

foundations of the free market, unless it is held that capitalism is advanced by turning producers into serfs. Nothing in the proposed judgment benefits our proper understanding of the Constitution and the Executive Branch's role under that document. This settlement has everything to do with the Government asserting control over the economy, eroding the rights of businessmen, and introducing regulatory chaos into an already volatile technology market in the naked pursuit of a moral fiction. In the absence of this judgment, MATRIXx would be given the timely death the marketplace has condemned it to. With this judgment, that process will simply be prolonged, as two competitors are coerced to waste precious talent, time and money to compete far beyond the point that the marketplace has deemed such an endeavor to have practical value.

The Court must put a stop to the DOJ by rejecting entry of the proposed final judgment and dismissing the complaint with prejudice. The Court is well within its mandate under the Tunney Act to reject the proposed remedy in relationship to the violations that the United States alleges in its Complaint by holding the Government's definition of how the public interest is served by the remedy to be invalid. By protecting the public from gratuitous settlements that unjustly punish defendants, the Court would properly establish that the Tunney Act is a door that swings both ways. At a minimum, the Court should conduct a full hearing on the proposed remedy and demand the DOJ produce evidence placing the challenged conduct in its proper context.

Respectfully Submitted,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

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

Notice is hereby given that, on December 19, 2002, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), AAF Association, Inc. has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. 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, Apple, Cupertino, CA; Maximum Throughput, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Omnibus Systems Ltd., Loughborough, England, United Kingdom; and SGI, Mountain View, CA have been added 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 AAF Association, Inc. intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On March 28, 2000, AAF Association, Inc. 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 June 29, 2000 (65 FR 40127).

The last notification was filed with the Department on September 17, 2002. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on November 6, 2002 (67 FR 67648).

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Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative and Production Act of 1993—Laser Forming of Complex Structures

Notice is hereby given that, on December 18, 2002, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), General Electric Company has filed

written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties to and (2) the nature and objectives of a joint venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are GE Corporate Research and Development, Niskayuna, NY; Caterpillar Inc., Peoria, NY; Columbia University, New York, NY; A. Zahner Company, Kansas City, MO; and Native American Technologies Co., Golden, CO. The nature and objectives of the research project are to develop laser forming of complex structures. The activities of this project will be partially funded by an award from the Advanced Technology program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

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Director of Operations, Antitrust.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Mobile Wireless Internet Forum

Notice is hereby given that, on October 28, 2002, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Mobile Wireless Internet Forum has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. 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, Equant Telecommunications SA, Sophia Antipolis, France; and ETRI, Daejeon, Republic of Korea have been added 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 Mobile Wireless Internet Forum intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On May 25, 2000, Mobile Wireless Internet Forum 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 August 11, 2000 (67 FR 49264).

The last notification was filed with the Department on July 18, 2002. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on September 4, 2002 (67 56588).

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Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—National Electronics Manufacturing Initiative, Inc. (“NEMI”)

Notice is hereby given that, on December 30, 2002, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), National Electronics Manufacturing Initiative, Inc. (“NEMI”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. 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, 3SAE Technologies, Inc., Nashville, TN; Aerotech World Trade, Ltd., Westlake Village, CA; Aurora Industries, Inc., Ambler, PA; Centre for Microelectronics Assembly and Packaging (CMAP), Toronto, Ontario, Canada; E2open, Redwood City, CA; FCI Electronics, Inc., Eters, PA; Heraeus, Inc., W. Conshohocken, PA; Jabil Circuit, Inc., St. Petersburg, FL; kSARIA Corporation, Wilmington, MA; LACE Technologies, St. Charles, IL; Nextrom Photonics SA, Gals, Switzerland; Sun Microsystems, Inc., Newark, CA; and Sumitomo Electric Lightwave Corporation, Morganville, NJ have been added as parties to this venture.

Also, CALNET, Vienna, VA; Cyberoptics Corporation, Minneapolis, MN; and Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, NY 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 NEMI intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On June 6, 1996, NEMI 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 June 28, 1996 (61 FR 33774).

The last notification was filed with the Department on November 7, 2001. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on February 15, 2002 (67 FR 7201).

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Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Agency Information Collection Activities: Existing Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Reinstatement of a currently approved collection, National Corrections Reporting Program.

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for “sixty days” until March 24, 2003. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Lawrence A. Greenfeld, Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) 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;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of information collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the form/collection:* National Corrections Reporting Program. The collection includes the forms: Prisoner Admission Report (all States), Prisoner Release Report (all States), Parole Release Report (all States), and Prisoner in Custody at Year-end Report (only for States submitting data electronically).

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Form number(s): NCRP-1A, NCRP-1B, NCRP-1C, and NCRP-1D. Corrections Statistics Unit, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: The National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP) is the only national data collection furnishing annual individual-level information for State prisoners admitted or released during the year, those in custody at year-end, and persons discharged from parole supervision. The NCRP collects data on sentencing, time served in prison and on parole, offense, admission/release type, and demographic information. BJS, the Congress, researchers, and criminal justice practitioners use these data to describe annual movements of adult offenders through State correctional systems. Providers of the data are personnel in the State Departments of Corrections and Parole.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: BJS anticipates 44 respondents for report year 2003 with a total annual burden of 2.491 hours. Magnetic media or other electronic formats are expected from 41 respondents and 3 respondents