

and/or marine mammals (50 CFR Part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: USGS National Wildlife Health Center, Madison, WI, PRT-195274

The applicant requests a permit to acquire carcasses and tissue samples of northern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) from coastal Washington and Alaska and export frozen tissue samples to Fisheries and Oceans Canada laboratory in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada for the purpose of scientific research on the presence of infectious virus in the tissues of these sea otters. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Dated: November 21, 2008.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1320-EL, WYW154432]

Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of competitive coal lease sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the North Maysdorf Coal Tract described below in Campbell County, Wyoming, will be reoffered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

DATES: The lease sale reoffer will be held at 10 a.m., on Thursday, January 29, 2009. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m., on Wednesday, January 28, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale reoffer will be held in the First Floor Conference Room (Room 107), of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Wyoming State Office, at the address given above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, or Robert Janssen, Coal Coordinator, at 307-775-6258, and 307-775-6206, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Cordero Mining Company, Gillette, Wyoming. The North Maysdorf Tract was previously offered on October 18, 2007, and March 19, 2008, and the one bid received at each of those two sales was rejected because it did not meet the BLM's estimate of fair market value. The coal resource to be offered consists of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following-described lands located in central Campbell County, approximately 2 miles east of State Highway 59, 4 miles south of Bishop Road, and is adjacent to the southern lease boundary of the Belle Ayr Mine and the northwest lease boundary of the Cordero Rojo Mine:

T. 47 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Section 7: Lots 5, 12, 13, 20;
Section 8: Lots 3 through 6, 11 through 13.
Containing 445.89 acres more or less.

The tract is adjacent to Federal coal leases to the north and east held by the Belle Ayr and Cordero Rojo Mines, respectively. It is adjacent to additional unleased Federal coal to the west and south. It is also adjacent to about 40 acres of private coal controlled by the Cordero Rojo Mine. All of the acreage offered has been determined to be suitable for mining. Features such as pipelines can be moved to permit coal recovery. In addition, oil and/or gas wells have been drilled on the tract. The estimate of the bonus value of the coal lease will include consideration of any future production from these wells. An economic analysis of this future income stream will determine whether a well is bought out and plugged prior to mining or re-established after mining is completed. The surface estate of the tract is owned by Cordero Mining Company, Caballo Rojo, Inc. and Foundation Wyoming Land Company.

The tract contains surface mineable coal reserves in the Wyodak seam currently being recovered in the adjacent, existing mine. On the LBA tract, the Wyodak seam is generally a

single seam averaging approximately 70 feet thick. The overburden depths range from 170-360 feet thick on the LBA.

The tract contains an estimated 54,657,000 tons of mineable coal. This estimate of mineable reserves includes the main Wyodak seam but does not include any tonnage from localized seams or splits containing less than 5 feet of coal. It does not include the adjacent private coal although these reserves are expected to be recovered in conjunction with the LBA. The total mineable stripping ratio (BCY/Ton) of the coal is about 3.7:1. Potential bidders for the LBA should consider the recovery rate expected from thick seam mining.

The North Maysdorf LBA coal is ranked as subbituminous C. The overall average quality on an as-received basis is 8586 BTU/lb with about 0.27% sulfur. These quality averages place the coal reserves near the middle of the range of coal quality currently being mined in the Wyoming portion of the Powder River Basin.

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid meets or exceeds the BLM's estimate of the fair market value of the tract. The minimum bid for the tract is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. No bid that is less than \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. The bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand delivered. The Cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 4 p.m., on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, will not be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value of the tract will be determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale. The lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, and a royalty payment to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal produced by strip or auger mining methods and 8 percent of the value of the coal produced by underground mining methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

Bidding instructions for the tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are available from the BLM Wyoming State Office at the addresses above. Case file documents, WYW154432, are available for inspection at the BLM Wyoming State Office.

Dated: November 25, 2008.

Larry Claypool,

Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-661]

In the Matter of Certain Semiconductor Chips Having Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory Controllers and Products Containing Same: Notice of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on November 6, 2008, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, on behalf of Rambus Inc. of Los Altos, California. A letter supplementing the complaint was filed on November 21, 2008. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain semiconductor chips having synchronous dynamic random access memory controllers and products containing same, including graphics cards and motherboards, that infringe certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,177,998; 7,210,016; 6,470,405; 6,591,353; 7,287,109; 7,287,119; 7,330,952; 7,330,953; and 7,360,050. The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a general exclusion order and a cease and desist order.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access

to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <http://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vu Q. Bui, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2582.

Authority: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2008).

Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on December 4, 2008, *Ordered that*—

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain semiconductor chips having synchronous dynamic random access memory controllers or products containing same that infringe one or more of claims 7, 13, 21, and 22 of U.S. Patent No. 7,177,998; claims 7, 13, 21, and 22 of U.S. Patent No. 7,210,016; claims 11-13, 15, and 18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,470,405; claims 11-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,591,353; claims 1-6, 11-13, 20-22, and 24 of U.S. Patent No. 7,287,109; claims 21 and 22 of U.S. Patent No. 7,287,119; claims 21, 22, and 24 of U.S. Patent No. 7,330,952; claim 25 of U.S. Patent No. 7,330,953; and claims 29 and 31 of U.S. Patent No. 7,360,050, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainant is—
Rambus Inc., 4440 El Camino Real, Los Altos, California 94022.

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:
NVIDIA Corporation, 2701 San Tomas Expressway, Santa Clara, California 95050;
Asustek Computer Inc., 4F, No. 15, Li Te Rd., Peitou District, Taipei 112, Taiwan;

ASUS Computer International, Inc., 800 Corporate Way, Fremont, California 94539;
BFG Technologies, Inc., 28690 Ballard Drive, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045;
Biostar Microtech (U.S.A.) Corp., 18551 East Gale Avenue, City of Industry, California 91748;
Biostar Microtech International Corp., 2 Fl., 108-2 Ming Chuan Road, Hsin Tien, Taiwan;
Diablotek Inc., 1421 Pedley Drive, Alhambra, California 91803;
EVGA Corp., 2900 Saturn Street, Suite B, Brea, California 92821;
G.B.T. Inc., 17358 Railroad St., City of Industry, California 91748;
Giga-byte Technology Co., Ltd., No. 6, Bau Chiang Road, Hsin-Tien, Taipei 231, Taiwan;
Hewlett-Packard Co., 3000 Hanover Street, Palo Alto, California 94304;
MSI Computer Corp., 901 Canada Court, City of Industry, California 91748;
Micro-star International Co., Ltd., No. 69, Li-De St., Jung-He City, Taipei Hsien, Taiwan;
Palit Multimedia Inc., 1920 O'Toole Way, San Jose, California 95131;
Palit Microsystems Ltd., 21F, 88, Sec. 2, Chung Hsiao E. Rd., Taipei, Taiwan;
Pine Technology Holdings, Ltd. Units 5507-10 Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong;
Sparkle Computer Co., Ltd., 13F, No. 2, Sec. 1 Fu Hsing S. Rd., Taipei, Taiwan.

(c) The Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation, is Vu Q. Bui, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Suite 401, Washington, DC 20436; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, Paul J. Luckern, Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(d) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the