## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

November 30, 2006

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

File No. 3-12491

## In the Matter of

American International Petroleum Corp., Metal Recovery Technologies, Inc., Seven Seas Petroleum, Inc., Touch America Holdings, Inc., and U. S. Plastic Lumber Corp.,

## Respondents.

ORDER INSTITUTING ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEEDINGS AND NOTICE OF HEARING PURSUANT TO
SECTION 12(j) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") deems it necessary and appropriate for the protection of investors that public administrative proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 12(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act").

## II.

After an investigation, the Division of Enforcement alleges that:

## A. RESPONDENTS

1. American International Petroleum Corp. ("AIPN") ${ }^{1}$ (CIK No. 799119) is a revoked Nevada corporation located in Houston, Texas with a class of equity securities registered with the Commission pursuant to Exchange Act Section 12(g). The company is delinquent in its periodic filings with the Commission, having not filed any periodic reports since it filed a Form $10-\mathrm{Q}$ for the period ended September 30, 2002, which reported a net loss of $\$ 7,794,009$ for the prior nine months. On October 7, 2004, AIPN filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Louisiana. On February 4, 2005, the trustee filed a reorganization plan with the bankruptcy court which proposed the termination of all of AIPN's equity securities, but the plan has not yet been confirmed. The bankruptcy proceeding was still

[^0]pending as of November 17, 2006. As of August 21, 2006, the company's common stock was quoted on the Pink Sheets, had twenty-one market makers, and was eligible for the piggyback exemption of Exchange Act Rule 15c2-11(f)(3). AIPN's common stock had an average daily trading volume of 339,788 shares during the six months ended November 16, 2006.
2. Metal Recovery Technologies, Inc. ("MXAL") (CIK No. 796117) is a void Delaware corporation located in East Chicago, Indiana with a class of equity securities registered with the Commission pursuant to Exchange Act Section 12(g). The company is delinquent in its periodic filings with the Commission, having not filed any periodic reports since it filed a Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 1998, which reported a net loss of $\$ 592,614$ for the prior nine months. On July 1, 1999, MXAL was the subject of an involuntary bankruptcy petition filed under Chapter 7, that was later converted to a Chapter 11 proceeding, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Indiana. The bankruptcy proceeding was still pending as of November 17, 2006. As of August 21, 2006, the company's common stock was quoted on the Pink Sheets, had eight market makers, and was eligible for the piggyback exemption of Exchange Act Rule 15c2-11(f)(3). MXAL's common stock had an average daily trading volume of 30,138 shares during the six months ended November 16, 2006.
3. Seven Seas Petroleum, Inc. ("SVSSF") (CIK No. 947156) is a Cayman Islands corporation located in Houston, Texas with a class of equity securities registered with the Commission pursuant to Exchange Act Section 12(g). The company is delinquent in its periodic filings with the Commission, having not filed any periodic reports since it filed a Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2002, which reported a net loss of $\$ 113,900,000$ for the prior nine months. On December 20, 2002, an involuntary Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceeding was commenced against SVSSF, which was later converted to a Chapter 11 proceeding, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas. The bankruptcy proceeding was still pending as of November 17, 2006. As of August 21, 2006, the company's common stock was quoted on the Pink Sheets, had nine market makers, and was eligible for the piggyback exemption of Exchange Act Rule 15c2-11(f)(3). SVSSF's common stock had an average daily trading volume of 17,284 shares during the six months ended November 16, 2006.
4. Touch America Holdings, Inc. ("TCAHQ") (CIK No. 1144835) is a dissolved Delaware corporation located in Butte, Montana with both common and preferred stock registered with the Commission pursuant to Exchange Act Section 12(g). The company is delinquent in its periodic filings with the Commission, having not filed any periodic reports since it filed a Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2002, which reported a net loss of $\$ 62,336,000$ for the prior nine months. On June 19, 2003, TCAHQ filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. On October 6, 2004, the bankruptcy court ordered the termination of the common stock of TCAHQ. The bankruptcy proceeding was pending as of November 17, 2006. As of August 21, 2006, the company's common stock was quoted on the Pink Sheets, had thirteen market makers, and was eligible for the piggyback exemption of Exchange Act Rule 15c2-11(f)(3). TCAHQ's common stock had an average daily trading volume of 88,442 shares during the six months ended

