

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20230

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In the Matter of: )  
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State of the Art, Inc. )  
2470 Fox Hill Road )  
State College, PA 16803-1797 )  
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Respondent )

ORDER RELATING TO STATE OF THE ART, INC.

The Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce (“BIS”) has notified State of the Art, Inc. (“SOA”), of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against SOA pursuant to Section 766.3 of the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2007)) (the “Regulations”),<sup>1</sup> and Section 13(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (2000)) (the “Act”),<sup>2</sup> through issuance of a proposed charging letter to SOA that alleged that SOA committed eight violations of the Regulations. Specifically, the charges are:

<sup>1</sup> The violations alleged to have been committed occurred in 2002-2004. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 2002-2004 versions of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2002-2004)). The 2007 Regulations establish the procedures that apply to this matter.

<sup>2</sup> Since August 21, 2001, the Act has been in lapse and the President, through Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (3 C.F.R., 2001 Comp. 783 (2002)), which has been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the most recent being that of August 15, 2007 (72 Fed. Reg. 46,137 (Aug. 16, 2007)), has continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. §§ 1701-1706 (2000)) (“IEEPA”).

**Charges 1-7 15 C.F.R. § 764.2(g) -False Statement on Shipper's Export Declarations**

On seven occasions between on or about November 13, 2002 and on or about August 7, 2004, SOA made false statements to the U.S. Government in connection with the submission of export control documents for the export of Fixed Resistors, which are items subject to the Regulations. Specifically, SOA filed Shipper's Export Declarations ("SED") with the U.S. Government stating that the country of ultimate destination for the items was the United Arab Emirates ("UAE"). Those representations were false, in that the country of ultimate destination was India. In so doing, SOA committed seven violations of Section 764.2(g) of the Regulations.

**Charge 8 15 C.F.R. §764.2(a) - Unlicensed Export to Listed Entity**

On or about August 7, 2004, SOA engaged in conduct prohibited by the Regulations when it exported Fixed Resistors, items subject to the Regulations, to the Space Application Center in India, an end user on BIS's Entity List, without the license required by the Department of Commerce. A license was required for this export under Section 744.1 and Supplement No. 4 to Section 744 of the Regulations. In so doing, SOA committed one violation of Section 764.2(a) of the Regulations.

WHEREAS, BIS and SOA have entered into a Settlement Agreement pursuant to Section 766.18(a) 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 of the terms of such Settlement Agreement;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

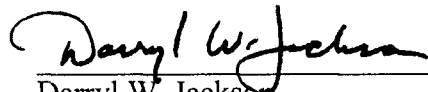
FIRST, that a civil penalty of \$35,000 is assessed against SOA, which shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce in two equal installments of \$17,500 with the first payment due not later than December 31, 2007 and the second payment due not later than March 31, 2008. Payment shall be made in the manner specified in the attached instructions.

SECOND, that, pursuant to the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended (31 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3720E (2000)), 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, SOA will be assessed, in addition to the full amount of the civil penalty and interest, a penalty charge and an administrative charge, as more fully described in the attached Notice.

THIRD, that the timely payment of the civil penalty set forth above is hereby made a condition to the granting, restoration, or continuing validity of any export license, license exception, permission, or privilege granted, or to be granted, to SOA. Accordingly, if SOA should fail to pay the civil penalty in a timely manner, the undersigned may enter an Order denying all of SOA's export privileges for a period of one year from the date of entry of this Order.

FOURTH, 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.

