

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. NRTL1-88]

MET Laboratories, Inc., Application for Expansion of Recognition**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the application of MET Laboratories, Inc., for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory under 29 CFR 1910.7, and presents the Agency's preliminary finding. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the application.

DATES: Comments submitted by interested parties, or any request for extension of the time to comment, must be received no later than July 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments concerning this notice to: Docket Office, Docket NRTL1-88, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2350. Commenters may transmit written comments of 10 pages or less in length by facsimile to (202) 693-1648. Submit request for extensions concerning this notice to: Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N3653, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Pasquet, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Room N3653 at the above address, or phone (202) 693-2110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Notice of Application**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice that MET Laboratories, Inc. (MET), has applied for expansion of its current recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). MET's expansion request covers the use of additional test standards.

OSHA recognition of an NRTL signifies that the organization has met the legal requirements in Section 1910.7 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7). Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products

covered within its scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, OSHA can accept products "properly certified" by the NRTL.

The Agency processes applications by an NRTL for initial recognition or for expansion or renewal of this recognition following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the Agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides its preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the Agency provides its final decision on an application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of this scope. MET's current scope of recognition may be found in OSHA's informational web page for the NRTL (<http://www.osha-slc.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/met.html>).

The most recent notices published by OSHA for MET's recognition covered an expansion for additional standards, which OSHA announced on November 10, 1998 (63 FR 63085) and granted on March 9, 1999 (64 FR 11502).

The current address of the MET testing facility already recognized by OSHA is: MET Laboratories, Inc., 914 West Patapsco Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21230.

General Background on the Application

MET has submitted a request, dated January 16, 2001 (see Exhibit 24), to expand its recognition as an NRTL for additional test standards. The NRTL Program staff has determined that all the standards requested are "appropriate test standards," within the meaning of 29 CFR 1910.7(c). The staff makes such determinations in processing expansion requests from any NRTL.

OSHA recognition of any NRTL for a particular test standard is limited to equipment or materials (i.e., products) for which OSHA standards require third party testing and certification before use in the workplace. Consequently, an NRTL's scope of recognition excludes any product(s) falling within the scope of the test standard for which OSHA has no testing and certification requirements. MET seeks recognition for testing and certification of products to demonstrate compliance with the following 32 standards.

- UL 45 Portable Electric Tools
- UL 506 Specialty Transformers
- UL 745-1 Portable Electric Tools
- UL 745-2-1 Particular Requirements of Drills
- UL 745-2-2 Particular Requirements for Screwdrivers and Impact Wrenches

- UL 745-2-3 Particular Requirements for Grinders, Polishers, and Disk-Type Sanders
- UL 745-2-4 Particular Requirements for Sanders
- UL 745-2-5 Particular Requirements for Circular Saws and Circular Knives
- UL 745-2-6 Particular Requirements for Hammers
- UL 745-2-8 Particular Requirements for Shears and Nibblers
- UL 745-2-9 Particular Requirements for Tappers
- UL 745-2-11 Particular Requirements for Reciprocating Saws
- UL 745-2-12 Particular Requirements for Concrete Vibrators
- UL 745-2-14 Particular Requirements for Planers
- UL 745-2-17 Particular Requirements for Routers and Trimmers
- UL 745-2-30 Particular Requirements for Staplers
- UL 745-2-31 Particular Requirements for Diamond Core Drills
- UL 745-2-32 Particular Requirements for Magnetic Drill Presses
- UL 745-2-33 Particular Requirements for Portable Bandsaws
- UL 745-2-34 Particular Requirements for Strapping Tools
- UL 745-2-35 Particular Requirements for Drain Cleaners
- UL 745-2-36 Particular Requirements for Hand Motor Tools
- UL 745-2-37 Particular Requirements for Plate Jointers
- UL 935 Fluorescent-Lamp Ballasts
- UL 1026 Electric Household Cooking and Food Serving Appliances
- UL 1028 Hair Clipping and Shaving Appliances
- UL 1083 Household Electric Skillets and Frying-Type Appliances
- UL 1236 Battery Chargers for Charging Engine-Starter Batteries
- UL 1431 Personal Hygiene and Health Care Appliances
- UL 1585 Class 2 and Class 3 Transformers
- UL 1786 Nightlights
- UL 1993 Self-Ballasted Lamps and Lamp Adapters

The designations and titles of the above test standards were current at the time of the preparation of this notice.

