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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the proposed project or to receive a copy of the draft EIS when it is issued, contact Elizabeth Orlando at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by electronic or regular mail as listed above, or by telephone (202) 647-4284 or by fax at (202) 647-5947.

Project details and environmental information on the Keystone XL Project application for a Presidential Permit, including associated maps downloadable from a Web site that has been established for this purpose: <http://www.keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov>. This Web site will accept public comments for the record.

Information on the Department of State Presidential Permit process can also be found at the above Internet address. The MLA and FLPMA application submitted to BLM will be on file at its office in Billings, Montana.

A TransCanada hosted project Web site is also available at <http://www.transcanada.com/keystone/kxl.html>. The Keystone XL Project toll-free number is 1-866-717-7473 (United States and Canada).

Dated: March 17, 2009.

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Office of International Oceans,
Environmental and Scientific Affairs,
Department of State.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6554]

Preparations for Holocaust Era Assets Conference—Town Hall Follow-up Meetings on Looted Art, Immovable Property and Holocaust Compensation Agreements

The Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues at the Department of State is seeking information from interested individuals or organizations regarding the planned Conference on Holocaust Era Assets which will take place June 26–30, 2009 in Prague.

Hosted by the Government of the Czech Republic, the conference will address certain unresolved Holocaust asset issues, particularly Looted Art and Immovable Property. The conference

schedule will also include a review of the Holocaust compensation agreements with Germany, Austria and France, and the work of the International Commission for Holocaust Insurance Claims (ICHEIC).

The Department will host meetings at the Department of State (Harry S. Truman Building) on April 15 and 16 to hear the views of individuals, non-governmental agencies and firms on these issues. The sessions on looted art and immovable property will be a follow-up to the March 2 meetings on those subjects.

Those who wish to provide information to the State Department regarding those issues are invited to register and attend one or more of the following two-hour sessions:

- April 15 at 9:45 a.m.: Holocaust Agreements on Compensation—a Stocktaking
- April 16 at 9:45 a.m.: Looted Art
- April 16 at 1:45 p.m.: Immovable Property

Anyone wishing to attend any of these events should register separately for each by 5 p.m. April 10. There are space limitations. To register, send an e-mail no later than April 10 to Ms. Jones-Johnson (Jones-JohnsonCD@state.gov) with the following information:

- Full Name:
- Date of Birth:
- Driver's License Number, including State of Issuance, or
- Alternate Government-Issued Picture ID:
- Organization represented (if any), and its Address, & Phone Number:
- Home Address (only if attending as an individual):
- Name of Event(s) to be attended:

Those who register are urged to arrive at the Department at least 15 minutes before the starting time for each event to allow time for security screening. Upon arrival, show security personnel a valid government-issued identification: for example, a U.S. state driver's license or a passport. The official address of the State Department is 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. For these events, however, participants must use the "23rd Street Entrance" on the West Side of the State Department's Harry S. Truman Building, located on 23rd Street between C Street and D Street NW., Washington, DC.

Written submissions are welcome and should be sent to Ms. Jones-Johnson at the e-mail address cited above.

Ambassador J. Christian Kennedy,
*Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues,
Department of State.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6555]

Receipt of Request To Amend the Presidential Permit for an International Bridge on the U.S.-Mexico Border Near McAllen, TX, and Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State hereby gives notice that, on March 16, 2009, it received from the chairman of the Anzalduas Bridge Board, acting on behalf of the mayors of McAllen, Hidalgo, and Mission, Texas, a request to amend the Presidential permit that the Department issued in 1999 for the Anzalduas international bridge on the U.S.-Mexico border near McAllen, Texas and Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico. The permittee proposes the removal of article 17 of the permit. Article 17 states that "[t]he permittee shall limit the initial hours of operation of the Anzalduas International Crossing to twelve hours per day, seven days per week for vehicular traffic."

According to the Bridge Board's letter, the Department should amend the permit to remove article 17 so that the Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), working with the Anzalduas Bridge Board and Mexican customs authorities, can set the hours of operation of the bridge in accordance with demand and available resources. The letter says that limiting the operations of the bridge to only twelve hours per day is impractical and insufficient, and notes that other international bridges along the international border with Mexico operate 18 or 24 hours per day. The request suggests that operational requirements should be set at the local level, rather than in the Presidential permit itself.

The Department's jurisdiction over this application is based upon Executive Order 11423 of August 16, 1968, as amended, and Article 1 of the 1999 permit, which states that the permit "may be amended by the Secretary of State or the Secretary's delegate at will or upon proper application therefor." * * * As provided in E.O. 11423, the Department is circulating this application to relevant federal and state agencies for review and comment. Under E.O. 11423, the Department has the responsibility to determine, taking into account input from these agencies and other stakeholders, whether the proposed amendment of this