



[PROPOSED CHARGING LETTER]
CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

BS&B Process Systems, Inc.
2727 Allen Parkway
Houston, Texas 77019

ATTENTION: Mr. Richard B. Lankford, Esq.
Director

Dear Mr. Lankford:

The Office of Export Enforcement, Bureau of Export Administration, United States Department of Commerce (BXA), hereby charges that, as described in detail below, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. has violated the Export Administration Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2000)) (the Regulations),¹ issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (1994 & Supp. V 1999)) (the Act).²

Charges 1 - 8 set forth below relate to three separate exports to Iran. These exports are described in greater detail in the Schedule of Violations, enclosed herewith and incorporated herein by reference. Facts constituting the violations:

¹ The alleged violations occurred in 1996, 1997 and 1998. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 1996, 1997 and 1998 versions of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 768-799 (1996), as amended (61 Fed. Reg. 12714, March 25, 1996) (hereinafter the "former Regulations"), 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (1997)), and 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (1998)). The March 25, 1996 issue of the Federal Register redesignated, but did not republish, the then-existing Regulations as 15 C.F.R. Parts 768A-799A. In addition, the March 25, 1996 issue of the Federal Register reorganized and restructured the Regulations, designating them as an interim rule at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774, effective April 24, 1996. The former Regulations and the Regulations define the various violations that BXA alleges occurred. The Regulations establish the procedures that apply to this matter.

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CHARGES 1-2

On or about April 15, 1996, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. exported oil production equipment from the United States to Iran, through the United Kingdom, without obtaining the authorization it knew or had reason to know was required by section 785.4 of the former Regulations. BXA alleges that, by exporting a commodity in violation of or contrary to the terms, provisions, or conditions of the Act, or any regulation, order, or license issued thereunder, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. committed one violation of Section 787.6 of the former Regulations. BXA also alleges that, by transferring, transporting or forwarding commodities to be exported from the United States with knowledge or reason to know that a violation of the Act or any regulation, order, or license issued thereunder has occurred, is about to occur, or is intended to occur, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. committed one violation of Section 787.4 of the former Regulations.

CHARGES 3-6

On or about May 5, 1997 and on or about February 5, 1998, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. exported oil production equipment from the United States to Iran, through the United Kingdom, without obtaining the authorizations it knew or had reason to know were required by section 746.7 of the Regulations. BXA alleges that, by engaging in conduct prohibited by or contrary to the Act, the Regulations, or any order or license issued thereunder, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. committed two violations of Section 764.2(a) of the Regulations. BXA also alleges that, by transferring, transporting, or forwarding commodities to be exported from the United States with knowledge or reason to know that violations of the Act or any regulation, order, or license issued thereunder have occurred, are about to occur, or are intended to occur, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. committed two violations of Section 764.2(e) of the Regulations.

CHARGE 7

In connection with the export to Iran on or about May 5, 1997, described above, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. prepared a Shipper's Export Declaration stating that the ultimate destination was the United Kingdom, when, in fact, the ultimate destination was Iran. BXA alleges that, by making false or misleading representations, statements, or certifications directly or indirectly to a U.S. Government agency in connection with the preparation, submission, issuance, use or maintenance of an export control document, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. committed one violation of Section 764.2(g) of the Regulations.

CHARGE 8

In connection with the export to Iran on or about February 5, 1998, described above, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. failed to prepare a Shipper's Export Declaration as required by Section 758.1 of the Regulations. BXA alleges that, by refraining from engaging in conduct required by the Act, the

regulations, or any order, license or authorization issued thereunder, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. committed one violation of Section 764.2(a).

BXA alleges that BS&B Process Systems, Inc. committed one violation of Section 787.4 of the former Regulations, one violation of section 787.6 of the former regulations, three violations of Section 764.2(a) of the Regulations, two violations of Section 764.2(e) of the Regulations, and one violation of Section 764.2(g) of the Regulations, for a total of eight violations.

Accordingly, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. is hereby notified that an administrative proceeding is instituted against it pursuant to Section 13(c) of the Act and Part 766 of the Regulations for the purpose of obtaining an Order imposing administrative sanctions, including any or all of the following:

The maximum civil penalty allowed by law of \$10,000 per violation (see Section 764.3(a)(1) of the Regulations and 15 C.F.R. Section 6.4(a)(3) (2000));³ and/or

Denial of export privileges (see Section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations).

