

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-401]

Certain CD-ROM Controllers and Products Containing Same; Notice of a Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Terminating the Investigation on the Basis of a Settlement Agreement and Withdrawal of the Complaint

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review the presiding administrative law judge's ("ALJ's") initial determination ("ID") granting a joint motion to terminate the above-captioned investigation on the basis of a settlement agreement and withdrawal of the complaint.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl P. Bretscher, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-3107.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on August 20, 1997, based on a complaint filed by Oak Technology, Inc. ("Oak Technology"). Oak Technology alleged that respondents Winbond Electronics Corp. ("WEC"), Winbond Electronic North America Corp., Wearnes Technology (Private) Ltd., Wearnes Electronics Malaysia Snd. Bhd., and Wearnes Peripheral International (Pte.) Ltd. (collectively "respondents") violated section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, by importing, selling for importation, or selling within the United States after importation certain CD-ROM controllers and products containing same that infringe certain claims of Oak Technology's U.S. Letters Patent 5,535,327 and U.S. Letters Patent 5,581,715.

On March 18, 1998, Oak Technology and respondents filed a joint motion to terminate the investigation based on a settlement agreement between Oak Technology and WEC and Oak Technology's agreement to withdraw its complaint against the other respondents.

On March 30, 1998, the Commission investigative attorney ("IA") moved to make public certain additional portions of the settlement agreement. The motion was unopposed.

On April 15, 1998, the ALJ issued an ID (Order No. 9) terminating the investigation on the basis of the

settlement agreement and withdrawal of the complaint. The ALJ also granted the IA's motion to make public certain additional portions of the settlement agreement. The ALJ found no indication that termination of the investigation on the basis of the settlement agreement would adversely impact the public interest. No party filed a petition to review the subject ID.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and Commission rule 210.21, 19 CFR 210.21. Copies of the ALJ's ID and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be 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, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

Issued: May 8, 1998.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-410]

Certain Coated Optical Waveguide Fibers and Products Containing Same; 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 April 9, 1998, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, on behalf of Corning, Inc., 1 Riverfront Plaza, Corning, NY 14831. Supplements to the complaint were filed on April 28, 1998, and May 6, 1998. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain coated optical waveguide fibers, and products containing same, made by

a process that infringes claim 1 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,792,347. The complaint further alleges that there exists an industry in the United States as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a permanent limited exclusion order and a permanent 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 (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey R. Whieldon, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-2580.

Authority: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in § 210.10 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (1997).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on May 7, 1998, 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 coated optical waveguide fibers, or products containing same, made by a process that infringes claim 1 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,792,347, and whether there exists an industry in the United States 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—Corning Incorporated, 1 Riverfront Plaza, Corning, NY 14831.

(b) The respondents are the following companies alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

Plasma Optical Fibre, B.V., Zwaanstraat 1, 5651 CA Eindhoven, The Netherlands

Chromatic Technologies, Inc., 9 Forge Park, Franklin, MA 02038

(c) Jeffrey R. Whieldon, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Room 401-H, Washington, DC 20436, who shall be the Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Paul J. Luckern is designated as the presiding administrative law judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with § 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 no later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint 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 right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter both an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of a limited exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against such respondent.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. American Recovery Company, et al.*, Civil Action No. 95-1590, was lodged on April 22, 1998 with the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. The United States filed this action pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA") to recover past and future response costs incurred at or in connection with the Municipal and Industrial Disposal Company Site. The Consent Decree requires defendant Neville Chemical Company to pay \$100,000 (plus interest) to reimburse a portion of the United States' past costs associated with the investigation and clean up of the Municipal & Industrial Disposal Company Superfund Site ("Site"), located in Elizabeth Township, Pennsylvania.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. American Recovery Company, et al.*, DO Ref. #90-11-2-949.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, 633 Post Office & Courthouse, 7th & Grant Streets, Pittsburgh, PA 15219; the Region III Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$4.75 (25 cents per page reproduction costs) for each decree, payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Joel M. Gross,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Water Act

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28 C.F.R. § 50.7, notice is hereby given that a consent decree in *Clark Fork Pend Oreille Coalition, et al. vs. Idaho Transportation Department, et al.*, Civil No. 95-0300-N-EJL (D. Idaho), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Idaho on April 15, 1998. The proposed consent decree concerns violations of section 401 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1342 and 1344(a), involving the discharge of dredged or fill materials into the Sand Creek, its tributaries and adjacent ponds and wetlands by the Idaho Department of Transportation ("DOT") during 1994 road construction on U.S. Highway 95 in Bonner County, Idaho.

The Consent Decree includes the following terms: (1) Restoration of environmental harm; (2) an admission that ITD violated the CWA; (3) a penalty of \$200,00 to be deposited into a trust account entitled "Clark Fork Pend Oreille Wetlands Trust Fund," to protect, preserve, improve or enhance wetlands in Bonner County within the natural drainage to Pend Oreille Lake and Clark Fork River; (4) develop a program to educate ITD personnel about the requirements of the CWA; (5) establish an environmental inspector position for each major highway construction project to coordinate all CWA permitting issues for ITD projects; and, (6) adopt new contract procedures providing standards for erosion control, wetlands identification and the incorporation of Section 404 Permits into all construction contracts. The Army Corps of Engineers' headquarters, and the Corps Walla Walla, Washington District, as well as the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Idaho, support the settlement.

The Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the Consent Decree for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, Attention: Deborah A. Hill, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Idaho, P.O. Box 32, Boise, ID 83707, and should refer to *Clark Fork Pend Oreille Coalition, et al. vs. Idaho Transportation Department, et al.*, U.S. Attorney, No. reference N-95-0096.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the following offices: