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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Lavern A. Miller
Stoelting Company
620 Wheat Lane
Wood Dale, Illinois 60191

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Bureau of Industry and Security, United States Department of Commerce ("BIS"), has reason to believe that you have committed eight 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 you, Lavern A. Miller (referred to as "Miller" in the charges set forth below), committed the following violations:

Charges 1 - 3 (15 C.F.R. §764.2(a) – Engaging in prohibited conduct)

On or about January 29, 1998, February 5, 1998, and September 1, 1998, Miller exported parts for polygraph equipment controlled under Export Control Classification Number ("ECCN") 3A981 on the Commerce Control List (Supplement No. 1 to part 744 of the Regulations), to the People's Republic of China without the license required under Section 742.7 of the Regulations. By engaging in conduct prohibited by the Regulations, Miller committed three violations of Section 764.2(a) of the Regulations.

Charge 4-6 (15 C.F.R. §764.2(e) - Acting with knowledge of a violation)

¹ The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2002). The violations charged occurred from 1998 through 1999. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 1998 and 1999 versions of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (1998-1999)).

² The Regulations were issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979 ("Act"), 50 U.S.C. app. 2401- 2420 (2000). From August 21, 1994 through November 12, 2000, the Act was in lapse. During that period, the President, through Executive Order 12924, which had been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the last of which was August 3, 2000 (3 C.F.R., 2000 Comp. 397 (2001)), continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. §§ 1701 - 1706 (2000)) ("IEEPA"). On November 13, 2000, the Act was reauthorized by Pub. L. No. 106-508 and it remained in effect through August 20, 2001. 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)), as extended by the Notice of August 14, 2002 (67 *Fed. Reg.* 53721 (August 16, 2002)), has continued the Regulations in effect under IEEPA. The Act and Regulations are available on the Government Printing Office website at: <http://w3.access.gpo.gov/bxa/>.

On or about each date in charges 1-3 above, Miller exported the items described in Charges 1-3 with knowledge that a violation of the Regulations would occur in connection with the items. By acting with knowledge that violations of the Regulations would occur in connection with the exports of the parts for polygraph equipment, Miller committed three violations of Section 764.2 (e) of the Regulations.

Charge 7 (15 C.F.R. §764.2(c) - Attempt to violate the Regulations)

On or about March 5, 1999, Miller attempted to export monitors for polygraph equipment classified under ECCN 3A981 of the Commerce Control List (Supplement No. 1 to Part 774 of the Regulations) to the People's Republic of China without the license required under Section 742.7 of the Regulations. By attempting to commit a violation of the Regulations, Miller committed one violation of Section 764.2 (c) of the Regulations.

Charge 8 (15 C.F.R. §764.2(h) – Evasion)

In the attempt to export monitors for polygraph equipment described in charge 7 above, Miller arranged for the items to be exported to Italy, and then forwarded from Italy to the People's Republic of China, rather than directly to the People's Republic of China. The purpose of arranging for the items to be exported to Italy was to evade the license requirement under the Regulations for export of the items to the People's Republic of China. By taking an action with intent to evade the provisions of the Regulations, Miller committed one violation of Section 764.2(h) of the Regulations.

Accordingly, you are hereby notified that an administrative proceeding is instituted against you 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 \$11,000 per violation;³

Denial of export privileges; and/or

Exclusion from practice before BIS.

If you fail 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 you default, the Administrative Law Judge may find the charges alleged in

³Pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Adjustment Act of 1990 (28 U.S.C. §2461, note (1994 & Supp. V 1999)), and 15 C.F.R. §6.4(a)(2), the maximum penalty for each violation committed after October 23, 1996 is \$11,000.

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this letter are true without hearing or further notice to you. 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.

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

The Regulations provide for settlement without a hearing. (Regulations, Section 766.18). Should you have a proposal to settle this case, you or your 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, your 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 your answer must be served on BIS at the following address:

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

C. Randall Pratt is the attorney representing BIS in this case; any communications that you may wish to have concerning this matter should occur through her. She may be contacted by telephone at (202) 482-5301, by facsimile at (202) 501-4697, or by email at cpratt@bis.doc.gov.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Menefee
Director
Office of Export Enforcement
Enclosure

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

In the Matter of:)
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 Lavern A. Miller)
 Chief Executive Officer)
 Stoelting Company)
 620 Wheat Lane)
 Wood Dale, Illinois 60191)
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 Respondent.)
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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Respondent, Lavern A. Miller (“Miller”), Chief Executive Officer of Stoelting Company, in his individual capacity, and the Bureau of Industry and Security, United States Department of Commerce (“BIS”) (collectively referred to as “Parties”), pursuant to Section 766.18(a) of the Export Administration Regulations (“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 notified Miller of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against Miller, pursuant to the Act and the Regulations;

