

Register pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on October 14, 2003 (68 FR 59197).

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

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

Notice is hereby given that, on December 12, 2003, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), PXI Systems Alliance, 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, Conduant Corporation, Longmont, CO; and Strategic Test AB, Akersberga-Stockholm, Sweden have been added as parties to this venture. Also, Acromag, Inc., Wixom, MI; Dolch Computer Systems, Fremont, CA; and Modular Integration Technologies, Boonton, NJ have been dropped as parties 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 PXI Systems Alliance, Inc. intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 22, 2000, PXI Systems Alliance, 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 March 8, 2001 (66 FR 13971).

The last notification was filed with the Department on September 22, 2003. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on October 14, 2003 (68 FR 59198).

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Southwest Research Institute ("SwRI"): Fuel/Water Separation Characteristics Program

Notice is hereby given that, on December 17, 2003, 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"): Fuel/Water Separation Characteristics Program has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its project status and 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, performance was reinstated and the period was initially extended to October 1, 2003; the period of performance has now been extended to July 1, 2004. In addition, Lydall Filtration/Separation, Inc., Rochester, NH, has become a member.

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 Southwest Research Institute ("SwRI"): Fuel/Water Separation Characteristics Program intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On March 10, 2000, Southwest Research Institute ("SwRI"): Fuel/Water Separation Characteristics Program 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 2, 2000 (65 FR 65882).

The last notification was filed with the Department on June 11, 2001. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on July 30, 2001 (66 FR 39337).

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to The National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Investigation of Soot Removal Testing Methods for Automotive Applications

Notice is hereby given that, on December 17, 2003, 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 the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in planned activities and 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, Baldwin Filters, Kearney, NE has withdrawn as a party to this venture, and the period of performance has been extended to December 31, 2003.

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 Southwest Research Institute ("SwRI") intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On September 23, 2002, Southwest Research Institute ("SwRI") 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 6, 2002 (67 FR 67650).

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment Standards Administration

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed

and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Report for Transportation Subject to Department of Transportation Requirements (WH-514); Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Report for Transportation Subject to Department of Labor Safety Standards (WH-514a). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before March 22, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0418, fax (202) 693-1451, e-mail [bell.hazel@dol.gov](mailto:bell.hazel@dol.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or e-mail).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

##### I. Background

Section 401 of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (MSPA) requires that farm labor contractor, agricultural employers, or agricultural associations who use any vehicle to transport a migrant or seasonal agricultural worker, ensure that such vehicle conforms to vehicle State safety standards prescribed by MSPA and other applicable Federal and State safety standards. The use of forms WH-514 and WH-514a enable an applicant to verify to the Department or appropriate State agency that the vehicles used to transport such workers meet these safety standards. The WH-514 is used to verify that Department of Transportation safety standards are set for all vehicles other than passenger automobiles or station wagons, and the WH-514a is used to verify that Department of Labor safety standards are met for all vehicles including passenger automobiles or station wagons. This information collection is currently approved for use through July 31, 2004.

##### II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

##### III. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks approval for the extension of this information collection in order to verify that farm labor contractors, agricultural employers, and agricultural associations have complied with the applicable safety standards.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Report for Transportation Subject to Department of Transportation Requirements (WH-514); Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Report for Transportation Subject to Department of Labor Safety Standards (WH-514a).

*OMB Number:* 1215-0036.

*Agency Number:* WH-514 and WH-514a.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit; Farms.

*Total Respondents:* 1,020.

*Total Responses:* 3,060.

*Average Time per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 255.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$140,760.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 14, 2004.

**Bruce Bohanon,**

*Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.*

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#### MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

##### Privacy Act of 1974; Amendment of Privacy Act System of Records

**AGENCY:** Merit Systems Protection Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of adding a new system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB or the Board) issues public notice that it is adding a system of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), namely MSPB/INTERNAL-4, "Case Memoranda/Draft Decisions."

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 14, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the Clerk of the Board, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, 1615 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20419.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Timothy L. Korb, Privacy Act Officer, at (202) 653-7200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By **Federal Register** notice of June 7, 2000 (65 FR 36166), the Board informed the public that it would no longer maintain records in the system known as MSPB/Internal-4 by the name or personal identifier of the record subject. MSPB/Internal-4 contained advisory memoranda from Board attorneys to the Board members regarding appeals pending before the Board. Following this **Federal Register** notice, the Board continued to maintain these memoranda in its computer system, but deleted personal identifiers such as party names and docket numbers once a decision was issued. Recently, however, the Board determined that it would no longer delete these identifiers from the memoranda, which means that these memoranda are once again contained in a system of records subject to the Privacy Act.

Although the case memoranda are again covered by the Privacy Act, the Board does not intend to release them to the public, either under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), or under the Privacy Act, because the memoranda fall within statutory exemptions to the general duty to provide requested