

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Compaq Computer Corporation
(Digital Equipment Corporation, Ltd.)
P.O. Box 69200
Houston, TX 77269-2000

Attention: Michael R. Dennis, Corporate Manager, Trade Compliance

Dear Mr. Dennis:

The Bureau of Industry and Security, United States Department of Commerce (“BIS”), has reason to believe that Digital Equipment International, Ltd. (“Digital Hong Kong”) has violated the Export Administration Regulations (the “Regulations”), which are issued under the authority of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (the “Act”).² Specifically, BIS charges that Digital Hong Kong committed the following violation:

Charge 1 (15 C.F.R. § 764.2(a) - Engaging in Prohibited Conduct - Failure to Obtain Proper Reexport Authorization)

In or about July 1997, Digital Hong Kong reexported one AlphaServer and four Dual CPU Modules, originally exported from the United States and valued at approximately \$175,000, to Method Research Center in Beijing, China, without obtaining the proper authorization from BIS, as required by § 742.12 of the Regulations. By reexporting in violation of the Regulations,

¹ The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2002). The Regulations are also available on the Government Printing Office website at: <http://w3.access.gpo.gov/bis/>.

² 50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (1994 & Supp. V 1999). From August 21, 1994 through November 12, 2000, the Act was in lapse. During that period of lapse, the President, through Executive Order 12924, which had been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the last of which was August 3, 2000 (3 C.F.R., 2000 Comp. 397 (2001)), continued the Regulations then in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. §§ 1701 - 1706 (1994 & Supp. V 1999)) (IEEPA). From November 13, 2000 through August 20, 2001, the Act was in effect. From August 21, 2001 to present, the Act is in lapse. During this period of lapse, the President, through Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (66 Fed. Reg. 44025 (August 22, 2001)), has continued the Regulations in effect under IEEPA. The Act and other legal authority for the Regulations is also available on the Government Printing Office website at: <http://w3.access.gpo.gov/bis/>.

Digital Hong Kong violated Section 764.2(a) of the Regulations by engaging in prohibited conduct.

Accordingly, Digital Hong Kong is hereby notified that an administrative proceeding is instituted against it pursuant to Section 13(c) of the Act and Part 766 of the Regulations for the purpose of obtaining an order imposing administrative sanctions, including any or all of the following:

The maximum civil penalty allowed by law of up to \$11,000 for each violation; and/or

A denial of export privileges; and/or

Exclusion from practice before BIS.

If Digital Hong Kong fails to answer the charges contained in this letter within thirty days after being served with notice of issuance of this letter, that failure will be treated as a default. See 15 C.F.R. §§766.6 & 766.7. If Digital Hong Kong defaults, the Administrative Law Judge may find the charges alleged in this letter are true without hearing or further notice to Digital Hong Kong. The Under Secretary for Industry and Security may then impose up to the maximum penalty on each of the charges in this letter.

Digital Hong Kong is further notified that it is entitled to an agency hearing on the record if Digital Hong Kong files a written demand for one with its answer. See 15 C.F.R. §766.6. Digital Hong Kong is also entitled to be represented by counsel or other authorized representative who has power of attorney to represent it. See 15 C.F.R. §§766.3 & 766.4.

The Regulations provide for settlement without a hearing. See 15 C.F.R. §766.18. Should you have a proposal to settle this case, you or your representative should transmit it to me through the attorney representing BIS named below.

The U.S. Coast Guard provides administrative law judge services in connection with the matters set forth in this letter. Accordingly, Digital Hong Kong's answer should be filed pursuant to the instructions set forth in §766.5(a) of the Regulations with:

U.S. Coast Guard ALJ Docketing Center
40 S. Gay Street
Baltimore, MD 21202-4022

A copy of Digital Hong Kong's answer must be served on BIS at:

Chief Counsel for Industry and Security
Attention: Glenn H. Kaminsky
Room H-3839

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U.S. Department of Commerce
14th & Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington, DC 20230

Glenn Kaminsky is the attorney representing BIS in this matter. He may be contacted by telephone at (202) 482-5301.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Menefee
Director
Office of Export Enforcement

CC: Eric L. Hirschhorn, Esq.
Winston & Strawn
1400 L Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20095-3502

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20230

In the Matter of:)
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Respondent _____)

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement is made by and between Compaq Computer Corporation (“Compaq”), and the Bureau of Industry and Security, United States Department of Commerce (“BIS”), pursuant to Section 766.18(a) of the Export Administration Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2002)) (the “Regulations”),¹ issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (1994 & Supp. V 1999)) (the “Act”).²

WHEREAS, BIS has notified Compaq of its intention to initiate administrative proceedings against Compaq pursuant to the Act and the Regulations;

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WHEREAS, BIS has issued a proposed charging letter to Compaq pursuant to the Regulations, based on the allegation that Digital Equipment International, Ltd. (“Digital Hong Kong”), now merged with and into Compaq, committed the following violation of the Regulations:

(1) In or about July 1997, Digital Hong.Kong reexported one AlphaServer and four Dual CPU Modules, originally exported from the United States and valued at approximately \$175,000, to Method Research Center in Beijing, China, without obtaining the proper authorization from BIS, as required by §742.12 of the Regulations.

WHEREAS, Compaq has reviewed the proposed charging letter and is aware of the allegation made against it and the administrative sanctions which could be imposed against it if the allegation were found to be true;

WHEREAS, Compaq fully understands the terms of this Settlement Agreement and understands that an Order consistent herewith will be issued to give effect to this Settlement Agreement (the “Order”);

WHEREAS, Compaq enters into this Agreement voluntarily and with full knowledge of its rights;

WHEREAS, Compaq states that no promises or representations have been made to it other than the agreements and considerations herein expressed;

WHEREAS, Compaq neither admits nor denies the allegation contained in the proposed charging letter;

WHEREAS, Compaq wishes to settle and dispose of all matters alleged in the proposed charging letter by entering into this Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Compaq agrees to be bound by the Order, when entered;

NOW THEREFORE, Compaq and BIS agree as follows:

1. BIS has jurisdiction over Compaq under the Regulations in connection with the matter alleged in the proposed charging letter.

