

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## Antitrust Division

**Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993 the Open Group, L.L.C.**

Notice is hereby given that, on July 16, 1997, pursuant to § 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), The Open Group, L.L.C. ("TOG") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objective of the venture. 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. Pursuant to § 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the Associate members of TOG, which, by virtue of such status are not entitled to vote or appoint representatives, are as follows: T. Rowe Price Investment Technologies Inc., Baltimore, MD; NCD Corporation, Beaverton, OR; ETH Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland; Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN; Post UND, Telekom, Austria; EC-Leasing, Moscow, Russia; Digital Equipment Corporation Japan, Tokyo, Japan; Research Environment for Global, Kawasaki, Japan; IBM Korea, Inc., Seoul, Korea; Shiman Associates Inc., Brookline, MA; Naval Underwater Warfare Center Newport, RI; Attachmate Canada, Inc., Burnaby, Canada; and Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp., Minato-ku, Japan.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in TOG will remain open and TOG will file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 21, 1997 The Open Group filed its original notification pursuant to § 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to § 6(b) of the Act on June 13, 1997 (62 FR 32371).

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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**Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Petroleum E&P Research Cooperative**

Notice is hereby given that, on August 22, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 *et seq.*, ("the Act"), Petroleum E&P Research Cooperative ("Cooperative") has 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, Elf Exploration Production of Pau, FRANCE has become a new member of the Cooperative.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activities of the Cooperative. Membership in this venture remains open, and the Cooperative intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On January 16, 1997, Petroleum E&P Research Cooperative 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 of February 13, 1997 (62 FR 6801).

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. ICR 97-18]

**Voluntary Protection Program**

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice, proposed information collection request; submitted for public comment and recommendations.

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

information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (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 instrument are clearly understood, and impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is soliciting comments concerning the approval for the paperwork requirements for participation in the Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before December 5, 1997.

**Comments should:**

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 their 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 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket ICR-97-18, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less may be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Cathy Oliver, Directorate of Federal-State Operations, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N3700, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, (202) 219-7266. Copies of the referenced information collection requests are available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed immediately to persons who request copies by telephoning Ms. Oliver at (202) 219-7266 or B. Bielaski at (202) 219-7177. For electronic copies of the information collection request on Voluntary Protection Programs, contact