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Dated: December 3, 2008.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6451]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Tales in Sprinkled Gold: Japanese Lacquer for European Collectors"

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Tales in Sprinkled Gold: Japanese Lacquer for European Collectors," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA, from on or about March 3, 2009, until on or about May 24, 2009, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8048). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: December 4, 2008.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Issuance of a Presidential Permit Authorizing the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of the Otay Mesa East Border Crossing Near San Diego, CA, at the International Boundary Between the United States and Mexico

SUMMARY: The Department of State issued a Presidential permit, effective December 8, 2008, authorizing the General Services Administration to construct, operate, and maintain a vehicular and pedestrian border crossing called "Otay Mesa East" near San Diego, California, at the international boundary between the United States and Mexico. In making this determination, the Department consulted with other federal agencies, as required by Executive Order 11423, as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Daniel Darrach, U.S.-Mexico Border Affairs Coordinator, via e-mail at WHA-BorderAffairs@state.gov; by phone at 202-647-9894; or by mail at Office of Mexican Affairs—Room 3909, Department of State, 2201 C St., NW., Washington, DC 20520. Information about Presidential permits is available on the Internet at <http://www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/permit/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Following is the text of the issued permit:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Deputy Secretary of State under Executive Order 11423, 33 FR 11741 (1963), as amended by Executive Order 12847 of May 17, 1993, 58 FR 29511 (1993), Executive Order 13284 of January 23, 2003, 68 FR 4075 (2003), and Executive Order 13337 of April 30, 2004, 69 FR 25299 (2004) and Department of State Delegation of Authority 245 of April 23, 2001; having considered the environmental effects of the proposed action in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (83 Stat. 852, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and other statutes relating to environmental concerns; having considered the proposed action in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended

(80 Stat. 917, 16 U.S.C. 470f *et seq.*); and having requested and received the views of various of the federal departments and other interested persons; I hereby grant permission, subject to the conditions herein set forth, to the United States General Services Administration (GSA) (hereinafter referred to as the "permittee"), to construct, operate, and maintain a new commercial vehicle, passenger vehicle, and pedestrian land border crossing (hereinafter referred to as "Otay Mesa East"), approximately two miles east of the existing Otay Mesa border crossing near San Diego, California.

The term "facilities" as used in this permit means the facilities proposed to be constructed at the Otay Mesa East border crossing near San Diego, California. These facilities are likely to consist of the following improvements and structures:

- Inspection and X-Ray Facilities
- Containment Areas and Docks
- Commercial Inspection Building with Import and Export Docks
- Export Inspection
- Main Administrative Building with Pedestrian Facilities
- Entry and Exit Control Booths and related improvements
- Roadways and related Infrastructure, Pathways, Parking Lots, and related Lots
- Landscaping
- Ancillary Support Facilities
- Commercial Cargo and Passenger Vehicle lanes
- Related Improvements and Infrastructure

The term "Tier 1 environmental document" as used in this permit refers to the programmatic or first tier environmental impact statement that establishes the preferred corridor of State Route 11 and the preferred site of the Otay Mesa East border crossing.

The term "Tier 2 environmental document" as used in this permit refers to the second tier environmental impact statement or environmental assessment to be prepared after the issuance of this permit and before any construction may begin that will identify more detailed project-specific effects and mitigation measures.

This permit is subject to the following conditions:

Article 1. The facilities herein described, and all aspects of their operation, shall be subject to all the conditions, provisions and requirements of this permit and any amendment thereof. This permit may be terminated upon a determination of the Executive Branch that the Otay Mesa East border crossing shall be closed. This permit may be amended by the Secretary of