November 16, 2006. TCAHQ's preferred stock is traded on the over-the-counter markets (symbol "TAAPP").
5. U.S. Plastic Lumber Corp. ("USPL") (CIK No. 1014851) is a revoked Nevada corporation located in Chicago, Illinois with a class of equity securities registered with the Commission pursuant to Exchange Act Section 12(g). The company is delinquent in its periodic filings with the Commission, having not filed any periodic reports since it filed a Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2003, which reported a net loss of $\$ 4,443,000$ for the prior nine months. On July 23, 2004, USPL filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. On January 13, 2006, the bankruptcy court authorized the sale of substantially all of the assets of the company. The bankruptcy proceeding was still pending as of November 17, 2006. As of August 21, 2006, the company's common stock was quoted on the Pink Sheets, had seventeen market makers, and was eligible for the piggyback exemption of Exchange Act Rule 15c2-11(f)(3). USPL's common stock had an average daily trading volume of 33,967 shares during the six months ended November 16, 2006.

## B. DELINQUENT PERIODIC FILINGS

6. All of the Respondents are delinquent in their periodic filings with the Commission (see Chart of Delinquent Filings, attached hereto as Appendix 1), were quoted on the Pink Sheets as of August 21, 2006, had average daily trading volumes in excess of 17,000 shares during the six months ended November 16, 2006, have repeatedly failed to meet their obligations to file timely periodic reports, and are headquartered in the Central United States.
7. Each of the respondents either failed to cure their delinquencies after being sent delinquency letters by the Division of Corporation Finance requesting compliance with their periodic filing obligations or, through their failure to maintain a current address on file with the Commission as required by Commission rules, did not receive such letters.
8. Exchange Act Section 13(a) and the rules promulgated thereunder require issuers of securities registered pursuant to Exchange Act Section 12 to file with the Commission current and accurate information in periodic reports, even if the registration is voluntary under Section 12(g). Specifically, Rule 13a-1 requires issuers to file annual reports (Forms $10-\mathrm{K}$ or $10-\mathrm{KSB}$ ), and Rule 13a-13 requires issuers to file quarterly reports (Forms 10-Q or $10-\mathrm{QSB}$ ).
9. As a result of their failure to make required periodic filings, Respondents failed to comply with Exchange Act Section 13(a) and Rules 13a-1 and 13a-13 thereunder.

## III.

In view of the allegations made by the Division of Enforcement, the Commission deems it necessary and appropriate for the protection of investors that public administrative proceedings be instituted to determine:
A. Whether the allegations contained in Section II of this Order are true, and to afford the Respondents an opportunity to establish any defenses to such allegations; and
B. Whether it is necessary and appropriate for the protection of investors to suspend for a period not exceeding twelve months or to revoke the registrations of securities of the Respondents identified in Section II pursuant to Section 12(j) of the Exchange Act.

## IV.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a public hearing for the purpose of taking evidence on the questions set forth in Section III hereof shall be convened at a time and place to be fixed, and before an Administrative Law Judge to be designated by further order as provided by Rule 110 of the Commission's Rules of Practice [17 C.F.R. § 201.110].

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that each Respondent shall file an Answer to the allegations contained in this Order within ten (10) days after service of this Order, as provided by Rule 220(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice [17 C.F.R. § 201.220(b)].

If a Respondent fails to file the directed Answer, or fails to appear at a hearing after being duly notified, the Respondent may be deemed in default and the proceedings may be determined against it upon consideration of this Order, the allegations of which may be deemed to be true as provided by Rules 155(a), 220(f), 221(f), and 310 of the Commission's Rules of Practice [17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a), 201.220(f), 201.221(f), and 201.310].

