

that the United States is considering submitting for consideration at COP12. The public meeting will be held on April 17, 2002, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Sidney Yates Auditorium of the Department of the Interior at 18th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC. You can obtain directions to the building by contacting the Division of Management Authority (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, above). Sidney Yates Auditorium is accessible to the handicapped. Persons planning to attend the meeting who require interpretation for the hearing impaired should notify the Division of Management Authority as soon as possible. All persons planning to attend the meeting will be required to present photo identification when entering the building.

#### Observers

Article XI, paragraph 7 of CITES states the following:

“Any body or agency technically qualified in protection, conservation or management of wild fauna and flora, in the following categories, which has informed the Secretariat of its desire to be represented at meetings of the Conference by observers, shall be admitted unless at least one-third of the Parties present object:

(a) International agencies or bodies, either governmental or non-governmental, and national governmental agencies and bodies; and

(b) National non-governmental agencies or bodies which have been approved for this purpose by the State in which they are located.

Once admitted, these observers shall have the right to participate but not to vote.”

Persons wishing to be observers representing international non-governmental organizations (which must have offices in more than one country) at COP12 may request approval directly from the CITES Secretariat. Persons wishing to be observers representing U.S. national non-governmental organizations at COP12 must receive prior approval from our Division of Management Authority. Once we grant our approval, a U.S. national non-governmental organization is eligible to register with the Secretariat and must do so at least one month prior to the opening of COP12 to participate in COP12 as an observer. Individuals who are not affiliated with an organization may not register as observers. An international non-governmental organization with at least one office in the United States may register as a U.S. non-governmental organization if it prefers.

A request submitted to us for approval as an observer should include evidence of technical qualifications in protection, conservation, or management of wild fauna and/or flora, on the part of both the organization and the individual representative(s). The request should also include copies of the organization's charter and/or bylaws, and a list of representatives it intends to send to COP12. An organization that we have previously approved as an observer at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties within the past five years must submit a request but does not need to provide as much detailed information concerning its qualifications as an organization seeking approval for the first time. Organizations seeking approval for the first time should detail their experience in the protection, conservation, or management of wild fauna and/or flora, as well as their purposes for wishing to participate in COP12 as an observer. These requests should be sent to the Division of Management Authority ( see **ADDRESSES**, above).

Once we approve an organization as an observer, we will send the organization instructions for registration with the CITES Secretariat in Switzerland, including a meeting registration form and relevant travel and hotel information. Any organization requesting approval for observer status at COP12 will be added to our CITES Mailing List if it is not already included, and will receive notice of all future **Federal Register** notices and other information pertaining to COP12. A list of organizations approved for observer status at COP12 will be available upon request from the Division of Management Authority just prior to the start of COP12. The deadline for registration of an organization as an observer at COP12 is one month prior to the opening of the COP.

#### Future Actions

The United States must submit any species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items for consideration at COP12, to the CITES Secretariat 150 days prior to the start of the meeting (i.e., by June 6, 2002). We are planning to soon publish a **Federal Register** notice announcing species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items that the United States is considering submitting to COP12, and soliciting further information and comments on them. We will consider all available information and comments, including those presented at the public meeting (see **DATES** above) or received in writing during the comment period, in deciding

which species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items warrant submission by the United States for consideration of the Parties. Those we decide to submit for consideration at COP12 will be submitted to the CITES Secretariat by June 6, 2002.

We expect the CITES Secretariat to provide us with a provisional agenda for COP12 within the next several months. Once we receive the provisional agenda, we will publish it in a **Federal Register** notice. We will also plan to provide it through our Website, if it is available.

Approximately four months prior to COP12, we plan to announce those species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items submitted by the United States to the CITES Secretariat for consideration at COP12 by posting a notice on our Website, if it is available.

Through a **Federal Register** notice approximately two months prior to COP12, we will publish the provisional agenda for COP12 and inform you about proposed U.S. negotiating positions on proposals to amend the Appendices, draft resolutions, draft decisions, discussion papers, and other issues before the Parties for consideration at COP12. We will also publish an announcement of a public meeting that we expect to hold approximately 30 to 45 days prior to COP12, to receive public input on our positions regarding COP12 issues.

Prior to COP12, we plan to post on our Website (if it is available) any changes the United States makes to its proposed negotiating positions contained in the **Federal Register** notice referred to in the above paragraph.

