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NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION ACT OF 1993 -- COOPERATIVE RESEARCH GROUP ON DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF FLAWPRO FOR ASSESSING DEFECT TOLERANCE OF WELDED PIPES UNDER GENERALIZED HIGH STRAIN CONDITIONS

Notice is hereby given that, on November 2, 2012, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), Southwest Research Institute - Cooperative Research Group on Development and Validation of FlawPRO for Assessing Defect Tolerance of Welded Pipes Under Generalized High Strain Conditions ("FlawPRO-JIP") 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, ConocoPhillips Company, Houston, TX, has been added as a party 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 FlawPRO-JIP intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On May 17, 2011, FlawPRO-JIP 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 July 7, 2011 (76 FR 39901).

The last notification was filed with the Department on August 15, 2011. A notice was published in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on September 21, 2011 (76 FR 58539).

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