

Pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act, the identities of the parties to the Joint Venture are: Dow Corning Corporation, Midland, MI; GE Energy USA LLC, Newark, DE; and Crystal Systems, Inc., Salem, MA. The general area of the Joint Venture's planned activity is to provide a virtually unlimited commercial supply of solar-grade silicon at unprecedented low prices in a time frame of three years. This new source of silicon will serve as a feedstock for the large-scale manufacture of photovoltaic solar cells. The goal is to deliver silicon supply for the PV industry with a substantial cost reduction versus semiconductor-grade silicon by utilizing metallurgical processes that will purify the cheap raw silicon presently made for the steel, aluminum, and silicone polymer industries. The activities of the Joint Venture project will be partially funded by an award from the Advanced Technology Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Dorothy B. Fountain,

Deputy 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—PXI Systems Alliance, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on May 2, 2005, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), PXI Systems Alliance, Inc. 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, Konrad Technologies, Radolfzell, GERMANY; and VXI Instruments GmbH, Landshut-Altdorf, GERMANY have been added as parties to this venture. Also, General Standards Corp., Huntsville, AL; Kinetic Systems, Lockport, IL; and Lecroy, Chestnut Ridge, NY have withdrawn as parties to this venture.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 PXI Systems Alliance, Inc. intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 22, 2000, PXI Systems Alliance, 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 March 8, 2001 (66 FR 13971).

The last notification was filed with the Department on February 16, 2005. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on March 14, 2005 (70 FR 12500).

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-56,728]

Alcan Packaging, Carton Manufacturing Department, Including On-site Leased Workers of HTSS, on Assignment/Lab Support and Manpower, Bethlehem, PA; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance on April 20, 2005, applicable to workers of Alcan Packaging, including leased workers of HTSS, Allied Personnel Services, Aerotek, On Assignment/Lab Support, Barton Associates, Synerfac Technical Staffing, Remedy Intelligent Staffing, Accountemps and Office Team, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The notice was published in the Federal Register on May 16, 2005 (70 FR 25862).

At the request of a company official and the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information shows that only on-site leased workers of HTSS, On Assignment/Lab Support, and Manpower were employed in the Carton Manufacturing Department, Alcan Packaging, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending this

certification to include only on-site leased workers of HTSS, On Assignment/Lab Support and Manpower working at the Carton Manufacturing, Alcan Packaging, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers employed at Alcan Packaging Company, Carton Manufacturing Department who were adversely affected by a shift in production to Canada.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-56,728 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of Alcan Packaging, Carton Manufacturing Department, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, including on-site leased workers of HTSS, On Assignment/Lab Support, and Manpower, employed in the Carton Manufacturing Department, Alcan Packaging, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 9, 2004, through April 20, 2007, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, and are also eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, DC this 12th day of May 2005.

Richard Church,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

Petitions has been filed with the Secretary of Labor under Section 221(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Act") and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions, the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted investigations pursuant to Section 221(a) of the Act.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II, Chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total or partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the

subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than June 6, 2005.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to

the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than June 6, 2005.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the office of the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S.

Department of Labor, Room C-5311, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC this 18th day of May 2005.

Timothy Sullivan,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

TAA INSTITUTIONS

[Petitions instituted between 05/02/2005 and 05/06/2005]

Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Contact person	Telephone	TA-W No.	Date of institution
GE Security (Comp)	Gladewater, TX	Judy Sinclair	651-779-4849	57,081	05/02/2005
Hall China Company (The) (Comp)	East Liverpool, OH	Thomas Rodfong	330-385-2900	57,082	05/02/2005
Avx Corporation (Comp)	El Paso, TX	Carl Thele	843-916-7531	57,083	05/02/2005
Kichler (State)	Cleveland, OH	Tony Davidson	800-659-9000	57,084	05/02/2005
Nobles Industries, Ltd. (State)	Hibbing, MN	Jennifer Sterbenz	218-262-6666	57,085	05/02/2005
Makita Corp. of America (Comp)	Buford, GA	James Pearce	770-932-2901	57,086	05/02/2005
Strandflex (Comp)	Oriskany, NY	Pete Marciniak	914-925-4430	57,087	05/02/2005
Cenveo (Comp)	Cambridge, MD	Rusty Hopkins	410-228-4000	57,088	05/02/2005
Ethicon Inc. (Comp)	San Angelo, TX	Edward Lisoski	325-482-5240	57,089	05/02/2005
Hewlett-Packard (Wkrs)	Corvallis, OR	Kate Wedmar	541-754-3002	57,090	05/03/2005
Northern Hardwoods (State)	South Range, MI	Bill Check	906-487-6410	57,091	05/03/2005
First Inertia Switch (Comp)	Grand Blanc, MI	Glynn Giles	810-953-2307	57,092	05/03/2005
Amco Convertible Fabrics (Comp)	Adrian, MI	Elena Bahn	517-266-3315	57,093	05/03/2005
Lake Eyelet Manufacturing Co. (State)	Southington, CT	Glenn Daniels	860-628-5543	57,094	05/03/2005
EMI—G Knitting, Inc. (Comp)	Fort Payne, AL	Regina Locklear	256-845-9801	57,095	05/03/2005
GE Infrastructure Sensing (State)	Edison, NJ	Ann Miller	732-650-2211	57,096	05/03/2005
Stockmen's, LLC (Wkrs)	Sioux City, IA	Scott Piersma	800-831-4851	57,097	05/03/2005
Monaco Coach Corp. (State)	Bend, OR	Doug Smith	541-317-3638	57,098	05/03/2005
Rada, Inc. (Wkrs)	San Francisco, CA	Robin Lui	415-608-6316	57,099	05/03/2005
D&D, Inc. (NPW)	Greensboro, NC	Maria Bartkavage	610-882-6696	57,100	05/03/2005
Gaylord Inland (State)	Dallas, TX	Delta Nugent	303-403-2825	57,101	05/04/2005
Sharon Young, Inc. (State)	Dallas, TX	Tom Young	972-991-0292	57,102	05/04/2005
Automatic Technology (Comp)	Charlotte, NC	Alex Boryczewski	704-523-2252	57,103	05/04/2005
Matsushita (Comp)	Forest Grove, OR	Julia Phares	503-992-5105	57,104	05/04/2005
Twin City Foods, Inc. (IBT)	Lewiston, ID	Donald Heitmann	206-515-2400	57,105	05/04/2005
Westchester Narrow Fabrics, Inc. (Comp)	Milton, PA	LaWanna Mena	570-742-2658	57,106	05/04/2005
Seaboard Atlantic Garment, Inc. (Comp)	E. Syracuse, NY	Ed Coombs	315-437-2000	57,107	05/04/2005
Parker Hannifin (State)	Minneapolis, MN	Shelly Simpson	440-366-1263	57,108	05/04/2005
TRW Automotive (Wkrs)	Brighton, MI	Rick Fraser	810-220-4619	57,109	05/04/2005
Compeq International (Comp)	Salt Lake City, UT	Ted White	801-990-2000	57,110	05/04/2005
Dayco Products, LLC (State)	Rochester Hills, MI	Lois Wirrig	248-299-1472	57,111	05/04/2005
Broyhill Furniture Ind. (Wkrs.)	Lenoir, NC	Marc Carpenter	828-758-3111	57,112	05/04/2005
Vander-Bend Mfg., LLC (Comp)	Sunnyvale, CA	Holly Bagaj	408-245-5150	57,113	05/04/2005
Selkirk, LLC (SMWIA)	Logan, OH	Charlene Berstler	740-385-5666	57,114	05/04/2005
BASF Corporation (Wkrs)	Southfield, MI	Kristi Karr	248-304-5451	57,115	05/04/2005
Active Quilting (Wkrs)	Plains, PA	Anthony Bartosiewicz	570-823-3127	57,116	05/04/2005
Mayfield Industrial Maint. Comp	Mayfield, KY	Melissa Graves	270-247-1102	57,117	05/05/2005
Lucerne Textiles, Inc. (Comp)	New York, NY	Steve Schindler	212-563-7800	57,118	05/05/2005
Hafner, LLC (Wkrs)	Gordonsville, VA	Ingrid Dillmann	450-372-6862	57,119	05/05/2005
MMG North America (State)	Paterson, NJ	Sandy Reese	828-264-8861	57,120	05/05/2005
Sara Lee Branded Apparel—J.E. Morgan (C)	Tamaqua, PA	Mary Jane Horvath	570-952-2221	57,121	05/05/2005
Tower Automotive (Wkrs)	Corydon, IN	Matt Boyce	812-738-5687	57,122	05/05/2005
Page Belting Co., Inc. (Comp)	Concord, NH	Mark Coen	603-225-5523	57,123	05/05/2005
Jeanerette Shipping Co., Inc. (State)	Jeanerette, LA	Mary Hebert	337-276-4238	57,124	05/06/2005
Teleflex Medical (Comp)	Research Triang, NC	Kathy Noel	919-361-3922	57,125	05/06/2005
Tekmax, Inc. (Wkrs)	Tangent, OR	Joan Rose	541-928-7376	57,126	05/06/2005
J.T. Shannon Lumber Co. of PA (Wkrs)	Tidioute, PA	Jennie Brown	800-473-3765	57,127	05/06/2005
Northwest Airlines (State)	Minneapolis, MN	John Bendoraitis	612-726-7614	57,128	05/06/2005
ADM Milling Co. (USWA)	Wellsburg, WV	Kathie Whitley	217-451-2235	57,129	05/06/2005
Barrows Industries (State)	Norwood, MA	John Duggan	508-824-5444	57,130	05/06/2005
Merry Maid Novelties (Comp)	Bangor, PA	Marie Vrontisis	610-599-4104	57,131	05/06/2005
Anderson Precision (Wkrs)	Jamestown, NY	Laura Wright	716-484-6520	57,132	05/06/2005
Sentry Manufacturing Co. (Comp)	Chickasha, OK	Dana Guy	405-224-6784	57,133	05/06/2005

