

LLC, Burlington, MA, have withdrawn as parties to this venture.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 NSC intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On May 24, 2014, NSC 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 4, 2014 (72 FR 65424).

The last notification was filed with the Department on May 14, 2018. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on June 19, 2018 (83 FR 28449).

Suzanne Morris,

Chief, Premerger and Division Statistics Unit, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

On November 1, 2018, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio in the lawsuit entitled *United States v. The Atlas-Lederer Company, et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:91-CV-00309.

The United States filed this lawsuit under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The complaint seeks recovery of costs incurred or to be incurred in connection with the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the United Scrap Lead Superfund Site in Concord Township, Miami County, Ohio. Three defendants are parties to the proposed Consent Decree: Caldwell Iron & Metal, Larry Katz, and Edison Automotive Inc. Caldwell Iron & Metal and Larry Katz collectively agree to pay \$82,492 plus interest over three years. Edison Automotive Inc. agrees to pay \$22,334. In return, the United States agrees not to sue the defendants under sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should

refer to *United States v. The Atlas-Lederer Company, et al.* D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-279B. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

<i>To submit comments:</i>	<i>Send them to:</i>
By email	<i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.</i>
By mail	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ-ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

During the public comment period, the proposed Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. We will provide a paper copy of the proposed Consent Decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ-ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$5.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

Randall M. Stone,

Acting Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended ("CERCLA")

On October 31, 2018, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed consent decree with the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan in the lawsuit entitled *United States of America v. City of Ironwood, Michigan*, Civil Action No. 2:18-cv-195.

The United States filed this lawsuit under CERCLA. The complaint requests recovery of costs that the United States incurred in responding to releases of hazardous substances at the Ironwood Manufactured Gas Plant Site in Ironwood, Michigan. The City of Ironwood agrees to pay \$170,000 of the United States' response costs and maintain engineering controls at the Site. In return, the United States agrees not to sue the City of Ironwood under Section 107(a) of CERCLA.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States of America v. City of Ironwood, Michigan*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-11704. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

<i>To submit comments:</i>	<i>Send them to:</i>
By email	<i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.</i>
By mail	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ-ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

During the public comment period, the consent decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>.

We will provide a paper copy of the consent decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ-ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$13.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

Randall M. Stone,

Acting Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act

On October 31, 2018, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the Western District of Missouri in the matter entitled *United States of America, et al v. Blue Tee Corp., Brown Strauss, Inc., David P. Alldian, Richard A. Secrist, and William M. Kelly* Case No. 3:18-cv-5097. The Consent Decree resolves claims against Blue Tee Corp. ("Blue Tee") and Brown Strauss Inc. ("BSI") under the Comprehensive Environmental

Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* The claims involved are asserted by the United States on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Interior, and claims are asserted by the states of Colorado, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Montana, Tennessee, and by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, the Seneca-Cayuga Nation, the Wyandotte Nation, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and the Cherokee Nation (“the Governments”). The Consent Decree also resolves claims against Blue Tee, David P. Alldian, Richard A. Secrist, and William M. Kelly (“D&O Defendants”) under the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act (“FDCPA”), 28 U.S.C. 3301 *et seq.* and similar state and tribal laws. Under the Consent Decree, the Governments will share in payments from the Settling Defendants totaling \$75,725,000 which will be allocated on a site by site basis as set forth in the Consent Decree. In this Consent Decree the United States grants covenants not to sue for the following Sites: Old American Zinc Plant, Sauguet Industrial Corridor, and Asarco Taylor Springs Sites in Illinois; the Tar Creek Site in Oklahoma; the Cherokee County, Caney Residential Yards, American Zinc, Lead and Smelting Company, Dearing, Neodesha, Owen Zinc, and East La Harpe Smelter Sites in Kansas; the Jasper County and Newton County Sites in Missouri; the Carpenter-Snow Creek Mining Site in Montana; the Klondyke Tailings Site in Arizona; the Bonita Peak and Ouray Sites in Colorado; the Rockwood Iron and Metal Site in Tennessee; and the Anderson-Calhoun Mine & Mill and the Grandview Mine & Mill Sites in Washington. The CERCLA claims arise from the Blue Tee’s and BSI’s liabilities under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), for costs incurred and to be incurred relating to the sites listed above.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States of America, et al. v. Blue Tee Corp., Brown Strauss, Inc., David P. Alldian, Richard A. Secrist, and William M. Kelly* Case No. 3:18-cv-5097, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-2-330/12. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

<i>To submit comments:</i>	<i>Send them to:</i>
By email	<i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.</i>
By mail	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ-ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. We will provide a paper copy of the Consent Decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ-ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$10.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

Susan M. Akers,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

[Exemption Application No. D-11938]

Notice of Proposed Exemption Involving Retirement Clearinghouse, LLC (RCH or the Applicant)—Located in Charlotte, North Carolina

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed exemption.

SUMMARY: This document gives notice of a proposed individual exemption from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA or the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

DATES: Written comments and requests for a public hearing on the proposed exemption should be submitted to the Department December 24, 2018.

If the Department of Labor (Department) grants this proposed exemption, it will be effective for five years beginning on the date a final exemption is published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Comments should state the nature of the person’s interest in the

proposed exemption. If the commenter would be adversely affected by the exemption’s approval, the comment should describe the manner in which the commenter will be adversely affected. A request for a hearing can be requested by any interested person who may be adversely affected by an exemption. A request for a hearing must state: (1) The name, address, telephone number, and email address of the person making the request; (2) the nature of the person’s interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be adversely affected by the exemption; and (3) a statement of the issues to be addressed and a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing. The Department will grant a request for a hearing made in accordance with the requirements above where a hearing is necessary to fully explore material factual issues identified by the person requesting the hearing. A notice of such hearing shall be published by the Department in the **Federal Register**. The Department may decline to hold a hearing if: (1) The request for the hearing does not meet the requirements above; (2) the only issues identified for exploration at the hearing are matters of law; or (3) the factual issues identified can be fully explored through the submission of evidence in written (including electronic) form.

All written comments and requests for a hearing (at least three copies) should be sent to the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA), Office of Exemption Determinations, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20210. Attention: Application No. D-11938. Interested persons are also invited to submit comments and/or hearing requests to EBSA via email or FAX. Any such comments or requests should be sent either by email to: e-oed@dol.gov, or by FAX to (202) 693-8474 by the end of the scheduled comment period. The application for exemption and the comments received will be available for public inspection in the Public Documents Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-1515, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Warning: All comments received will be included in the public record without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be confidential or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. If you submit a