  
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Darryl W. Jackson  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
for Export Enforcement

Entered this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between State of the Art, Inc. (“SOA”) and the Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce (“BIS”) (collectively, the “Parties”), pursuant to Section 766.18(a) of the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2007)) (the “Regulations”),<sup>1</sup> issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (2000)) (the “Act”),<sup>2</sup>

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WHEREAS, BIS has notified SOA of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against SOA , pursuant to the Act and the Regulations;

WHEREAS, BIS has issued a proposed charging letter to SOA that alleged that SOA committed eight violations of the Regulations, specifically:

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

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

WHEREAS, SOA enters into this Agreement voluntarily and with full knowledge of its rights;

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

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

2. The following sanction shall be imposed against SOA in complete settlement of the alleged violations of the Regulations relating to the transactions detailed in the proposed charging letter:

a. SOA shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$35,000, which shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce in two equal installments of \$17,500 with the first payment due not later than December 31, 2007 and the second payment due not later than March 31, 2008.

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 SOA. Failure to make timely payment of the civil penalty set forth above may result in the denial of all of SOA's export privileges for a period of one year from the date of imposition of the penalty.

3. Subject to the approval of this Agreement pursuant to paragraph 8 hereof, SOA 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 any charging letter; (b) request a refund of any civil penalty paid pursuant to this Agreement and the Order, if entered; and (c) 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 \$35,000 civil penalty, BIS will not initiate any further administrative proceeding against SOA in connection with any violation of the Act or the Regulations arising out of the transactions identified in the proposed charging letter.

5. BIS will make the proposed charging letter, this Agreement, and the Order, if entered, 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(a) 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

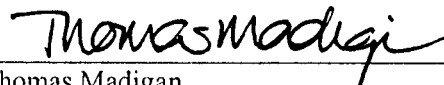
otherwise limit any action by any other agency or department of the U.S. Government with respect to the facts and circumstances addressed herein.

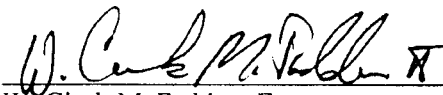
8. This Agreement shall become binding on the Parties only if the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement approves it by entering the Order, which will have the same force and effect as a decision and order issued after a full administrative hearing on the record.

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

STATE OF THE ART, INC.

  
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Thomas Madigan  
Acting Director  
Office of Export Enforcement

  
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W. Clark McFadden, Esq.  
Dewey & Leboeuf LLP  
Attorney for State of the Art, Inc.

Date: November 29, 2007

Date: 11/26/07



PROPOSED CHARGING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

State of the Art, Inc.  
2470 Fox Hill Road  
State College, PA 16803-1797

Attention: *Robert Hufnagel*  
*President*

Dear Mr. Hufnagel:

The Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce ("BIS"), has reason to believe that State of the Art, Inc. (SOA) of State College, Pennsylvania, has committed eight violations of the Export Administration Regulations (the "Regulations"),<sup>1</sup> which are issued under the authority of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (the "Act").<sup>2</sup> Specifically, BIS charges that SOA committed the following violations:

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Accordingly, SOA 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 up to \$11,000 per violation;<sup>3</sup>

Denial of export privileges; and/or

Exclusion from practice before BIS.

If SOA 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. (Regulations, Sections 766.6 and 766.7). If SOA defaults, the Administrative Law Judge may find the charges alleged in this letter are true without a hearing or further notice to SOA. The Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security may then impose up to the maximum penalty on each of the charges in this letter.

SOA is further notified that it is entitled to an agency hearing on the record if SOA files a written demand for one with its answer. (Regulations, Section 766.6). SOA is also entitled to be represented by counsel or other authorized representative who has power of attorney to represent it. (Regulations, Sections 766.3(a) and 766.4).

The Regulations provide for settlement without a hearing. (Regulations, Section 766.18). Should SOA have a proposal to settle this case, SOA or its representative should transmit it to the attorney representing BIS named below.

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<sup>3</sup> See 15 C.F.R. § 6.4(a)(2).

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

U.S. Coast Guard ALJ Docketing Center  
40 S. Gay Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202-4022

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

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

Gregory Michelsen is the attorney representing BIS in this case; any communications that SOA may wish to have concerning this matter should occur through him. He may be contacted by telephone at (202) 482-5301.

Sincerely,

Thomas Madigan  
Acting Director  
Office of Export Enforcement

Enclosure