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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Petroleum E&P Research Cooperative

Notice is hereby given that, on August 26 and September 9, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Petroleum E&P Research Cooperative ("Cooperative") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. 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 of Bartlesville, OK has become a new member of the Cooperative.

The Cooperative intends to undertake the following research projects: "Risk Assessment for Current Multilateral Systems" to provide a complete overview and a risk assessment of multilateral well completion systems currently in use particularly focusing on the Level III and Level IV type lateral well systems (mechanical integrity and pressure-sealed lateral wells, respectively); "Enhancing Well Value by Minimizing Damage from Drilling Fluids" to test and model the damage and cleanup performance of various drill-in fluids in simulated oil and gas wells, i.e., various screen and gravel pack configurations at temperature and pressure, with a special emphasis on the effect of solids; "Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Well Logging with Superconducting Magnets" to build and test the world's first superconducting NMR logging tool which can extend NMR imaging and spectroscopy into native reservoir formations surrounding a borehole, the initial phase targeting to design and evaluate a prototype cryogenic system and prototype coil for the magnet and considering the limitations imposed by the logging environment and experience gained from the current generation of permanent magnet based tools; and

"Advanced Casing Lateral Juncture Technologies for Multi-Lateral Wells-Phase I" to identify novel concepts and, in particular, consider advanced technologies from other industries that may be used to meet the functional performance requirements for a high-pressure hydraulic seal with full-bore access at the casing-to-lateral juncture in multilateral wells.

The Cooperative was formed by a written agreement dated October 16, 1996, to develop new and improved technology to meet the needs of the exploration and production functions of the petroleum industry in areas where joint research is appropriate.

Membership in this group research project remains open, and the Cooperative intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On January 16, 1997, Petroleum E&P Research Cooperative 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 13, 1997, (62 FR 6801).

The last notification was filed with the Department on August 22, 1997. The notice has not been published.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Petrotechnical Open Software Corporation ("POSC")

Notice is hereby given that, on October 16, 1997, 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. 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, the following additional parties have become new non-voting members of POSC: Geological Survey of Denmark & Greenland, Copenhagen, DENMARK; Romanian Society of Geophysics, Bucharest, ROMANIA; Marathon Oil Company (Division of

USX), Houston, TX; and Tecpetrol, Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of POSC.

On January 14, 1991, 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 July 23, 1997. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on September 10, 1997 (62 FR 47691).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Joint Industry Program—Development of an Instrument for Corrosion Detection in Insulated Pipes Using a Magnetostrictive Sensor

Notice is hereby given that, on October 8, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301, *et seq.* ("the Act"), Southwest Research Institute ("SwRI") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and with the Federal Trade Commission disclosing a change in its membership and performance date in its cooperative research project known as "Joint Industry Program—Development of an Instrument for Corrosion Detection in Insulated Pipes Using a Magnetostrictive Sensor," or "JIP". 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, three new participants have joined the cooperative research project: CTI Alaska, Inc., Anchorage, AK; Gas Research Institute, Chicago, IL; and Mitsubishi Chemical Engineering Corporation, Tokyo, Japan. In addition, Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio, TX, has been a participant in JIP since the inception of the project, but was inadvertently not noted as such in the original and succeeding notifications. Also, participant Texaco, Inc., and Electric Power Research