This Order shall be served forthwith upon each Respondent personally, by certified or express mail, or by any other means permitted by the Commission's Rules of Practice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge shall issue an initial decision no later than 120 days from the date of service of this Order, pursuant to Rule 360(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice [17 C.F.R. § 201.360(a)(2)].

In the absence of an appropriate waiver, no officer or employee of the Commission engaged in the performance of investigative or prosecuting functions in this or any factually related proceeding will be permitted to participate or advise in the decision of this matter, except as witness or counsel in proceedings held pursuant to
notice. Since this proceeding is not "rule making" within the meaning of Section 551 of the Administrative Procedure Act, it is not deemed subject to the provisions of Section 553 delaying the effective date of any final Commission action.

By the Commission.

Nancy M. Morris<br>Secretary

Attachment

## Appendix 1

## Chart of Delinquent Filings

In the Matter of American International Petroleum Corp., et al

| Company Name | Form Type | Period <br> Ended | Due Date |
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| :---: |
| Received (rounded up) |

American International
Petroleum Corp.

| $10-K$ | $12 / 31 / 02$ | $3 / 31 / 03$ | Not filed | 44 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $10-Q$ | $03 / 31 / 03$ | $5 / 15 / 03$ | Not filed | 42 |
| $10-Q$ | $06 / 30 / 03$ | $8 / 14 / 03$ | Not filed | 39 |
| $10-Q$ | $09 / 30 / 03$ | $11 / 14 / 03$ | Not filed | 36 |
| $10-K$ | $12 / 31 / 03$ | $3 / 30 / 04$ | Not filed | 32 |
| $10-Q$ | $03 / 31 / 04$ | $5 / 17 / 04$ | Not filed | 30 |
| $10-Q$ | $06 / 30 / 04$ | $8 / 16 / 04$ | Not filed | 27 |
| $10-Q$ | $09 / 30 / 04$ | $11 / 15 / 04$ | Not filed | 24 |
| $10-K$ | $12 / 31 / 04$ | $3 / 31 / 05$ | Not filed | 20 |
| $10-Q$ | $03 / 31 / 05$ | $5 / 16 / 05$ | Not filed | 18 |
| $10-Q$ | $06 / 30 / 05$ | $8 / 15 / 05$ | Not filed | 15 |
| $10-Q$ | $09 / 30 / 05$ | $11 / 14 / 05$ | Not filed | 12 |
| $10-K$ | $12 / 31 / 05$ | $3 / 31 / 06$ | Not filed | 8 |
| $10-Q$ | $03 / 31 / 06$ | $5 / 15 / 06$ | Not filed | 6 |
| $10-Q$ | $06 / 30 / 06$ | $08 / 14 / 06$ | Not filed | 3 |
| $10-Q$ | $09 / 30 / 06$ | $11 / 14 / 06$ | Not filed | 0 |

Total Filings Delinquent
16
Metal Recovery Technologies, Inc.

| $10-K$ | $12 / 31 / 98$ | $3 / 31 / 99$ | Not filed | 92 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| $10-Q$ | $03 / 31 / 99$ | $5 / 17 / 99$ | Not filed | 90 |
| $10-Q$ | $06 / 30 / 99$ | $8 / 16 / 99$ | Not filed | 87 |
| $10-Q$ | $09 / 30 / 99$ | $11 / 15 / 99$ | Not filed | 84 |
| $10-K$ | $12 / 31 / 99$ | $3 / 30 / 00$ | Not filed | 80 |
| $10-Q$ | $03 / 31 / 00$ | $5 / 15 / 00$ | Not filed | 78 |
| $10-Q$ | $06 / 30 / 00$ | $8 / 14 / 00$ | Not filed | 75 |
| $10-Q$ | $09 / 30 / 00$ | $11 / 14 / 00$ | Not filed | 72 |
| $10-K$ | $12 / 31 / 00$ | $4 / 2 / 01$ | Not filed | 67 |
| $10-Q$ | $03 / 31 / 01$ | $5 / 15 / 01$ | Not filed | 66 |
| $10-Q$ | $06 / 30 / 01$ | $8 / 14 / 01$ | Not filed | 63 |
| $10-Q$ | $09 / 30 / 01$ | $11 / 14 / 01$ | Not filed | 60 |
| $10-K$ | $12 / 31 / 01$ | $4 / 1 / 02$ | Not filed | 55 |
| $10-Q$ | $03 / 31 / 02$ | $5 / 15 / 02$ | Not filed | 54 |
| $10-Q$ | $06 / 30 / 02$ | $8 / 14 / 02$ | Not filed | 51 |
| $10-Q$ | $09 / 30 / 02$ | $11 / 14 / 02$ | Not filed | 48 |
| $10-K$ | $12 / 31 / 02$ | $3 / 31 / 03$ | Not filed | 44 |
| $10-Q$ | $03 / 31 / 03$ | $5 / 15 / 03$ | Not filed | 42 |
| $10-Q$ | $06 / 30 / 03$ | $8 / 14 / 03$ | Not filed | 39 |
| $10-Q$ | $09 / 30 / 03$ | $11 / 14 / 03$ | Not filed | 36 |
| $10-K$ | $12 / 31 / 03$ | $3 / 30 / 04$ | Not filed | 32 |


