E, Manhattan, Kansas 660502. Minutes for the meetings will be available at these locations for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, within 30 days following the meetings.

Dated: March 9, 1998.

Gary Edwards,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force as part of a Brown Tree Snake Coordination Meeting. Topics to be addressed are identified.

DATES: The Brown Tree Snake Control Committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 16, 1998, and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The Brown Tree Snake Control Committee meeting will be held at The Ilikai Hotel, 1777 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert P. Smith, Chair, Brown Tree Snake Control Committee at 800-541-2749 or by E-mail at robert_p_smith@fws.gov or Bob Peoples, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at 703-358-2025 or by E-Mail at robert_peoples@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee of the Aquatic

Nuisance Species Task Force. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

As part of a Brown Tree Snake Coordination meeting, the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee will hear status report on recent activities and current plans of entities involved in implementing the Brown Tree Snake Control Plan, assess the need to modify the actions and priorities of the Plan, review fiscal year 1998 and 1999 funding proposals and priorities, and discuss organizational structures for enhancing coordination on this issue.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 840, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and the Chair, Brown Tree Snake Control Committee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Ecoregion, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-122, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. Minutes for the meeting will be available at these locations for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, within 30 days following the meetings.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf, Beaufort Sea, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 170

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Availability of the proposed notice of sale.

Alaska Outer Continental Shelf (OCS); Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for proposed Oil and Gas Lease Sale 170 in the Beaufort Sea. This Notice of Availability is published pursuant to 30 CFR 256.29(c), as a matter of information to the public.

With regard to oil and gas leasing on the OCS, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 19 of the OCS Lands Act, as amended, provides the affected States the opportunity to review the proposed Notice of Sale.

The proposed Notice of Sale for proposed Sale 170 may be obtained by written request to the Public Information Unit, Alaska OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 949 E.

36th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99508-4302 or by telephone at (907) 271-6010.

The final Notice of Sale will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to the date of bid opening. Bid opening is scheduled for August 1998.

Dated: March 5, 1998.

Thomas A. Readinger,

Acting Director, Minerals Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Pacific Outer Continental Shelf Region

AGENCY: Mineral Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of environmental documents prepared for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) pipeline installation proposal on the Pacific OCS.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal regulations (40 CFR Section 1501.4 and Section 1506.6) that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of a NEPA-related Environmental Assessment prepared by the MMS for pipeline installation activities proposed on the Pacific OCS. This listing includes the only proposal for which a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was prepared by the Pacific OCS Office in the 3-month period preceding this Notice.

Proposal

Exxon proposes to install a 12.75 inch outside diameter (OD) gas pipeline which would be approximately 7 miles in length in the Santa Ynez Unit (SYU) from Platform Heritage to Platform Harmony. This proposal is a change from the currently approved 17-mile gas pipeline which was planned to be installed from Platform Heritage to the Las Flores Canyon onshore facility. Compared to the currently approved project, the proposed modification would reduce the length of the pipeline needed to be installed by 10 miles, since the currently-proposed pipeline would not be installed all the way to shore. The proposed pipeline would be placed in the same surveyed area as the currently-installed Platform Heritage to Platform Harmony oil emulsion pipeline and power cables. The proposed gas pipeline would be installed in water depths ranging from 1,090 to 1,350 ft. The pipeline would be used to transport

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