



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Industry and Security
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Nureddin Shariff Sehweil
Khalidiya, P.O. Box 46112
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Dear Mr. Sehweil:

The Bureau of Industry and Security, United States Department of Commerce ("BIS"), has reason to believe that you, Nureddin Shariff Sehweil of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates ("Sehweil"), have committed two violations of the Export Administration Regulations (the "Regulations"),¹ which are issued under the authority of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (the "Act").² Specifically, BIS charges that Sehweil has committed the following violations:

Charge 1 15 C.F.R. §764.2(g) - False Statement to Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement in the Course of a BIS Administrative Enforcement Proceeding

On or about July 7, 2003, in connection with an ongoing BIS Administrative Enforcement Proceeding, Sehweil represented to the BIS Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement that Uni-Arab Engineering and Oil Field Services of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates ("Uni-Arab"), of which Sehweil was managing director, had not had any direct or indirect intentional dealings with countries under U.S. embargo restrictions in connection with merchandise that is subject to

¹ The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2004). The charged violations occurred in 2003. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 2003 version of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2003)). The 2004 Regulations establish the procedures that apply to this matter.

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U.S. jurisdiction. This statement was false as Uni-Arab had, on one or more occasions, participated in a transaction involving the sale of items subject to the Regulations to a petrochemical company in Libya. In so doing, Sehweil committed one violation of Section 764.2(g) of the Regulations.

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Accordingly, Sehweil is hereby notified that an administrative proceeding is instituted against him pursuant to 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 \$11,000 per violation;³

Denial of export privileges; and/or

Exclusion from practice before BIS.

If Sehweil fails to answer the charges contained in this letter within 30 days after being served with notice of issuance of this letter, that failure will be treated as a default. *See* 15 C.F.R. §§ 766.6 and 766.7. If Sehweil defaults, the Administrative Law Judge may find the charges alleged in this letter are true without a hearing or further notice to Sehweil. The Under Secretary for Industry and Security may then impose up to the maximum penalty on the charges in this letter.

Sehweil is further notified that he is entitled to an agency hearing on the record if he files a written demand for one with his answer. *See* 15 C.F.R. § 766.6. Sehweil is also entitled to be represented by counsel or other authorized representative who has power of attorney to represent him. *See* 15 C.F.R. §§ 766.3(a) and 766.4.

³ *See* 15 C.F.R. § 6.4(a)(2).

The Regulations provide for settlement without a hearing. *See* 15 C.F.R. § 766.18. Should Sehweil have a proposal to settle this case, he or his representative should transmit it to me through the attorney representing BIS named below.

The U.S. Coast Guard is providing administrative law judge services in connection with the matters set forth in this letter. Accordingly, Sehweil's answer must be filed in accordance with the instructions set forth in Section 766.5(a) of the Regulations with:

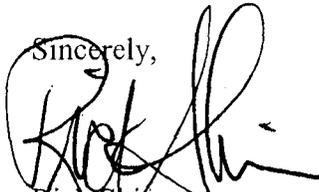
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40 S. Gay Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202-4022

In addition, a copy of Sehweil's answer must be served on BIS at the following address:

Chief Counsel for Industry and Security
Attention: Philip Ankel, Esq.
Room H-3839
United States Department of Commerce
14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Philip Ankel is the attorney representing BIS in this case. Any communications that you may wish to have concerning this matter should occur through him. He may be contacted by telephone at (202) 482-5301.