TAA INSTITUTIONS—Continued

[Petitions instituted between 05/02/2005 and 05/06/2005]

Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Contact person	Telephone	TA-W No.	Date of institution
Zomax, Inc. (State)	Fremont, CA	Jan Buchholz	510-492-5145	57,134	05/06/2005

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR 1218-0223(2005)]

Slings; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public comment concerning its request for an extension of the information collection requirements contained in its Standard on Slings (29 CFR 1910.184).

DATES: Comments must be submitted by the following dates:

Hard copy: Your comments must be submitted (postmarked or received) by July 25, 2005.

Facsimile and electronic transmission: Your comments must be received by July 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OSHA Docket No. ICR-1218-0223(2005), by any of the following methods:

Regular mail, express delivery, hand delivery, and messenger service: Submit your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Room N-2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2350 (OSHA's TTY number is (877) 889-5627). OSHA Docket Office and Department of Labor hours are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., ET.

Facsimile: If your comments are 10 pages or fewer in length, including attachments, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

Electronic: You may submit comments through the Internet at <http://ecomments.osha.gov>. Follow instructions on the OSHA Web page for submitting comments.

Docket: For access to the docket to read or download comments or background materials, such as the complete Information Collection

Request (ICR) (containing the Supporting Statement, OMB-83-I Form, and attachments), go to OSHA's Web page at <http://www.OSHA.gov>. In addition, the ICR, comments and submissions are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. You also may contact Theda Kenney at the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR. For additional information on submitting comments, please see the "Public Participation" heading in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theda Kenney or Todd Owen, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone: (202) 693-2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent (*i.e.*, employer) burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing information collection requirements in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) (29 U.S.C. 652 *et seq.*) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657).

The Slings Standard (29 CFR 1910.184) specifies several collection of information (paperwork) requirements, depending on the type of sling. The purpose of each of these requirements is to prevent employees from using defective or deteriorated slings, thereby reducing their risk of death or serious injury caused by sling failure during material handling.

Paragraph (e) of the Standard covers alloy steel chain slings. Paragraph (e)(1) requires that alloy steel chain slings have permanently affixed and durable identification stating the size, grade, rated capacity, and reach of the sling. The information, supplied by the manufacturer, is typically marked on a metal tag and affixed to the sling.

Paragraph (e)(3)(i) requires the employer to make a thorough periodic inspection of alloy steel chain slings in use on a regular basis, but at least once a year. Paragraph (e)(3)(ii) requires the employer to make and maintain a record of the most recent month in which each alloy steel chain sling was thoroughly inspected, and make this record available for examination.

Paragraph (e)(4) requires the employer to retain certificates of proof testing. Employers must ensure that before use, each new, repaired, or reconditioned alloy steel chain sling, including all welded components in the sling assembly, has been proof tested by the sling manufacturer or an equivalent entity. The certificates of proof testing must be retained by the employer and made available for examination.

Paragraph (f) of the Standard covers wire rope slings. Paragraph (f)(4)(ii) requires that all welded end attachments of wire rope slings be proof tested by the manufacturer at twice their rated capacity prior to initial use, and that the employer retain a certificate of the proof test and make it available for examination.

Paragraph (g) of the Standard covers metal mesh slings. Paragraph (g)(1) requires each metal mesh sling to have a durable marking permanently affixed that states the rated capacity for vertical basket hitch and choker hitch loadings. Paragraph (g)(8)(ii) requires that once repaired, each metal mesh sling be permanently marked or tagged, or a written record maintained to indicate the date and type of the repairs made, and the person or organization that performed the repairs. Records of the repairs shall be made available for examination.

Paragraph (i) of the Standard covers synthetic web slings. Paragraph (i)(1) requires that synthetic web slings be marked or coded to show the rated capacities for each type of hitch, and