

Fuchs, including the Fuchs Electronics Division of Reunert Limited effective February 27, 1997 (*see* 62 FR 13933, March 24, 1997).

A **Federal Register** notice was published on March 4, 1998 (63 FR 10672) which temporarily suspended the statutory debarment against Fuchs. The Consent Agreement explicitly provided that if the compliance programs or any other parts of the agreement were not fully adhered to, debarment could be re-imposed. The Agreement also stated that the company would establish an internal compliance program and would provide an amount of money equivalent to suspended civil fines to the South African Government to support the effective implementation of its national export control regime.

Section 38(g)(4) of the AECA permits rescission of debarment after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and after a thorough review of the circumstances surrounding the conviction and a finding that appropriate steps have been taken to mitigate any law enforcement concerns.

The Department of State has determined that Fuchs (Pty) Ltd has taken appropriate steps to address the causes of the violations and mitigate any law enforcement concerns. Therefore, in accordance with section 38(g)(4) of the AECA and section 127.11 of the ITAR, effective July 14, 2004, the debarment against Fuchs, including the Fuchs Electronics Division of Reunert Limited, is rescinded. The effect of this notice is that Fuchs, and any divisions, subsidiaries, associated companies, affiliated persons, and successor entities may participate without prejudice in the export or transfer of defense articles, related technical data, and defense services subject to section 38 of the AECA and the ITAR.

Dated: July 14, 2004.

Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Jr.,

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4744]

Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy Meeting Notice

The Department of State announces the next meeting of its Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy (ACICIP), to be held on Wednesday, August 18, from 9 a.m.

until 11:30 a.m., in Room 1406 of the Harry S Truman Building of the U.S. Department of State. The Truman Building is located at 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520.

The committee provides a formal channel for regular consultation and coordination on major economic, social and legal issues and problems in international communications and information policy, especially as these issues and problems involve users of information and communications services, providers of such services, technology research and development, foreign industrial and regulatory policy, the activities of international organizations with regard to communications and information, and developing country issues.

Ambassador David A. Gross, Deputy Assistant Secretary and U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, will attend the meeting together with others from the Office of Communications and Information Policy at the Department of State. Items on the agenda will include Amb. Gross's forthcoming visit to China, issues on the agenda of the October meeting of the World Telecommunications Standards Assembly, reports from the sub-committees of ACICIP, international actions concerning spam, the recent preparatory meeting for Phase II of the World Summit on the Information Society, emerging technologies, and other key multilateral and bilateral issues on the agendas of meetings this fall. Amb. Gross would also like to solicit ideas from ACICIP on current issues facing the telecommunications and information sectors.

Members of the public may attend the meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. While the meeting is open to the public, admittance to the Department of State building is only by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on the pre-clearance list, those interested in attending must provide name, title, affiliation, social security number, date of birth and citizenship to Avis Alston at AlstonAC@state.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 16. All attendees must enter by the 23rd Street entrance. One of the following valid identifications will be required for admittance: Any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. government agency ID. For security reasons, all those attendees who do not have U.S. government agency IDs must be escorted by Department of State personnel at all times when in the building.

For further information, please contact Elizabeth W. Shelton, Executive

Secretary of the Committee at (202) 647-5233, or at SheltonEW@State.gov.

Dated: July 20, 2004.

Elizabeth W. Shelton,

Executive Secretary, ACICIP, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Los Angeles County, CA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Los Angeles County, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

César Pérez, Team Leader—South Region, Federal Highway Administration, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 4-100, Sacramento, California 95814 Telephone (916) 498-5065.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA), will reinstate environmental studies and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve State Route 47 (SR-47) in Los Angeles County, California. The proposed improvement would involve replacing the seismically deficient Schuyler Heim Bridge with a new fixed-span bridge and the construction/extension of SR-47 as a new four-lane elevated expressway from the new Heim Bridge along Alameda Street to Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1). The new fixed-span bridge would change the current vertical and horizontal clearances through the Cerritos Channel. The elevated expressway would provide a direct route from Terminal Island to Alameda Street, resulting in the elimination of five at-grade railroad crossings and ultimately reduce truck traffic on Interstates 710 and 110.

During 2002, Caltrans and ACTA began formal public scoping and initiation of environmental studies for the proposed project. Notice letters were sent to Federal, State and local agencies on January 28, 2002. Notices were prepared in the **Federal Register** and local newspapers, advertising public scoping and open house meetings, on

February 13, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. respectively. Public comments were received until February 28, 2002. A review of subsequent environmental studies led to FHWA to conclude that an EIS would be required. Budgetary constraints then led Caltrans to temporarily suspend the project.

Major project elements to be evaluated in the EIS include: Replacement of the vertical-lift Schuyler Heim Bridge with a fixed-span bridge; construction of an elevated four-lane expressway to State Route 1; and, potential realignment of surface roads and ramps. The EIS will consider a variety of possible alignments for these improvements, as well as the "no-build" alternative.

Letters describing the re-initiation of studies and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed, or are known to have, an interest in this proposal.

Additional public scoping and open house meetings for the Draft EIS/EIR will be held at the Wilmington Senior Center located at 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington, California 90745. The public meetings will be held on September 9, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., respectively. In addition, a public hearing will be held following completion of the Draft EIS/EIR. A public notice will be published for the time and place of the hearing. The Draft EIS/EIR will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal program and activities apply to this program)

Issued on: July 20, 2004.

César E. Pérez,

South Region Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, California Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[EE-43-92]

Proposed Collection: Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, EE-43-92 (TD 8619), Direct Rollovers and 20-Percent Withholding Upon Eligible Rollover Distributions From Qualified Plans (§§ 1.401(a)(31)-1, 1.402(c)-2, 1.402(f)-1, 1.403(b)-2, and 31.3405(c)-1).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 24, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Allan Hopkins, at (202) 622-6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Direct Rollovers and 20-Percent Withholding Upon Eligible Rollover Distributions From Qualified Plans.

OMB Number: 1545-1341.

Regulation Project Number: EE-43-92.

Abstract: This regulation implements the provisions of the Unemployment Compensation Amendments of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-318), which impose mandatory 20 percent income tax withholding upon the taxable portion of certain distributions from a qualified pension plan or a tax-sheltered annuity that can be rolled over tax-free to another eligible retirement plan unless such amounts are transferred directly to such other plan in a "direct rollover" transaction. These provisions also require qualified pension plans and tax-

sheltered annuities to offer their participants the option to elect to make "direct rollovers" of their distributions and to provide distributees with a written explanation of the tax laws regarding their distributions and their option to elect such a rollover.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, and Federal, State, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,323,926.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 13 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,129,669.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: July 15, 2004.

Glenn Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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