

National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Multiservice Switching Forum ("MSF") 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, Accelerated Networks, Moorpark, CA; Oki Electric, Chiba, Japan; and Swisscom AG, Berne, Switzerland have been added as parties to this venture. Vertex Networks, San Jose, CA has been dropped as a party to this venture. Also, the following parties have changed their names: Hewlett Packard, Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom is now Agilent, Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom; Harris & Jeffries, Dedham, MA is now NetPlane, Dedham, MA; and MCIWorldCom, Richardson, TX is now WorldCom, Richardson, TX.

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 MSF intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On January 22, 1999, MSF 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 May 26, 1999 (64 FR 28519).

The last notification was filed with the Department on April 6, 2000. A notice for this filing has not yet been published in the **Federal Register**.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993; Petroleum Environmental Research Forum ("PERF")

Notice is hereby given that, on August 18, 2000, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), the Petroleum Environmental Research Forum ("PERF") 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, BOC Gases Technology, Murray Hill, NJ 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 the Petroleum Environmental Research Forum ("PERF") intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On February 10, 1986, the Petroleum Environmental Research Forum ("PERF") 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 14, 1986 (51 FR 8903).

The last notification was filed with the Department on June 6, 2000. A notice has not yet been published in the **Federal Register**.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—SchoolTone Alliance, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on July 25, 2000, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), SchoolTone Alliance, Inc. ("SchoolTone") 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 SchoolTone Alliance, Inc., San Francisco, CA; AboveNet, San Jose, CA; ACTV, New York, NY; BigChalk, Bellingham, WA; Blackboard, Inc., Washington, DC; Britannica, San Francisco, CA; Callisto Media Systems, Hull, Quebec, CANADA; Computer Curriculum Corporation, Sunnyvale, CA; Exodus Communications, Santa

Clara, CA; HighWired.com, Watertown, MA; I-Mind Education Systems, Inc., Corte Madera, CA; Isis Communications Limited, Melbourne, Victoria, AUSTRALIA; Jason Project, Waltham, MA; Lucent Technologies, Warren, NJ; Open School/Open Learning, Victoria, British Columbia, CANADA; Power School, Folsom, CA; RiverDeep Interactive Learning, Cambridge, MA; Simplexis, San Francisco, CA; SRI International, Menlo Park, CA; Sun Microsystems, Inc., Palo Alto, CA; Timecruiser Computing Corporation, Fairfield, NJ; and USA Video Interactive, Mystic, CT.

The nature and objectives of the venture are to improve the quality and effectiveness of kindergarten through 12th grade ("K-12" education) by creating a global association of technology and service companies to promote collaboration among companies in providing "anytime, anywhere learning" over the web; to create and promote the offering of high-quality portals that provide affordable and easy-to-access Internet content and communication tools and applications for K-12 schools; to promote the development of web-based educational materials, portal technologies, applications and services which can be deployed through educational service providers to K-12 schools worldwide, and be a forum for the suppliers of such materials, portal technologies, applications and services; to evaluate grant proposals and recommend the selection of specific K-12 schools as grant recipients for computer hardware, software and related technologies to be donated free of charge or below cost by for-profit corporations; and to promote to schools the availability of on-line academic resources free or at an affordable cost. The corporation shall not engage in commercial sales of products or services. In furtherance of the above stated specific purpose, SchoolTone may, among other things, engage in theoretical analysis; experimentation; systematic study research; development; testing; the extension of investigative findings or theory of a scientific or technical nature into practical application; the collection, exchange and analysis of research or production information; and any combination of the foregoing.

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