

Inc. dba Sanborn Technologies, Medway, Massachusetts; Wallace & Tiernan, Inc., Belleville, New Jersey; Water Equipment Technologies, Inc., West Palm Beach, Florida; Water Pollution Control Corp, Brown Deer, Wisconsin; Waterlink, Inc., Canton, Ohio; and Waterlink Operational Services, Inc. dba Blue Water Services, Manhattan, Kansas;

3. Change the listing of the company name for the current Member A.O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc. to the new listing A.O. Smith Engineered Storage Products Company; and

4. Remove from the current Certificate, the restriction found under Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation Paragraph F (1-3) placed on Restricted Members Conservatek Industries, Inc. and Temcor regarding the Restricted Product Aluminum Covers:

1. Participation in any price discussion is limited to instances in which the prices are discussed and determined solely in the following manner: a Neutral Third Party, as hereinafter defined, acting independently, will obtain price information concerning each Restricted Product for which the Restricted Members listed in conjunction therewith intend to participate as part of a joint bid or other sales arrangement, and will incorporate such price information into the bid or other arrangement.

(i) For purposes of this paragraph, "acting independently" means that the Neutral Third Party who obtains the price information from the Restricted Members, and who negotiates offer prices on behalf of the Restricted Members, will not disclose the price information of one Restricted Member to another Restricted Member intending to participate in a joint bid or other sales arrangement as a Supplier of the Restricted Products.

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph, "Neutral Third Party" means an individual, partnership, corporation (profit or non-profit), or any representative thereof which is not engaged in the manufacture, distribution, or sale of any Restricted Product. Any Member may be a Neutral Third Party as long as it meets the requirements set out above.

2. The limitation set forth in paragraph F.1 above also shall apply to instances where more than one Restricted Member intends to participate in the joint bid or other sales arrangement but the participation of one is solely as an Export Intermediary for the Export Trade Activity or Method of Operation.

3. Neither WWEMA nor any Member participating in the Export Trade Activity or Method of Operation shall disclose the price information of one Restricted Member to another Restricted Member with respect to the relevant Restricted Product.

Dated: November 8, 2000.

**Morton Schnabel,**

*Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Government Owned Inventions Available for Licensing

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Government owned inventions available for licensing.

**SUMMARY:** The inventions listed below are owned in whole or in part by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce, and are available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical and licensing information on these inventions may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Technology Partnerships, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; Fax 301-869-2751. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket No. and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the inventions for purposes of commercialization. The inventions available for licensing are:

*NIST Docket Number:* 96-049US.

*Title:* Power Sensor.

*Abstract:* A method for forming a single cavity in a substrate, which may extend approximately the length of a device located on top of the substrate, and device produced thereby. The device has a length and a width, and may extend approximately the length of the substrate. After locating the device on the surface of the substrate, a first etchant is applied through openings on the surface of the substrate. Subsequently, a second etchant is

applied through the same openings on the surface of the substrate. As a result, a single cavity is formed beneath the surface of the device, suspending the device and minimizing electrical coupling. This invention is jointly owned by the Government and another party. The Government's interest is available for licensing.

*NIST Docket Number:* 99-007PCT.

*Title:* Polymer Layered Inorganic Nanocomposites.

*Abstract:* Polymer layered silicate nanocomposites are novel materials that have improved stiffness, barrier properties, and flammability properties. Although melt intercalation has been shown for some systems this approach has limitations and may not produce the same type of nanocomposites as the in situ polymerization approach. Several examples have shown that the driving force of a polymerization reaction is required to obtain complete dispersion of the silicate in the polymer. This in situ polymerization method has been proven for polyamides, polyesters and epoxies; however, new methods of preparation are needed, especially for non-polar polymers. This demonstrates that novel exfoliated polymer layered silicate nanocomposites can be prepared using metal catalysts, which have been intercalated into layered silicates. This process we define as "in situ transition-metal mediated polymerization." This invention is available only for non-exclusive licensing.

Dated: November 8, 2000.

**Karen H. Brown,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, December 5, 2000 from 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and Wednesday, December 6, 2000 from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The Visiting Committee on

Advanced Technology is composed of fourteen members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update on NIST programs; a presentation by one of the Visiting Committee members entitled, "The Chemical Industry—Fossil or Phoenix?"; an indepth review of the Physics Laboratory; a cross-cut review of Patent Policy; a cross-cut review of Microelectronics; and a laboratory tour. Discussions scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. and end at 5:15 p.m. on December 5, 2000 and to begin at 8 a.m. and to end at 12:45 p.m. on December 6, 2000, on staffing of management positions at NIST, the NIST budget, including funding levels of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and feedback sessions will be closed.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene December 5, 2000 at 8:15 a.m. and will adjourn at 12:45 p.m. on December 6, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Employees' Lounge (seating capacity 80, includes 38 participants), Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet R. Russell, Administrative Coordinator, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-2107.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on July 12, 2000, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussions of the staffing issues of

management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: November 8, 2000.

**Karen H. Brown,**  
Deputy Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 103000B]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 87-1593

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of supplemental application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Daniel P. Costa, Professor of Biology, Institute of Marine Sciences, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064, has submitted supplemental information to scientific research permit application No. 87-1593.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before December 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Johnson or Simona Roberts, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant proposes to capture, measure, immobilize, tag, sample and release up to 25 Crabeater seals

(*Lobodon carcinophagus*) annually, and up to 10 each: Leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*) and Ross seals (*Ommatophoca rossii*) in Antarctica. This project will determine the distribution and foraging behavior of adult Crabeater seals, and simultaneously assess the impact that oceanographic features and prey aggregations have on the foraging strategies employed.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: November 7, 2000.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.