

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Petrotechnical Open Software Corporation ("POSC")**

Notice is hereby given that, on April 24, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Petrotechnical Open Software Corporation ("POSC") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Datasim Education B.V. Amsterdam, THE NETHERLANDS has been added as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and Petrotechnical Open Software Corporation ("POSC") intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On January 14, 1991, Petrotechnical Open Software Corporation ("POSC") filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on February 7, 1991 (56 FR 5021).

The last notification was filed with the Department on March 2, 1998. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on July 13, 1998 (63 FR 37589).

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*Director of Operations Antitrust Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Praxair, Inc.**

Notice is hereby given that, on June 2, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Praxair, Inc. has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the

Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, OK has been added as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Praxair, Inc. intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 13, 1997, Praxair, Inc. filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on February 19, 1998 (63 FR 8477). No other notifications have been filed.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Semiconductor Research Corporation ("SRC")**

Notice is hereby given that, on March 12, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Semiconductor Research Corporation ("SRC") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Lucent Technologies, Murray Hill, NJ; Northrop Gruman, Baltimore, MD; and Neo Linear, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA have been added as parties to this venture. Also, American Telephone & Telegraph Company, Murray Hill, NJ; ANACAD Electrical Engineering Software, San Jose, CA; FAMTECH/Speedfam, Chandler, AZ; Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, MI; LV Software, San Jose, CA; Meta-Software, Sunnyvale, CA; MicroUnity Systems Engineering, Sunnyvale, CA; SEMATECH, Inc., Austin, TX; Technology Modeling Associates, Sunnyvale, CA; and

Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA have been dropped as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remain open, and Semiconductor Research Corporation ("SRC") intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On January 7, 1985, Semiconductor Research Corporation ("SRC") filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on January 30, 1985 (50 FR 4281).

The last notification was filed with the Department on December 1, 1997. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on February 12, 1998 (63 FR 7180).

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Universal Instruments Corporation ("Universal")**

Notice is hereby given that, on March 20, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Universal Instruments Corporation ("Universal") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are Universal Instruments Corporation, Binghamton, NY; Allen-Bradley Co., Inc., Mayfield Hts., OH; AMKOR Electronics Inc., Chandler, AZ; Cabletron Systems Inc., Rochester, NY; Flip Chip Technologies, Phoenix, AZ; Digital Equipment Corporation, Hudson, MA; Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, NY; ERICSSON RADIO SYSTEMS AB, Stockholm, SWEDEN; Heller Industries, Florham Park, NJ; IBM Corporation, Endicott, NY; Kester

Solder Div., Litton Systems, Inc., DesPlaines, IL; LSI Logic, Milpitas, CA; Nokia Mobile Phones, Ltd., Salo, FINLAND; Philips Consumer Communications, LeMans, FRANCE; Photo Stencil, Colorado Springs, CO; Robert Bosch GmbH, Stuttgart, GERMANY; VLSI Corporation, San Jose, CA; SGS-Thomson Microelectronics, Inc., Carrollton, TX; and Plexus Corporation, Neenah, WI. The nature and objectives of the venture are to acquire an in-depth understanding of all the material interactions and process limitations affecting Chip Size Packaging ("CSP") and Direct Chip Attach ("DCA") technologies which can be used to produce high quality products at high yields in the electronics industry. The overall objective of the venture is to provide fully documented processes which can be used to produce high quality product at high yields.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 1953-98; AG Order No. 2181-98]

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### Redesignation of Liberia Under Temporary Protected Status Program

**AGENCY:** Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice redesignates Liberia under the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program in accordance with section 244(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (the Act). This notice also describes the procedures with which eligible aliens who are nationals of Liberia (or who have no nationality and who last habitually resided in Liberia) must comply to register for TPS.