2. BIS and Compaq agree that the following sanction shall be imposed against Compaq in complete settlement of the alleged violation set forth in the proposed charging letter:

- a. Compaq shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$8,000. Compaq shall pay this civil penalty to the U.S. Department of Commerce no later than 30 days after the date of execution of the Order.
- b. The timely payment of the civil penalty agreed to in paragraph 2a. is hereby made a condition to the granting, restoration, or continuing validity of any export license, permission, or privilege granted, or to be granted, to Compaq. Failure to make timely payment of the civil penalty set forth above may result in the denial of all of Compaq's export privileges for a period of one year from the date of imposition of the civil penalty,

3. Compaq agrees that, subject to the approval of this Settlement Agreement pursuant to paragraph 8 hereof, it hereby waives all rights to further procedural steps in this matter (except with respect to any alleged violations of this Settlement Agreement or the Order, when entered), including, without limitation, any right to: (a) administrative hearings regarding the allegation in

the proposed charging letter; (b) request a refund of any civil penalty paid pursuant to this Settlement Agreement and the Order, when entered; and (c) seek judicial review or otherwise contest the validity of this Settlement Agreement or the Order, when entered.

4. BIS agrees that, once the order has been issued, it will not initiate any administrative proceeding against Compaq in connection with any violation of the Regulations arising out the transactions identified in the proposed charging letter.

5. Compaq understands that BIS will make the proposed charging letter, this Settlement Agreement, and the Order, when entered, available to the public.

6. BIS and Compaq agree that this Settlement Agreement is for settlement purposes only. Therefore, if this Settlement Agreement is not accepted and the Order is not issued by the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement pursuant to Section 766.18(a) of the Regulations, BIS and Compaq agree that they may not use this Settlement Agreement in any administrative or judicial proceeding and that the parties shall not be bound by the terms contained in this Settlement Agreement in any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding.

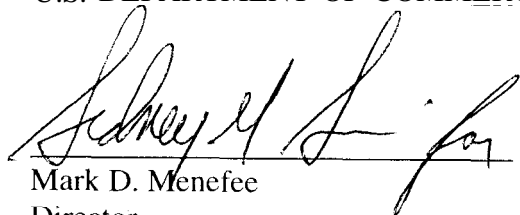
7. No agreement, understanding, representation or interpretation not contained in this Settlement Agreement may be used to vary or otherwise affect the terms of this Settlement Agreement or the Order, when entered, nor shall this Settlement Agreement serve to bind, constrain, or otherwise limit any action by any other agency or department of the United States Government with respect to the facts and circumstances addressed herein.

8. This Settlement Agreement shall become binding on BIS only when the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement approves it by entering the Order, which will

have the same force and effect as a decision and order issued after a full administrative hearing on the record.

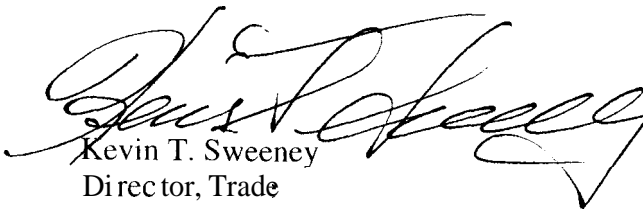
9. Each signatory affirms that he has authority to enter into this Settlement Agreement and to bind his respective party to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



Mark D. Menefee
Director
Office of Export Enforcement

COMPAQ COMPUTER CORPORATION



Kevin T. Sweeney
Director, Trade

Date: 10/03/02

Date: 9-30-02

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ORDER

The Bureau of Industry and Security, United States Department of Commerce (“BIS”), has notified Compaq Computer Corporation (“Compaq”) of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against it pursuant to Section 13(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (1994 & Supp. V 1999)) (the “Act”),¹ and the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2002)) (the “Regulations”),² based on allegations in the proposed charging letter issued to Compaq that Digital Equipment International, Ltd. (“Digital Hong Kong”), now merged with and into

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BIS and Compaq, having entered into a Settlement Agreement pursuant to Section 766.18(a) of the Regulations whereby they agreed to settle this matter in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein, the terms of the Settlement Agreement having been approved by me;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

FIRST, that a civil penalty of \$8,000 is assessed against Compaq, which shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce no later than 30 days after the date of execution of this Order. Payment shall be made in the manner specified in the attached instructions.

SECOND, that, pursuant to the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended (31 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3720E (1983 and Supp. V 1999)), the civil penalty owed under this Order accrues interest as more fully described in the attached Notice, and, if payment is not made by the due dates specified herein, Compaq will be assessed, in addition to the full amount of the civil penalty and interest, a penalty charge and an administrative charge, as more fully described in the attached Notice.

THIRD, that the timely payment of the civil penalty set forth above is hereby made a condition to the granting, restoration, or continuing validity of any export license, license

exception, permission, or privilege granted, or to be granted, to Compaq. Accordingly, if Compaq should fail to pay the civil penalty in a timely manner, the undersigned may enter an Order denying all of Compaq's export privileges for a period of one year from the date of entry of this Order. Prior to entry of such Order Compaq shall be provided with notice and opportunity to cure.

FOURTH, that the proposed charging letter, the Settlement Agreement, and this Order shall be made available to the public.

This Order, which constitutes the final agency action in this matter, is effective immediately.



Michael J. Garcia
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
for Export Enforcement

Entered this 29th day of October, 2002.