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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, intends to grant to H2H Innovations, LLC of Wilmington, Delaware, an exclusive license to the Federal Government's patent rights in U.S. Patent No. 7,345,136, "Water-Resistant Vegetable Protein Adhesive Dispersion Compositions", issued on March 18, 2008.

DATES: (Federal Register) Comments must be received within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Janet I. Stockhausen, USDA, Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory, One Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53726-2398.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet I. Stockhausen of the USDA Forest Service at the address given above; telephone: 608-231-9502; fax: 608-231-9508; or e-mail: jstockhausen@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as H2H Innovations, LLC of Wilmington, Delaware, has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days

from the date of this published Notice, the Forest Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard J. Brenner,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Privacy Act of 1974: New System of Records

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) proposes to add a system of records notice to its inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a). This action is necessary to meet the requirements of the Privacy Act to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of the existence and character of records systems maintained by the agency (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4)).

DATES: This action will be effective without further notice June 6, 2008 unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Privacy Act Officer, William Hawkins, Director, Program Management Division, USDA/FAS/OAO, Mail Stop 1065, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1065, telephone (202) 720-3241, e-mail: william.hawkins@fas.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lana Bennett, Director, Import and Trade Support Programs Division, USDA/FAS/OTP, Mail Stop 1021, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1021; e-mail: lana.bennett@fas.usda.gov; telephone: (202) 720-0638.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Dairy Import Licensing Group maintains the web-based Dairy Accelerated Importer Retrieval and Information Exchange System (DAIRIES) to administer the

Dairy Import Licensing Program. Importers can apply for, receive and monitor their dairy import licenses through DAIRIES. Importers must have a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (Customs) importer number, which is either an employer identification number or a social security number, in order to apply for a license. Importers must meet required annual minimum import amounts in order to be eligible to apply for a license. The Dairy Import Licensing Group must verify if the importer's eligible, which can only be done by accessing the importer's Customs record using their Customs importer number. A small percentage of the importers that apply under the program continue to use their social security number as their Customs importer number.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Dairy Accelerated Importer Retrieval and Information Exchange System (DAIRIES).

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Electronic records are located at Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Importers that are self-proprietors and maintain a valid Customs importer number.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The data in the system for individuals include their name, address, telephone number, and a social security number or employer identification number as the Customs importer number.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

The import licensing program is authorized by 7 CFR part 6, 19 U.S.C. 1202, 3513 and 3601, and 31 U.S.C. 9701. The collection of the social security numbers by Customs is authorized by 19 CFR 24.5.

PURPOSE:

The Dairy Import Licensing Group will maintain the information in DAIRIES to verify the eligibility of persons applying for a dairy import license by accessing the importer Customs record using the Customs importer number.

STORAGE:

Records are stored in paper and electronic format.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrieved by a unique control number, assigned by the Dairy Import Licensing Group.

SAFEGUARDS:

All records containing personal information are maintained in secured file cabinets or in restricted areas, in which access is limited to authorized personnel. Access to computerized data is password-protected and under the responsibility of the system manager and subordinates. The database administrator has the ability to review audit trails, thereby permitting regular ad hoc monitoring of computer usage.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are maintained for a period of 5 years, as required by 7 CFR part 6. The records are then destroyed in accordance with USDA procedures.

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

Brenda Lawson, Chief, Application Development Branch, USDA/FAS/OAO/ITD, Mail Stop 1064, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1064.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether this system of records contains information about themselves should address written inquiries to the Privacy Act Officer, William Hawkins, Director, Program Management Division, USDA/FAS/OAO, Mail Stop 1065, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1065. Individuals must identify DAIRIES in their inquiries.

RECORDS ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals who wish to gain access to or amend their own records should contact the Dairy Import Licensing Group, Mail Stop 1021, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1021.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

These records contain information obtained from the individual who is the subject of these records.

EXEMPTION CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

Date: April 25, 2008.

Michael W. Yost,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District; Tongass National Forest; Alaska; Central Gravina Timber Sale Environmental Impact Statement**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (ETS) on a proposal to construct roads and harvest timber in central Gravina Island on the Ketchikan Misty Fiords Ranger District, Tongass National Forest. Two Alternatives have been developed for the public to comment on. These Proposed Alternatives would harvest between 18 and 38 million board feet (MMBF) of timber on between 515 and 1,250 acres and would construct between 7 and 16 miles of road respectively.

DATES: Opportunities for comments are available throughout the analysis process. Comments concerning the scope of the analysis will be most helpful if received within 30 days of the date of this notice. Additional opportunities for comment will be provided after release of both the Draft Environmental Impact Statement which is expected to be published November 2008 and the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision are expected in May 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send or hand deliver written comments to the Ketchikan Misty Fiords Ranger District, Attn: Central Gravina EIS, Tongass National Forest, 3031 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, AK 99901; telephone (907) 225-2148. The FAX number is (907) 225-8738.

Send e-mail comments to: *comments-alaska-tongass-ketchikan-mistyfiord@fs.fed.us* with Central Gravina EIS on the subject line. Include your name, address, and organization name if you are commenting as a representative.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, mail correspondence to Lynn Kolund, District Ranger, Ketchikan Misty Fiords Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, 3031 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, AK 99901, telephone (907) 228-4100 or Linda Pulliam, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Ketchikan Misty Fiords Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, 3031 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, AK 99901, telephone (907) 228-4124.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This EIS will tier to the 2008 Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) that provides overall guidance, goals, objectives, and management area direction to achieve the desired condition for the project area.

The project area is administered by the Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District of the Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan, Alaska and occurs in Value Comparison Units (VCUs) 7610 and VCU 7630 as designated by the Forest Plan. The Central Gravina project area is located between Bostwick Inlet and Vallenar Bay on Gravina Island, which is located approximately 5 miles west of Ketchikan. The land use designation (LUD) for the project area is Timber Production. As part of the Forest Plan update certain LUDs on Gravina Island were adjusted based on comments received from the public during the Forest Plan draft EIS review. LUDs to the south and west of the Central Gravina project area have been adjusted and allocated to more restrictive non development LUDs. The proposed timber harvest units and roads are within the Gravina Inventoried Roadless Area #522. Slightly over three-quarters of inventoried roadless acres are included in non-development LUDS. The Forest Plan allocates 24% of the inventoried roadless acres to development LUDs; only three percent of the land in inventoried roadless areas would be included in the suitable land base. The Central Gravina project area falls within this three percent inventory roadless area that lies within a Timber LUD. The 2008 Forest Plan Timber Sale Program Adaptive Management Strategy identified three phases of projected timber development. The Central Gravina project area falls within the Phase 1, which includes most of the roaded portion of the ASQ land base and most of the lower valued inventoried roadless areas.

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose and need for the proposed action responds to the goals and objectives identified by the 2008 Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan, and helps move the area toward the Forest Plan desired conditions. Forest Plan goals, objectives, and desired conditions that apply to the project include:

1. Maintain and promote wood production from suitable forest lands, providing a continuous supply of wood to meet society's needs.
2. Manage Forest lands for sustained long-term timber yields.
3. Seek to provide a supply of timber that meets the annual and planning-