Sincerely,



Rick Shimon
Acting Director
Office of Export Enforcement

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Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates)
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and)
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Al-Gaith Tower, Hamden Street)
Flat No. 1202)
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates)
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Respondent)

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between, Nureddin Shariff Schweil (“Schweil”) and the Bureau of Industry and Security, United States Department of Commerce (“BIS”) (collectively referred to as “Parties”), pursuant to Section 766.18(b) of the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2004)) (“Regulations”),¹ issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (2000)) (“Act”),²

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WHEREAS, BIS has initiated an administrative proceeding against Sehweil, pursuant to the Act and the Regulations;

WHEREAS, BIS has issued a charging letter to Sehweil that alleged that Sehweil, as Managing Director of Uni-Arab Engineering and Oil Field Services of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (“Uni-Arab”), in his individual capacity committed two violations of the Regulations, specifically:

1. *One Violation of 15 C.F.R. §764.2(g) - False Statement to Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement in the Course of a BIS Administrative Enforcement*

Proceeding: On or about July 7, 2003, in connection with an ongoing BIS Administrative enforcement proceeding, Sehweil represented to the BIS Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement that Uni-Arab Engineering and Oil Field Services of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (“Uni-Arab”), of which Sehweil was Managing Director, had not had any direct or indirect intentional dealings with countries under U.S. embargo restrictions in connection with merchandise that is subject to U.S. jurisdiction. This statement was false as Uni-Arab had, on one or more occasions, participated in a transaction involving the sale of items subject to the Regulations to a petrochemical company in Libya.

2. *One Violation of 15 C.F.R. §764.2(g) - False Statement to Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement in the Course of a BIS Administrative Enforcement*

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WHEREAS, Sehweil has reviewed the charging letter and is aware of the allegations made against him and the administrative sanctions which could be imposed against him if the allegations are found to be true;

WHEREAS, Sehweil fully understands the terms of this Agreement and the Order (“Order”) that the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement will issue if she approves this Agreement as the final resolution of this matter;

WHEREAS, Sehweil enters into this Agreement voluntarily and with full knowledge of his rights;

WHEREAS, Sehweil states that no promises or representations have been made to him other than the agreements and considerations herein expressed;

WHEREAS, Sehweil neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in the charging letter;

WHEREAS, Sehweil wishes to settle and dispose of all matters alleged in the charging letter by entering into this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Sehweil agrees to be bound by the Order, if entered;

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. BIS has jurisdiction over Sehweil, under the Regulations, in connection with the matters alleged in the charging letter.

2. The following sanctions shall be imposed against Sehweil in complete settlement of the violations of the Regulations set forth in the charging letter:

- a. Sehweil shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$20,000 which shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce within 30 days from the date of entry of the Order.
- b. The timely payment of the civil penalty agreed to in paragraph 2.a. is hereby made a condition to the granting, restoration, or continuing validity of any export license, permission, or privilege granted, or to be granted, to Sehweil. Failure to make timely payment of the civil penalty set forth above shall result in the denial of all of Sehweil's export privileges for a period of one year from the date of imposition of the penalty.
- c. For a period three years from the date of entry of the Order, Sehweil, and, when acting for or on behalf of Sehweil, his representatives, agents, assigns or employees ("Denied Person") 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:
 - i. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license, License Exception, or export control document;

- ii. 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
 - 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.
- d. BIS agrees that, as authorized by Section 766.18 (c) of the Regulations, the three year denial period set forth in paragraph 2.c. shall be suspended in its entirety for a period of one year from the entry of the appropriate Order, and shall thereafter be waived, provided that during the period of suspension, Sehweil has committed no violation of the Act or any regulation, order or license issued thereunder, and, provided further that Sehweil has made timely payment of the \$20,000 civil penalty assessed pursuant to this Agreement and the Order.

3. Subject to the approval of this Agreement pursuant to paragraph 8 hereof, Sehweil hereby waives all rights to further procedural steps in this matter (except with respect to any alleged violations of this Agreement or the Order, if entered), including, without limitation, any right to: (a) an administrative hearing regarding the allegations in the charging letter; (b) request a refund of any civil penalty paid pursuant to this Agreement and the Order, if entered; (c) request any relief from the Order, if entered, including without limitation relief from the terms of

a denial order under 15 C.F.R. § 764.3(a)(2); and (d) seek judicial review or otherwise contest the validity of this Agreement or the Order, if entered.

4. Upon entry of the Order and timely payment of the \$20,000 civil penalty, BIS will not initiate any further administrative proceeding against Schweil in connection with any violation of the Act or the Regulations arising out of the transactions identified in the charging letter.