Copies of Parts 764 and 766 of the Regulations are enclosed.

If BS&B Process Systems, Inc. fails to answer the charges contained in this letter within 30 days after being served with notice of issuance of this letter as provided in Section 766.6 of the Regulations, that failure will be treated as a default under Section 766.7.

BS&B Process Systems, Inc. is further notified that it is entitled to an agency hearing on the record as provided by Section 13(c) of the Act and Section 766.6 of the Regulations, if a written demand for one is filed with its answer, to be represented by counsel, and to seek a settlement.

Pursuant to an Interagency Agreement between BXA and the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Coast Guard is providing administrative law judge services, to the extent that such services are required under the Regulations, in connection with the matters set forth in this letter. Accordingly, BS&B Process Systems Inc.'s answer should be filed with the U.S. Coast Guard ALJ Docketing Center, 40 S. Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202-4022, in accordance with the instructions in Section 766.5(a) of the Regulations. In addition, a copy of BS&B Process Systems Inc.'s answer

³ The maximum civil penalty for any violations committed after October 23, 1996 is \$11,000 per violation. See 15 C.F.R. § 6.4(a)(3) (1999).

should be served on BXA, addressed to the Chief Counsel for Export Administration, Room H-3839, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C.. 20230, to the attention of C. Randall Pratt, Senior Attorney. Ms. Pratt may be contacted by telephone at (202) 482-5304.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Menefee
Director
Office of Export Enforcement

Enclosures

Schedule of Violations

BS&B Process Systems, Inc.

Charges	Date of Export	Destination	bill	Invoice	
			Air		
1, 2	4/15/96	Iran	074-2 73000292	9218	9218
3, 4, 7	5/5/97	Iran	074- 60511581	9306	
5, 6, 8	2/5/98	Iran	074- 60511883	9320	

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20230

In the Matter of:)
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BS&B PROCESS SYSTEMS, INC.)
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2727 Allen Parkway)
Houston, Texas 770 19)
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Respondent)

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made by and between BS&B Process Systems, Inc. and the Bureau of Export Administration, United States Department of Commerce, pursuant to Section 766.18(a) of the Export Administration Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2001)) (the Regulations),¹ issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (1994 & Supp. V 1999)) (the Act).²

¹The alleged violations occurred in 1996, 1997 and 1998. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 1996, 1997 and 1998 versions of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 768-799 (1996), as amended (61 Fed. Reg. 12714, March 25, 1996) (hereinafter the “former Regulations”), 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (1997)), and 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (1998)). The March 25, 1996 issue of the Federal Register redesignated, but did not republish, the then-existing Regulations as 15 C.F.R. Parts 768A-799A. In addition, the March 25, 1996 issue of the Federal Register reorganized and restructured the Regulations, designating them as an interim rule at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774, effective April 24, 1996. The former Regulations and the Regulations define the various violations that BXA alleges occurred. The Regulations establish the procedures that apply to this matter.

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WHEREAS, the Office of Export Enforcement, Bureau of Export Administration (BXA), has notified BS&B Process Systems, Inc. of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against it pursuant to the Act and the Regulations, based on allegations that, on or about April 15, 1996, on or about May 5, 1997, and on or about February 5, 1998, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. exported oil production equipment from the United States to Iran, through the United Kingdom, without obtaining the authorization it knew or had reason to know was required, thereby committing violations of Sections 787.4 and 787.6 of the former Regulations and violations of Sections 764.2(a) and 764.2(e) of the Regulations, and that, in connection with the export to Iran on or about May 5, 1997, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. prepared a Shipper's Export Declaration stating that the ultimate destination of the export was the United Kingdom, when in fact the ultimate destination was Iran, thereby making a false or misleading representation directly or indirectly to a U.S. Government agency in connection with the preparation of an export control document in violation of Section 764.2(g) of the Regulations, and that, in connection with the export to Iran on or about February 5, 1998, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. failed to prepare the required Shipper's Export Declaration, thereby violating Section 764.2(g) of the Regulations;

WHEREAS, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. has reviewed the proposed Charging Letter and is aware of the allegations made against it and the administrative sanctions that could be imposed against it if the allegations are found to be true. it fully understands the terms of this Settlement Agreement and the proposed Order, it enters into this Settlement Agreement voluntarily and with full knowledge of its rights, and it states that no promises or representations have been made to it other than the agreements and considerations herein expressed;

WHEREAS, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. has designated the undersigned as duly authorized to enter into this Settlement Agreement and to bind BS&B Process Systems, Inc. to the terms and conditions set forth herein;

WHEREAS, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in the proposed Charging Letter;

WHEREAS, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. wishes to settle and dispose of all matters set forth in the proposed Charging Letter by entering into this Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. agrees to be bound by an appropriate Order giving effect to the terms of this Settlement Agreement, when entered (appropriate Order);

NOW THEREFORE, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. and BXA agree as follows:

1. BXA has jurisdiction over BS&B Process Systems, Inc., under the Act and the Regulations, in connection with the matters set forth in the proposed Charging Letter.