Many of the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) test standards listed in this notice are also approved as American National Standards by the

American National Standards Institute (ANSI). However, for convenience in compiling the lists, we use the designation of the standard developing organization (e.g., UL 1028) for the standard, as opposed to the ANSI designation (e.g., ANSI/UL 1028). Under our procedures, an NRTL recognized for an ANSI-approved test standard may use either the latest proprietary version of the test standard or the latest ANSI version of that standard, regardless of whether it is currently recognized for the proprietary or ANSI version. Contact ANSI or the ANSI web site (<http://www.ansi.org>) and click "NSSN" to find out whether or not a test standard is currently ANSI-approved.

Preliminary Finding on the Application

MET has submitted an acceptable request for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL. In connection with this request, OSHA did not perform an on-site review of MET's NRTL testing facilities. However, NRTL Program assessment staff reviewed information pertinent to the request and recommended that MET's recognition be expanded to include the additional test standards listed above (see Exhibit 25).

Following a review of the application file, the assessor's recommendation, and other pertinent documents, the NRTL Program staff has concluded that OSHA should grant to MET the expansion of recognition as an NRTL to use the additional test standards listed above. The staff, therefore, recommended to the Assistant Secretary that the application be preliminarily approved.

Based upon the recommendations of the staff, the Agency has made a preliminary finding that the MET Laboratories, Inc., can meet the requirements, as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7, for the expansion of recognition. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the application.

OSHA welcomes public comments, in sufficient detail, as to whether MET has met the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory. Your comment should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. To consider it, OSHA must receive the comment at the address provided above (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than the last date for comments (see **DATES** above). Should you need more time to comment, OSHA must receive your written request for extension at the address provided above (also see **ADDRESSES**) no later than the last date for comments (also see **DATES** above). You must include your reason(s) for any request for extension. OSHA will limit

an extension to 15 days unless the requester justifies a longer period. We may deny a request for extension if it is frivolous or otherwise unwarranted. You may obtain or review copies of MET's request, the recommendation on the expansion, and all submitted comments, as received, by contacting the Docket Office, Room N2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. You should refer to Docket No. NRTL-1-88, the permanent record of public information on MET's recognition.

The NRTL Program staff will review all timely comments, and after resolution of issues raised by these comments, will recommend whether to grant MET's expansion request. The Agency will make the final decision on granting the expansion, and in making this decision, may undertake other proceedings that are prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR Section 1910.7. OSHA will publish a public notice of this final decision in the **Federal Register**.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 25th day of June, 2001.

R. Davis Layne,
Acting Assistant Secretary.

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

July 5, 2001.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 19, 2001.

PLACE: Room 6005, 6th Floor, 1730 K Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will consider and act upon the following:

1. Alcoa Alumina & Chemical, LLC, Docket No. CENT 2000-101-M (Issues include whether a milling operation is a surface mine for purposes of 30 C.F.R. Part 48, subpart B).

Any person attending an open meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 C.F.R. 2706.150(a)(3) and 2706.160(d).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFO: Jean Ellen, (202) 653-5629/(202) 708-9300

for TDD Relay/1-800-877-8339 for toll free.

Jean H. Ellen,
Chief Docket Clerk.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (01-086)]

Notice of Prospective Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of prospective patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that Bluebox Communications, Inc., of San Jose, CA has applied for an exclusive license to practice the invention disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,774,669, entitled "Scalable Hierarchical Network Management System for Displaying Network Information in Three Dimensions," which is assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Ames Research Center.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by September 10, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Padilla, Patent Counsel, NASA Ames Research Center, Mail Stop 202A-3, Moffett Field, CA 94035-1000, telephone (650) 604-5104.

Dated: July 2, 2001.

Edward A. Frankle,
General Counsel.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (01-085)]

Notice of Prospective Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of prospective patent license

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that Simplylook.com, Inc., of San Jose, CA has applied for an exclusive license to practice the invention disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,426,512, entitled "Optimized Image Compression (DCTune)," which is assigned to the