

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company

Notice is hereby given that, on November 5, 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"), Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company ("3M") 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 3M, St. Paul, MN; Honeywell Inc., Minneapolis, MN; RSoft, Inc., Ossining, NY; Precitech, Inc., Keene, NH; Coors Ceramics Company, Golden, CO; and CFR Research Corporation, Huntsville, AL. The nature and objectives of the venture are to establish the infrastructure to enable low cost manufacturing of wide parallel data links. This infrastructure encompasses ceramic-based connectors, heterogeneous integration of optoelectronic devices with Si CMOS electronics, built in "smart link" functionality which will ensure link performance while loosening manufacturing tolerances, and a modeling and simulation infrastructure which will allow rapid adaptation to new link configurations. The goal of use of such an approach to produce low cost cabling and standardized receiver/transmitter interconnections is to result in an industry standard system for massively parallel optical interconnects for circuit boards, compatible with existing chip attach techniques (e.g., wave soldering, etc.). Targets for a system include 36 multimode fiber wide links operating at a data rate of between 1–2 Gbps/fiber with costs comparable to copper.

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, Inc. ("NCMS")

Notice is hereby given that, on January 7, 1999, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, Inc. ("NCMS") 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, Corning, Inc., Corning, NY has been added as a party to this venture. Also, Dresser Instrument Division of Dresser Industries, Inc., Milford, CT has been dropped 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 National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, Inc. ("NCMS") intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On February 20, 1987, National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, Inc. ("NCMS") 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 March 17, 1987 (52 FR 8375).

The last notification was filed with the Department on May 8, 1998. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on June 8, 1998 (63 FR 33419).

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—National Transparent Optical Network Consortium

Notice is hereby given that, on November 17, 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"), National Transparent Optical Network Consortium (NTONC) 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 GST Telecom, Inc., Vancouver, WA; Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, operated by the Regents of the University of California, Livermore, CA; Northern Telecom, Inc., McLean, VA; and Sprint Communication Companies L.P., Burlingame, CA. The nature and objectives of the venture are to engage in cooperative research in the area of high bandwidth networking technologies to better understand the application of these technologies in the design, deployment and management of the next generation of Terabit per second networks, including without limitation prototype hardware and software deployment for the experimental demonstration of such networks.

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—OBI Consortium, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on December 1, 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"), OBI Consortium, Inc. ("Consortium") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in the 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, Xerox Corporation, Webster, NY has been added as a party to this venture. Also, Requisite Technology, Boulder, CO; GE Global Services; Fairfield, CT; Hewlett Packard,