2. BXA and BS&B Process Systems, Inc. agree that the following sanctions shall be imposed against BS&B Process Systems, Inc. in complete settlement of the alleged violations of the Act and Regulations set forth in the proposed Charging Letter:

- a. BS&B Process Systems, Inc. shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$86,000, of which \$30,000 shall be paid to BXA within 30 days from the date of entry of the appropriate Order, \$30,000 shall be paid to BXA within one year of the date of entry of the appropriate Order, and the remaining \$26,000 shall be paid to BXA within two years of the date of entry of the appropriate Order;
- b. BS&B Process Systems, Inc. may not, for a period of three years from the date of entry of an appropriate Order, participate, directly or indirectly, in any way in any

transaction involving an commodity, software, or technology (hereinafter collectively referred to as item) exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the regulations, including, but not limited to:

- i. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license, License Exception, or export control document;
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 - iii. Benefitting in any way from any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations.
- c. As authorized by Section 766.18(c) of the Regulations, this denial of export privileges shall be suspended for a period of three years from the date of entry of an appropriate Order, and shall thereafter be waived, provided that, during the period of suspension, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. has committed no violation of the Act, or any regulation, order, or license issued thereunder, including failure to make timely payments of the civil penalty as set forth in paragraph 2(a) above.
3. BS&B Process Systems, Inc. agrees that, subject to the approval of this

Settlement Agreement pursuant to paragraph 8 hereof, it hereby waives all rights to further

procedural steps in this matter (except with respect to any alleged violations of this Settlement Agreement or the appropriate Order, when entered), including, without limitation, any right (a) to an administrative hearing regarding the allegations in the proposed Charging Letter; (b) to request a refund of any civil penalty paid pursuant to this Settlement Agreement and the appropriate Order, when entered; and (c) to seek judicial review or otherwise to contest the validity of this Settlement Agreement or the appropriate Order, when entered.

4. BXA agrees that, upon entry of an appropriate Order, it will not initiate any administrative proceeding against BS&B Process Systems, Inc. in connection with any violation of the Act or the Regulations based on the facts alleged in the proposed Charging Letter.

5. BS&B Process Systems, Inc. understands that BXA will make the proposed Charging Letter, this Settlement Agreement, and the appropriate Order, when entered, available to the public.

6. BXA and BS&B Process Systems, Inc. agree that this Settlement Agreement is for settlement purposes only. Therefore, if this Settlement Agreement is not accepted and an appropriate Order is not issued by the Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement pursuant to Section 766.18(a) of the Regulations, BXA and BS&B Process Systems, Inc. agree that they may not use this Settlement Agreement in any administrative or judicial proceeding and that the parties shall not be bound by the terms contained in this Settlement Agreement in any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding.

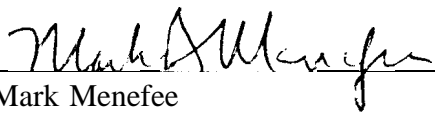
7. No agreement, understanding, representation or interpretation not contained in this Settlement Agreement may be used to vary or otherwise affect the terms of this Settlement Agreement or the appropriate Order, when entered, nor shall this Settlement Agreement serve to

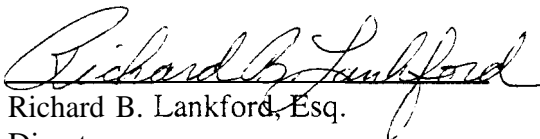
bind, constrain, or otherwise limit any action by any other agency or department of the United States Government with respect to the facts and circumstances addressed herein.

8. This Settlement Agreement shall become binding on BXA only when the Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement approves it by entering an appropriate Order, which will have the same force and effect as a decision and order issued after a full administrative hearing on the record.

BUREAU OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BS&B PROCESS SYSTEMS, INC.