**Authority:** The primary author of this notice is Mark Albert, Division of Management Authority; under the authority of the U.S. Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: March 12, 2002.

**Steve Williams,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—the Digital Subscriber Line Forum

Notice is hereby given that, on February 5, 2002, 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 Digital Subscriber Line Forum ("DSL") 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, US Robotics, Schaumburg, IL, and Uniden America Corporation, Fort Worth, TX, have been added as parties to this venture. Also, Mitel Semiconductor is now called Mitel Networks, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

In addition, Globespan and Virata Ltd. have merged to become GlobespanVirata, Cambridge, United Kingdom.

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

On May 15, 1995, DSL 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 July 25, 1995 (60 FR 38058).

The last notification was filed with the Department on October 9, 2001. A notice for this filing has not yet been published in the **Federal Register**.

**Constance K. Robinson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Nanometer Scale Patterning for Terabyte Capacity Disk Drives

Notice is hereby given that, on February 28, 2002, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Nanometer Scale Patterning for Terabyte Capacity Disk Drives 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 GE Corporate Research and Development, Niskayuna, NY; Imation Corporation, Oakdale, MN; and IBM Corporation, Almaden Research Center, San Jose, CA. The nature and objectives of the venture are to develop and demonstrate "Nanometer Scale Patterning for Terabyte Capacity Disk Drives".

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Management Service Providers Association, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on February 11, 2002, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act") Management Service Providers Association, 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, Intellinet Corporation, Richmond Heights, OH and Situs Management Inc., Tokyo, JAPAN have been added as parties to this venture. Also, the following are no longer members: 2nd Wave Inc., Dallas, TX; Access360, Irvine, CA; AdventNet Inc., Pleasanton, CA; Altaworks Corporation, Nashua, NH; Aptegrity Inc., Fairfield, NJ; Arsenal Digital Solutions, Durham, NC; Arula Systems Inc., Cupertino, CA; Avasta Inc., San Francisco, CA; AVCOM, Sunnyvale, CA; Candle Corporation, El Segundo, CA; Center 7 Inc., Lindon, UT; Check Point Software Technologies Ltd., Redwood City, CA; Crystal Group Inc., Hiawatha, IA; DefendNet Solutions Inc., Providence, RI; developNET Corporation, Portland, OR; Digital Fuel Technologies Inc., Redwood City, CA; Dimension Data McLean, VA; Dirig Software, Nashua, NH; e4e Inc., Santa Clara, CA; EasyVista.com, Beverly, MA; Entuity, New York, NY; Envive Corporation, Mountain View, CA; esavio, Berwyn PA; Euclid Network Solutions Inc., Santa

Clara, CA; FusionStrom, San Francisco, CA; Gomez Networks, Lincoln, MA; Guardent Inc., Waltham, MA; ISManaged Inc., Plano, TX; Keynote Systems Inc., San Mateo, CA; Kinetica Pty. Ltd., Pymble, New South Wales, AUSTRALIA; Logical Worldwide, Slough, UNITED KINGDOM; Luminare Inc., Redwood City, CA; ManagedStorage International Inc., Broomfield, CO; Marimba Inc., Mountain View, CA; N-able Technologies, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA; NCMX Inc., Seattle, WA; NEXL Inc., Peabody MA; NOCpulse Inc., Sunnyvale, CA; Objective Systems Integrators, Folsom, CA; Oblicore Inc., Ramat Gan, ISRAEL; OMRON ALPHATEC Corporation, Tokyo, JAPAN; Opticom Inc., Andover, MA; PatchLink.com Corporation, Scottsdale, AZ; Precise Software Systems Ltd., Westwood, MA; Qualys Inc., Redwood City, CA; Raymond James & Associates, St. Petersburg, FL; Selis Networks Inc., San Francisco, CA; SilverBack Technologies, Billerica, MA; StorageWay Inc., Fremont, CA; Symantec Corporation, Cupertino, CA; TEKsystems Internet Business Services LLC, Beaverton, OR; and Trend Micro Inc., Cupertino, CA.

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 Management Service Providers Association, Inc. intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On October 20, 2000, Management Service Providers Association, 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 November 24, 2000 (65 FR 70613).

The last notification was filed with the Department on November 20, 2001. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on February 5, 2002 (67 FR 5292).

**Constance K. Robinson,**

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