5. BIS will make the charging letter, this Agreement, the Order, if entered, and the record of the case as defined in Section 766.20 of the Regulations available to the public.

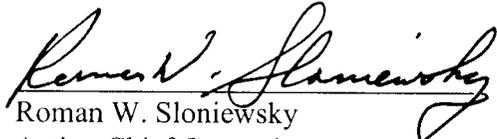
6. This Agreement is for settlement purposes only. Therefore, if this Agreement is not accepted and the Order is not issued by the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement pursuant to Section 766.18(b) of the Regulations, no Party may use this Agreement in any administrative or judicial proceeding and the Parties shall not be bound by the terms contained in this Agreement in any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding.

7. No agreement, understanding, representation or interpretation not contained in this Agreement may be used to vary or otherwise affect the terms of this Agreement or the Order, if entered, nor shall this 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 Agreement shall become binding on BIS only if the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement approves it by entering the Order, which will have the same force and effect as a decision and order issued after a full administrative hearing on the record.

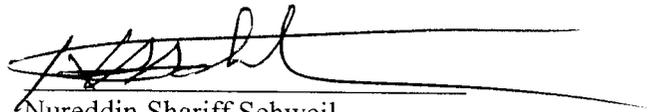
9. Each signatory affirms that he has authority to enter into this Settlement Agreement and to bind his respective party to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE


Roman W. Sloniewsky
Acting Chief Counsel

Date: 3/16/05

NUREDDIN SHARIFF SEHWEIL


Nureddin Shariff Sehweil
In his individual capacity

Date: 15 Feb 2005

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ORDER RELATING TO NUREDDIN SHARIFF SEHWEIL

The Bureau of Industry and Security, United States Department of Commerce (“BIS”) has initiated an administrative proceeding against Nureddin Shariff Sehweil, as Managing Director of Uni-Arab Engineering and Oil Field Services of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (“Uni-Arab”), in his individual capacity (“Sehweil”) pursuant to Section 766.3 of the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2004)) (“Regulations”),¹ and Section 13(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (2000)) (“Act”),² by filing a charging letter that alleged that Sehweil committed two violations of the Regulations. Specifically, the charges are:

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WHEREAS, BIS and Sehweil having entered into a Settlement Agreement pursuant to Section 766.18(b) of the Regulations whereby they agreed to settle this matter in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, I have approved the terms of the Settlement Agreement;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

FIRST, that a civil penalty of \$20,000 is assessed against Sehweil, which will be paid on the date of entry of this Order.

SECOND, for a period three years from the date of entry of the Order, Nureddin Shariff Sehweil, Khalidiya, P.O. Box 46112, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and Al-Gaith Tower, Hamden Street, Flat No. 1202, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (“Sehweil”), and, when acting for or on behalf of Sehweil, his representatives, agents, assigns or employees (“Denied Person”) 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.

THIRD, 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 which 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.

FOURTH, 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 Schweil by affiliation, ownership, control, or position of responsibility in the conduct of trade or related services may also be made subject to the provisions of the Order.

FIFTH, 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

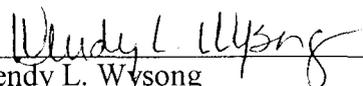
foreign-produced direct product of U.S.-origin technology.

SIXTH, that, as authorized by Section 766.18 (c) of the Regulations, the denial period set forth above shall be suspended in its entirety for one year from the date of this Order, and shall thereafter be waived, provided that during the period of suspension, Schweil has committed no violation of the Act or any regulation, order or license issued thereunder.

SEVENTH, that the charging letter, the Settlement Agreement, this Order and the record of the case as defined in Section 766.20 of the Regulations shall be made available to the public.

EIGHTH, that the administrative law judge shall be notified that this case is withdrawn from adjudication.

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



Wendy L. Wysong
Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce
for Export Enforcement

Entered this 17th day of March 2005.