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

1. *Three Violations of 15 C.F.R. § 764.2(a) – Engaging in Prohibited Conduct - Exporting Items Without the Required Department of Commerce Licenses:* On or about January 29, 1998, February 5, 1998, and September 1, 1998, Miller exported parts for polygraph equipment controlled under Export Control Classification Number (“ECCN”) 3A981 on the Commerce Control List (Supplement No. 1 to part 744 of the Regulations), to the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) without the Department of Commerce license required under Section 742.7 of the Regulations.
2. *Three Violations of 15 C.F.R. §764.2(e) - Acting with knowledge of a violation:* In making the unlicensed exports referenced above, Miller acted with knowledge that a violation of the Regulations would occur in connection with the items. At all times relevant hereto, Miller knew a Department of Commerce license was

lapse and the President, through Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (3 C.F.R., 2001 Comp. 783 (2002)), as extended by the Notice of August 7, 2003 (68 *Fed. Reg.* 47833, August 11, 2003), has continued the Regulations in effect under IEEPA. The Act and Regulations are available on the Government Printing Office website at: <http://w3.access.gpo.gov/bis/>.

required to export the parts for the polygraph equipment to the PRC, and that licenses were not obtained.

3. *One Violation of 15 C.F.R. §764.2(c) - Attempt to violate the Regulations -- Attempt to Export Items without the Required Department of Commerce License:*

On or about March 5, 1999, Miller attempted to export monitors for polygraph equipment classified under ECCN 3A981 of the Commerce Control List (Supplement No. 1 to Part 774 of the Regulations) to the PRC without the Department of Commerce license required under Section 742.7 of the Regulations.

4. *One Violation of 15 C.F.R. §764.2(h) – Evasion – Arranging to Export Items to Evade a Department of Commerce License Requirement:* In the attempt to export monitors for polygraph equipment described above, Miller arranged for the items to be shipped to Italy, and then forwarded from Italy to the PRC. The purpose of arranging for the items to be shipped to Italy was to evade the license requirement under the Regulations for export of the items to the PRC.

WHEREAS, Miller has reviewed the proposed 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, Miller 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, Miller enters into this Agreement voluntarily and with full knowledge of his rights;

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

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

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

- a. Miller shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$44,000, 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, License Exception, permission, or privilege granted, or to be granted, to Miller. Failure to make timely payment of the civil penalty set forth above shall result in the denial of all of Miller'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, Miller 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 proposed 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 \$44,000 civil penalty, BIS will not initiate any further administrative proceeding against Miller 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.

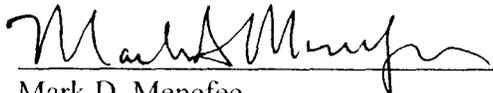
7. No agreement, understanding, representation or interpretation not contained in this Agreement may be used to vary or otherwise affect the terms of this Agreement or the Order, if entered, nor shall this Agreement serve to bind, constrain, or otherwise limit any action by any other agency or department of the 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

LAVERN A. MILLER



Mark D. Menefee
Director
Office of Export Enforcement

Date: 4/28/04



Lavern A. Miller

Date: 04/20/04

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ORDER

The Bureau of Industry and Security, United States Department of Commerce (“BIS”) having notified Lavern A. Miller (“Miller”), Chief Executive Officer of Stoelting Company, in his individual capacity, of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against him pursuant to Section 766.3 of the Export Administration Regulations (“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 based on the proposed charging letter issued to Miller that alleged that Miller committed eight violations of the Regulations.

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Specifically, the charges are:

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3. *One Violation of 15 C.F.R. §764.2(c) - Attempt to violate the Regulations – Attempt to Export Items without the Required Department of Commerce License:* On or about March 5, 1999, Miller attempted to export monitors for polygraph equipment classified under ECCN 3A981 of the Commerce Control List (Supplement No. 1 to Part 774 of the Regulations) to the PRC without the license required under Section 742.7 of the Regulations.
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monitors for polygraph equipment described above, Miller arranged for the items to be shipped to Italy, and then forwarded from Italy to the PRC. The purpose of arranging for the items to be shipped to Italy was to evade the license requirement under the Regulations for export of the items to the PRC.

BIS and Miller having 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 the terms of the Settlement Agreement having been approved by me;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

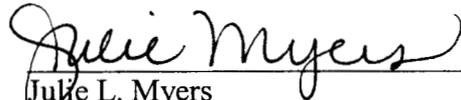
FIRST, that a civil penalty of \$44,000 is assessed against Miller, which shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce within 30 days from the date of entry of this Order. Payment shall be made in the manner specified in the attached instructions.

SECOND, that, pursuant to the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended (31 U.S.C. §§ 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, Miller 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 Miller. Accordingly, if Miller should fail to pay the civil penalty in a timely manner, the undersigned may enter an Order denying all of Miller'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.



Julie L. Myers
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
for Export Enforcement

Entered this 8th day of June 2004.