

Honeywell, Phoenix, AZ; LKSoftWare GmbH, Kuenzell, GERMANY; and NARA, Rocket Center, WV, have withdrawn as parties to this venture.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 PDES intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On September 20, 1988, PDES 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 October 14, 1988 (53 FR 40282).

The last notification was filed with the Department on April 20, 2016. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on May 24, 2016 (81 FR 32776).

Patricia A. Brink,

Director of Civil Enforcement, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

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

Notice is hereby given that, on September 28, 2017, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), UHD Alliance, Inc. (“UHD Alliance”) filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes 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, ASUSTeK Computer Inc., Taipei, TAIWAN, and THX Ltd., San Francisco, CA, have been added as parties to this venture.

Also, European Broadcasting Union (EBU), Geneva, SWITZERLAND; Eutelsat SA, Paris, FRANCE; Ittiam Systems Inc., Plano, TX; Orange Labs, Sevigne, FRANCE; and Sharp Corporation, Tochigi, JAPAN, 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 UHD Alliance intends to file additional written

notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On June 17, 2015, UHD 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 July 17, 2015 (80 FR 42537).

The last notification was filed with the Department on June 6, 2017. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on July 5, 2017 (82 FR 31069).

Patricia A. Brink,

Director of Civil Enforcement, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging Proposed Consent Decree

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Black Tea Oil, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 2:17-cv-02030, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Kansas on November 6, 2017.

This proposed Consent Decree concerns a complaint filed by the United States against Black Tea Oil, LLC and Christopher C. Leiker, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1319(b) and (d), to obtain injunctive relief from and impose civil penalties against the Defendants for violating the Clean Water Act by discharging pollutants without a permit into waters of the United States. The proposed Consent Decree resolves these allegations by requiring the Defendants to restore the impacted areas and to pay a civil penalty.

The Department of Justice will accept written comments relating to this proposed Consent Decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice. Please address comments to Phillip R. Dupré, Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Environmental Defense Section, Post Office Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044, and refer to *United States v. Black Tea Oil, LLC, et al.*, DJ #90-5-1-1-20653.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Clerk’s Office, United States District Court for the District of Kansas, 500 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101. In addition, the proposed Consent Decree may be examined

electronically at <http://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>.

Cherie L. Rogers,

Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Defense Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Contribution Operations, ETA-581

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension for the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, “Contribution Operations, ETA-581.” This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all written comments received by January 12, 2018.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of responses, and estimated total burden may be obtained free by contacting Patrick Holmes by telephone at (202) 693-3203 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at Holmes.Patrick.G@dol.gov.

Submit written comments about, or requests for a copy of, this ICR by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room S-4520, Washington, DC 20210; by email: Holmes.Patrick.G@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Holmes by telephone at (202) 693-3203 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email Holmes.Patrick.G@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOL, as part of continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies an opportunity to

comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information before submitting them to the OMB for final approval. This program helps to ensure 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 can be properly assessed.

State UI agencies report data on the ETA 581 report in order to measure performance, accuracy and promptness in employer registrations, timeliness of filing contribution and wage reports by employers, collections (accounts receivable), and field audits of employers. Data on the report also measures state efforts to detect employer tax avoidance schemes, which is known as State Unemployment Tax Act (SUTA) Dumping. Section 303(k) of the Social Security Act requires states to detect SUTA Dumping. ETA uses the information reported on the report to monitor and measure program performance and make projections and forecasts in conjunction with the budgetary process. Sections 303(a)(6) and (k) of the Social Security Act authorizes this information collection.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to the contact shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments must be written to receive consideration, and they will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the final ICR. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1205-0178.

Submitted comments will also be a matter of public record for this ICR and posted on the Internet, without redaction. The DOL encourages commenters not to include personally identifiable information, confidential business data, or other sensitive statements/information in any comments.

The DOL is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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 submission of responses.

Agency: DOL-ETA.

Type of Review: Extension without changes.

Title of Collection: Contribution Operations, ETA-581.

Form: ETA 581, Contribution Operations.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0178.

Affected Public: State governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 212.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 7.5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 1,590 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden: \$0.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

Nancy M. Rooney,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code: Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences (#11110).

Date and Time: December 19, 2017; 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room E 3410, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please contact Rachel Evans at rlevans@nsf.gov to obtain a visitor badge. All visitors to the NSF will be required to show photo ID to obtain a badge.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Brent Miller, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room C 12016, Alexandria, VA 22314; Tel No.: (703) 292-8400.

Purpose of Meeting: The Advisory Committee for the Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO) provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directions, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

Agenda: This meeting will be held telephonically among the Advisory Committee members; public visitors will be able to attend the meeting in person at NSF headquarters. Agenda items will include welcoming new Advisory Committee (AC) members, review of the AC's function, discussion of potential future AC activities, and other matters relevant to the Directorate for Biological Sciences.

Dated: November 6, 2017.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703-292-8224; email: ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 14, 2017, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit application received. The permit was issued on October 16, 2017 to:

1. Jay J. Rotella, Permit No. 2018-012
2. Linnea Pearson, Permit No. 2018-013