The Attorney General initially designated Liberia for TPS effective March 7, 1991, and redesignated Liberia for TPS effective April 7, 1997. The designation and redesignation expired on September 28, 1998. This new redesignation of Liberia makes TPS available to eligible Liberian TPS applicants who have continuously resided in the United States since September 29, 1998, and who have been continuously physically present in the United States since September 29, 1998.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Liberian TPS redesignation is effective from September 29, 1998, until September 28, 1999. The registration period for this redesignation begins on September 29, 1998 and will remain in effect until March 29, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Valverde, Program Analyst, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Room 3214, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536, telephone (202) 514-3228.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

#### Statutory Provisions for Redesignation of TPS

Section 308(a)(7) of Pub. L. 104-132 renumbered section 244A of the Act. Under this section, renumbered as section 244 of the Act (8 U.S.C. 1254), the Attorney General is authorized to grant Temporary Protected Status in the United States to eligible aliens who are nationals of a foreign state designated by the Attorney General (or who have no nationality and last habitually resided in that state). The Attorney General may designate a state upon finding that the state is experiencing ongoing armed conflict, environmental disaster, or extraordinary and temporary conditions that prevent nationals or residents of the country from returning in safety.

Subsection 244(b)(1) of the Act implicitly permits the Attorney General to "redesignate" (that is, to designate under the TPS program a country that has been previously designated), as well as designate for the first time, if she first finds that the required conditions are met. The act of redesignation is referenced in subsection 244(c)(1)(A)(I), which requires that "the alien has been continuously physically present since the effective date of the *most recent designation* of that state." (Emphasis added.) This provision thus explicitly contemplates more than one designation.

The TPS statute imposes a requirement that, in order to be eligible for TPS, an alien must have been continuously physically present in the United States since the effective date of the most recent designation. This means that, regardless of when a designation may have been extended, in order to receive TPS an alien must have been physically present in the United States from the date of initial designation or from the date of any redesignation. Section 244(c)(1)(A)(I) of the Act. The statute also authorizes the Attorney General to impose an additional requirement that an alien must have continuously resided in the United

States since such date as the Attorney General may designate. Section 244(c)(1)(A)(ii) of the Act.

The required September 29, 1998, residence date will apply to all applicants. Certain trips from the United States after September 29, 1998, will be allowed under the definitions of "continuously physically present" and "continuous residence." See definitions at 8 CFR 244.1, formerly 8 CFR 240.1.

The initial registration period for this TPS redesignation continues from September 29, 1998 until March 29, 1999, in accordance with the required 180-day minimum period. Section 244(c)(1)(A)(iv) of the Act.

#### Redesignation of Liberia Under the TPS Program

On March 27, 1991, the Attorney General designated Liberia for Temporary Protected Status for a period of 12 months. 56 FR 12746. The Attorney General subsequently extended the designation of Liberia under the TPS program for additional periods, with the last extension valid until September 28, 1998. On March 31, 1998, the Attorney General published a Notice of Termination of Designation of Liberia under the TPS program effective September 28, 1998. 63 FR 15437. This determination was based on the understanding that the Department of State would review security conditions in Liberia prior to the September 28, 1998, expiration date of the TPS designation and redesignation for Liberia. The recent recurrence of armed conflict in Liberia and the Department of State review of conditions has caused the Attorney General to reconsider TPS status for Liberia and recommend the redesignation of TPS for Liberia.

In her discretion, the Attorney General has determined that, in light of renewed conflict in Liberia, the temporary conditions that exist in Liberia warrant redesignation. Therefore, pursuant to section 244(b)(1) of the Act, this notice grants Liberia a redesignation of TPS.

By operation of statute, this redesignation extends the availability of TPS only to Liberians who have been continuously physically present in the United States from the effective date of this redesignation, September 29, 1998.

#### Notice of Redesignation of Liberia Under the Temporary Protected Status Program

By the authority vested in me as Attorney General under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1254), and pursuant to the discretion vested in the Attorney General under subsection 244(b)(1) of the