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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—National Warheads and Energetics Consortium

Notice is hereby given that, on November 04, 2011, 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 Warheads and Energetics Consortium (“NWECC”) 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, Accurate Munition Systems, Inc., Austin, TX; Excelitas Technologies Sensors, Inc., Miamisburg, OH; Miltec Corporation, Huntsville, AL; Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems—ISR Systems Division, Azusa, CA; Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation—acting through Northrop Grumman Information Systems sector, Defense Technologies Division, Herndon, VA; Phillips Plastic Corporation, Hudson, WI; R4 Incorporated, Eatontown, NJ; Technology Service Corporation, Silver Spring, MD; and TRAX International Corporation, Las Vegas, NV, have been added as parties to this venture.

Also, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX; and Technikon, LLC, McClellan, CA, have withdrawn as parties to this venture.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 NWECC intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On May 2, 2000, NWECC 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 30, 2000 (65 FR 40693).

The last notification was filed with the Department on August 9, 2011. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on September 23, 2011 (76 FR 16820).

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee For Biological Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L., 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Biological Sciences Advisory Committee (#1110).

Date and Time: December 15, 2011; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. December 16, 2011; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Chuck Liarakos, National Science Foundation, Room 605, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 Tel No.: (703) 292-8400.

Purpose of Meeting: The Advisory Committee for BIO provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directions, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

Agenda: Items on the agenda include approval of the Committee of Visitors reports for the Divisions of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences and Integrated Organismal Systems, reports about NSF efforts to improve the merit review process, and discussions of fundamental biological research that is the basis for the 21st century bio-economy and the undergraduate and graduate biology education pipeline.

Dated: November 21, 2011.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by December 27, 2011. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Polly A. Penhale at the above address or (703) 292-7420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

Permit Application: 2012-011

1. *Applicant:* Daniel P. Costa, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of California—Santa Cruz, Long Marine Lab, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Permit Application: 2012-011.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Take and Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant plans to enter the Antarctic Specially Protected Areas of Cape Evans (ASPA 155), Backdoor Bay (ASPA 157), and Hut Point (ASPA 158) to collect 1 cm² samples of skin and fur, and 1 whisker from up to 50 dead seals caught during the early 1900’s by the explorers and are found in and around the historic huts located in these protected areas. Naturally occurring stable isotopes of carbon ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$) and nitrogen ($\delta^{15}\text{N}$) have been increasingly used to study trophic relationships and feeding habits of marine mammals, based on the