Mark Menefee
Director
Office of Export Enforcement


Richard B. Lankford, Esq.
Director
BS&B Process Systems, Inc.

Date: 10/29/07

Date: 10/19/01

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Houston, Texas 770 19)
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Respondent

ORDER

The Office of Export Enforcement, Bureau of Export Administration, United States Department of Commerce (BXA), having notified BS&B Process Systems, Inc. of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against it pursuant to Part 766 of the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2001)) (the Regulations),¹ issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (1994 & Supp. V 1999)) (the Act),² based on allegations that, on or about April 15, 1996, on or

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BXA and BS&B Process Systems, Inc. having entered into a Settlement Agreement pursuant to Section 766.18(a) of the Regulations whereby they agree to settle this matter in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein, and the terms of the Settlement Agreement having been approved by me;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED,

FIRST, that a civil penalty of \$86,000 is assessed against BS&B Process Systems, Inc., of which \$30,000 shall be paid to BXA within 30 days from the date of entry of this Order, \$30,000 shall be paid to BXA within one year of the date of entry of this Order, and the remaining

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\$26,000 shall be paid to BXA within two years of the date of entry of this Order. Payment shall be made in the manner specified in the attached instructions.

SECOND, that, pursuant to the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended (31 U.S.C.A. §§ 3701-3720E (1983 and Supp. 1999)), the civil penalty owed under this Order accrues interest as more fully described in the attached Notice, and, if payment is not made by the due date specified herein, respondent will be assessed, in addition to interest, a penalty charge and an administrative charge, as more fully described in the attached Notice.

THIRD, that, for a period of three years from the date of entry of this Order, BS&B Process Systems, Inc., 2727 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas 77019, may not participate, directly or indirectly, in any way in any transaction involving any commodity, software or technology (hereinafter collectively referred to as item) exported or to be exported from the United States, that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations, including, but not limited to:

- A. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license, License Exception, or export control document;
- B. Carrying on negotiations concerning, or ordering, buying, receiving, using, selling, delivering, storing, disposing of, forwarding, transporting, financing, or otherwise servicing in any way, any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations; or

- C. Benefitting in any way from any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations.

FOURTH, that no person may, directly or indirectly, do any of the following:

- A. Export or reexport to or on behalf of the denied person any item subject to the Regulations;
- B. Take any action that facilitates the acquisition or attempted acquisition by the denied person of the ownership, possession, or control of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States, including financing or other support activities related to a transaction whereby the denied person acquires or attempts to acquire such ownership, possession or control;
- C. Take any action to acquire from or to facilitate the acquisition or attempted acquisition from the denied person of any item subject to the Regulations that has been exported from the United States;
- D. Obtain from the denied person in the United States any item subject to the Regulations with knowledge or reason to know that the item will be, or is intended to be, exported from the United States; or
- E. Engage in any transaction to service any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States and that is owned, possessed or controlled by the denied person, or service any item, of whatever origin, that is owned, possessed or controlled by the denied person if such service involves the use of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from

the United States. For purposes of this paragraph, servicing means installation, maintenance, repair, modification or testing.

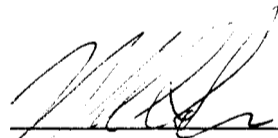
FIFTH, that, after notice and opportunity for comment as provided in Section 766.23 of the Regulations, any person, firm, corporation, or business organization related to BS&B Process Systems, Inc. by affiliation, ownership, control or position of responsibility in the conduct of trade or related services may also be subject to the provisions of this Order.

SIXTH, that this Order does not prohibit any export, reexport, or other transaction subject to the Regulations where the only items involved that are subject to the Regulations are the foreign-produced direct product of U.S.-origin technology.

SEVENTH, that, as authorized by Section 766.18(c) of the Regulations, the denial period set forth above shall be suspended in its entirety for a period of three years from the date of entry of this Order, and shall thereafter be waived, provided that, during the period of suspension, BS&B Process Systems, Inc. has committed no violation of the Act, or any regulation, order, or license issued thereunder, including failure to make timely payments of the civil penalty set forth above.

EIGHTH, that the proposed Charging Letter, the Settlement Agreement, and this Order shall be made available to the public.

This Order, which constitutes the final agency action in this matter, is effective immediately.



 Michael J. Garcia
 Assistant Secretary
 for Export Enforcement

Entered this 4th day of February, 2002