

to its maximum space utilization; that the proposed building will provide relocation of numerous Federal agencies now in temporary buildings; that no specific allocation of space can be made at this time; when specific allocation of agencies in the proposed building is determined by the General Services Administration, temporary space of equivalent occupancy will be demolished.

4. That every effort will be made to design and construct space conducive to maximum efficient utilization, and to take advantage of any revision of cost downward which may be found possible as the plans develop and negotiations are advanced.

You appreciate, of course, that this project will receive a more detailed review as to cost and space utilization.

Sincerely yours,

PERCIVAL BRUNDAGE,  
*Director.*

HON. FRANKLIN G. FLOETE,  
*Administrator,*  
*General Services Administration,*  
*Washington 25, D. C.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

[Treasury Dept. Order 180-4]

### COMMISSIONER OF NARCOTICS

#### DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY RELATIVE TO SURRENDER OF HEROIN AND ITS USE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PURPOSES

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Reorganization Plan No. 26 of 1950, there is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Narcotics, with right to redelegate, authority to perform any function of the Secretary of the Treasury under section 1402 of Title 18 of the United States Code (Public Law 728, 84th Cong. 2d Session) relating to the surrender of heroin and the use of heroin for scientific research purposes.

Dated: July 24, 1956.

[SEAL] DAVID W. KENDALL,  
*Acting Secretary of the Treasury.*

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## OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION

[ODM (DPA) Request No. 53—DPAV 46 (d)]

ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL CO. ET AL.

#### REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT RELATING TO FOREIGN PETROLEUM SUPPLY AS AMENDED

Pursuant to section 708 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, the request set forth below to participate in a voluntary agreement entitled "Voluntary Agreement Relating to Foreign Petroleum Supply As Amended" was approved by the Attorney General after consultation with respect thereto between the Attorney General, the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, and the Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization. The companies listed below have accepted the request to participate in the voluntary agreement as amended.

The requests to participate in the Voluntary Agreement Relating to Foreign

Petroleum Supply, dated May 1, 1953, and the April 15, 1954, amendment thereto, and the lists of companies accepting the requests were published on July 22, 1953 (18 F. R. 4262) and on April 20, 1954 (19 F. R. 2278). Subsequent additions to and deletions from the list of companies participating in the voluntary agreement as amended were published on May 22, 1954 (19 F. R. 2992) and on May 24, 1955 (20 F. R. 3646).

This agreement has been again amended to reflect changes in organization and procedures developed as a result of the Attorney General's review of the agreement required by the Defense Production Act Amendments of 1955. This amended agreement has been approved by the Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization and found to be in the public interest as contributing to the national defense.

*Contents of request.* Pursuant to the Defense Production Act Amendments of 1955, the Attorney General has reviewed the defense need for voluntary agreements existing under section 708. With reference to the Voluntary Agreement Relating to Foreign Petroleum Supply, after consultation with the Office of Defense Mobilization and the Department of the Interior, it has been decided that the attached amended agreement would be desirable.

You are requested to participate in the Voluntary Agreement Relating to Foreign Petroleum Supply, as amended as per copy attached. The Attorney General has approved this request after consultation with respect thereto between his representatives, representatives of the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission and my representatives, pursuant to section 708 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended.

I approve the voluntary agreement, as amended, and find it to be in the public interest as contributing to the national defense. Immunity from prosecution under the Federal antitrust laws and the Federal Trade Commission Act will continue upon your acceptance of this modified request, provided that your acts relative to such participation are within the limits set forth in the voluntary agreement, as amended.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR S. FLEMMING,  
*Director.*

#### ACCEPTANCES

Arabian American Oil Company, 505 Park Avenue, New York, New York.  
Caltex Oil Products Company, 380 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.  
Creole Petroleum Corporation, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.  
Getty Oil Company, 1060 Subway Terminal Building, Los Angeles 13, California.  
Gulf Oil Corporation, Gulf Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.  
Sinclair Oil Corporation, 600 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.  
Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc., 26 Broadway, New York, New York.  
Standard Oil Company of California, 225 Bush Street, San Francisco, California.  
Standard Oil Company (New Jersey), 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York.  
Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, 26 Broadway, New York, New York.  
Superior Oil Company, 601 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, California.  
The Texas Company, 135 East 42d Street, New York, New York.  
Venezuelan Petroleum Company, 600 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

(Sec. 708, 64 Stat. 818, as amended; 50 U. S. C. App. Sup. 2158; E. O. 10480, August 14, 1953, 18 F. R. 4939)

Dated: July 20, 1956.

ARTHUR S. FLEMMING,  
*Director.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 22-1909]

HARPENER BERGBAU-AKTIEN-GESELLSCHAFT

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION

JULY 23, 1956.

Notice is hereby given that Harpener Bergbau-Aktien-Gesellschaft, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Germany, has filed an application pursuant to section 304 (d) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 for an order exempting from the provisions of section 310 (a) (3) of the act the 4½ Percent Debt Adjustment Bonds due January 1, 1970, to be issued by Harpener Bergbau-Aktien-Gesellschaft under an indenture to be dated as of January 1, 1953, between Harpener Bergbau-Aktien-Gesellschaft and The First National City Bank of New York and Deutsche Kreditsicherung Kommanditgesellschaft Dr. Alexander Kreuter, as Trustees, in connection with Harpener Bergbau-Aktien-Gesellschaft's offer of settlement to be made pursuant to Annex II of the London Agreement on German External Debts of February 27, 1953, between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the United States of America and other countries.

Section 304 (d) of the act permits the Commission, on application by the issuer and after opportunity of hearing thereon, to enter an order exempting from any one or more provisions of the act, any security proposed to be issued by a person organized and existing under the laws of a foreign government if and to the extent it finds that compliance with such provision or provisions is not necessary in the public interest and for the protection of investors.

The application states, with respect to the request for exemption from section 310 (a) (3) to permit certain acts to be performed by the Co-Trustee as follows:

(1) Harpener has outstanding an issue of Gold Mortgage 6 percent Bonds, Series of 1929, which has been in default for many years. The London Agreement provides, among other things, for the consensual settlement of foreign currency obligations of German Corporate debtors by the refunding and extension of such obligations. Harpener is, however, liable only for the repayment of bonds which may be validated pursuant to the Validation Law for German Foreign Currency Bonds of August 25, 1952. The terms of the offer negotiated by Harpener for its outstanding obligations provide for the issuance by Harpener of the above described Debt Adjustment Bonds, due January 1, 1970,