

Register pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on August 18, 2004 (69 FR 51329).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—VSI Alliance

Notice is hereby given that, on October 8, 2004, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), VSI Alliance 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, Microelectronics Research Institute "PROGRESS", Moscow, RUSSIA; and David Gardner (individual member), Round Rock, TX have been added as parties to this venture.

Also, Alcatel, Edegem, BELGIUM; Bob Altizer (individual member), Phoenix, AZ; Guy Bois (individual member), Montreal, Quebec, CANADA; Annette Bunker (individual member), Salt Lake City, UT; Ramesh Chandra (individual member), San Diego, CA; Edoardo Charbon (individual member), Berkeley, CA; Lee Dilley (individual member), Doylestown, PA; Dolphin Technology, San Jose, CA; GDA Technology, Karnatake, INDIA; Qun Ge (individual member), Shanghai, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA; David Greenstein (individual member), Cupertino, CA; Carolyn Hayden, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA; HD Labs, Yokohama, JAPAN; Robert Helt (individual member), Moraga, CA; IPTC Corporation, Yokohama, JAPAN; Gerald Keeler (individual member), San Francisco, CA; Alfred Kwok (individual member), San Jose, CA; Kun-Bin Lee (individual member), Hsinchu, TAIWAN; Samy Makar (individual member), Fremont, CA; Microelectronics Center of Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA; Seijiro Moriyama (individual member), Kohoku-ku, JAPAN; Miodrag Potkonjak (individual member), Los Angeles, CA; Hardy Pottinger (individual member),

Rolla, MO; Gang Qu (individual member), College Park, MD; Alberto Sangiovanni-Vincentelli (individual member), Berkeley, CA; Richard Stolzman (individual member), Campbell, CA; Patrick Sullivan (individual member), Palo Alto, CA; James Tobias (individual member), San Jose, CA; Kumar Venkatramani (individual member), Saratoga, CA; Joe Villella (individual member), Palo Alto, CA; and Kurt Woodland (individual member), Morgan Hill, CA 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 remains open, and VSI Alliance intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 29, 1996, VSI Alliance 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 4, 1997 (62 FR 9812).

The last notification was filed with the Department on July 12, 2004. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on August 18, 2004 (69 FR 51330).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. DEA-259P]

Controlled Substances: Proposed Aggregate Production Quotas for 2005

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Justice.

ACTION: Notice of proposed year 2005 aggregate production quotas.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes initial year 2005 aggregate production quotas for controlled substances in Schedules I and II of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA).

DATES: Comments or objections must be received on or before December 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: To ensure proper handling of comments, please reference "Docket No. DEA-259P" on all written and electronic correspondence. Written comments being sent via regular mail should be sent to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement

Administration, Washington, DC 20537, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/ODL. Written comments sent via express mail should be sent to DEA Headquarters, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/ODL, 2401 Jefferson-Davis Highway, Alexandria, VA 22301. Comments may be directly sent to DEA electronically by sending an electronic message to dea.diversion.policy@usdoj.gov. Comments may also be sent electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov> using the electronic comment form provided on that site. An electronic copy of this document is also available at the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. DEA will accept attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Adobe PDF, or Excel file formats only. DEA will not accept any file format other than those specifically listed here.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 306 of the CSA (21 U.S.C. 826) requires that the Attorney General establish aggregate production quotas for each basic class of controlled substance listed in Schedules I and II. This responsibility has been delegated to the Administrator of the DEA by Section 0.100 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Administrator, in turn, has redelegated this function to the Deputy Administrator, pursuant to Section 0.104 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

The proposed year 2005 aggregate production quotas represent those quantities of controlled substances that may be produced in the United States in 2005 to provide adequate supplies of each substance for: the estimated medical, scientific, research, and industrial needs of the United States; lawful export requirements; and the establishment and maintenance of reserve stocks. These quotas do not include imports of controlled substances for use in industrial processes.

In determining the proposed year 2005 aggregate production quotas, the Deputy Administrator considered the following factors: total actual 2003 and estimated 2004 and 2005 net disposals of each substance by all manufacturers; estimates of 2004 year-end inventories of each substance and of any substance manufactured from it and trends in accumulation of such inventories;