

challenges facing the United States and the federal government in international labor matters. These challenges include the protection of worker rights, the elimination of exploitative child labor, and the prevention of abusive working conditions.

The agenda for the July 18 meeting includes discussion of potential recommendations for Committee consideration.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting as seating capacity allows. As access to the Department of State is controlled, persons wishing to attend the meeting must be pre-cleared by calling or faxing the following information, by close of business July 14, to Mark Simonoff at (202) 647-4327 or fax (202) 647-0431 or email [simonoff@state.gov](mailto:simonoff@state.gov): name; company or organization affiliation (if any); date of birth; and social security number. Pre-cleared persons should use the 23rd Street entrance to the State Department and have a driver's license with photo, a passport, a U.S. Government ID or other valid photo identification.

Members of the public may, if they wish, submit a brief statement to the Committee in writing. Those wishing further information should contact Mr. Simonoff at the phone and fax numbers provided above.

Dated: June 30, 2000.

**Bennett Freeman,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Delegation of Authority No. 145-17]

#### Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and Certain Related Acts

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Delegation of Authority No. 145-5 of January 22, 1988, 53 FR 5072, pursuant to Executive Order 12163 of September 29, 1971, 44 FR 56673, as amended, and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 2151 *et seq.*, State Department Delegation of Authority No. 145-5-2 of April 4, 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Delegation of Authority No. 145-5 of January 22, 1988, 53 FR 5072, pursuant to Executive Order 12163 of September 29, 1971, 44 FR 56673, as amended, and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 2151 *et seq.*, I hereby delegate to the Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the

Caribbean of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) functions conferred on the President by section 534(b)(3)(A), (B), and (C) for the purpose of including law enforcement agencies and personnel in activities financed by USAID to strengthen the administration of justice. All such activities shall be implemented in coordination with the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program of the U.S. Department of Justice.

This delegation shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 13, 2000.

**Peter F. Romero,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

#### [STB Finance Docket No. 33891]

#### Central Gulf Railway, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Terminal Railway Alabama State Docks

Central Gulf Railway, Inc. (CGR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease certain rail lines from the Terminal Railway Alabama State Docks (TASD), an agency of the State of Alabama, and operate either directly or through the use of a contract agent approximately 0.46 miles of rail line. The rail lines to be leased are located in TASD's Frascati Yard in Mobile, AL. CGR will be leasing Track Nos. 1, 2, and 4, beginning at a point of interchange with TASD 90 feet east of Ezra Trice Boulevard and extending east 590 feet for Track Nos. 1 and 2 and, 1271 feet for Track No. 4. CGR certifies that its projected revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III carrier.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after June 30, 2000.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33891, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each

pleading must be served on Karl Morell, Esq., BALL JANIK, LLP, 1455 F Street, NW, Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: June 27, 2000.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

#### [STB Finance Docket No. 33890]

#### The International Paper Company—Acquisition of Control Exemption—Moscow, Camden & San Augustine Railroad and Angelina & Neches River Railroad Company

The International Paper Company (IP), a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption to acquire control, through stock purchase, of Moscow, Camden & San Augustine Railroad (MCSA) and Angelina and Neches River Railroad Company (ANR) (collectively rail lines), Class III railroads, operating in the State of Texas.<sup>1</sup>

While IP states that the transaction was consummated on or about June 16, 2000, the exemption will not be effective until June 30, 2000 (7 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

IP states that: (i) The rail lines do not connect; (ii) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect these railroads with each other or with any other railroad in their corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. *See* 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail

<sup>1</sup> IP's acquisition of control of MCSA and ANR was accomplished through an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated May 12, 2000, through which IP acquired over 90% of the outstanding common stock of the Champion International Corporation (Champion). Both prior and subsequent to the acquisition, Champion owned 100% of the stock of MCSA and 50% of the stock of ANR.

IP currently owns the Longview, Portland & Northern Railway Company, which operates in the State of Oregon.