| Company Name | Form Type | Period Ended | Due Date | Date Received | Months Delinquent (rounded up) |
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| Metal Recovery Technologies, Inc. (continued) | 10-Q | 03/31/04 | 5/17/04 | Not filed | 30 |
|  | 10-Q | 06/30/04 | 8/16/04 | Not filed | 27 |
|  | 10-Q | 09/30/04 | 11/15/04 | Not filed | 24 |
|  | 10-K | 12/31/04 | 3/31/05 | Not filed | 20 |
|  | 10-Q | 03/31/05 | 5/16/05 | Not filed | 18 |
|  | 10-Q | 06/30/05 | 8/15/05 | Not filed | 15 |
|  | 10-Q | 09/30/05 | 11/14/05 | Not filed | 12 |
|  | 10-K | 12/31/05 | 3/31/06 | Not filed | 8 |
|  | 10-Q | 03/31/06 | 5/15/06 | Not filed | 6 |
|  | 10-Q | 06/30/06 | 08/14/06 | Not filed | 3 |
|  | 10-Q | 09/30/06 | 11/14/06 | Not filed | 0 |
| Total Filings Delinquent <br> Seven Seas Petroleum, Inc. | 32 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10-K | 12/31/02 | 3/31/03 | Not filed | 44 |
|  | 10-Q | 03/31/03 | 5/15/03 | Not filed | 42 |
|  | 10-Q | 06/30/03 | 8/14/03 | Not filed | 39 |
|  | 10-Q | 09/30/03 | 11/14/03 | Not filed | 36 |
|  | 10-K | 12/31/03 | 3/30/04 | Not filed | 32 |
|  | 10-Q | 03/31/04 | 5/17/04 | Not filed | 30 |
|  | 10-Q | 06/30/04 | 8/16/04 | Not filed | 27 |
|  | 10-Q | 09/30/04 | 11/15/04 | Not filed | 24 |
|  | 10-K | 12/31/04 | 3/31/05 | Not filed | 20 |
|  | 10-Q | 03/31/05 | 5/16/05 | Not filed | 18 |
|  | 10-Q | 06/30/05 | 8/15/05 | Not filed | 15 |
|  | 10-Q | 09/30/05 | 11/14/05 | Not filed | 12 |
|  | 10-K | 12/31/05 | 3/31/06 | Not filed | 8 |
|  | 10-Q | 03/31/06 | 5/15/06 | Not filed | 6 |
|  | 10-Q | 06/30/06 | 08/14/06 | Not filed | 3 |
|  | 10-Q | 09/30/06 | 11/14/06 | Not filed | 0 |
| Total Filings Delinquent <br> Touch America Holdings, Inc. | 16 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10-Q | 12/31/02 | 2/14/03 | Not filed | 45 |
|  | 10-Q | 03/31/03 | 5/15/03 | Not filed | 42 |
|  | 10-K | 06/30/03 | 9/29/03 | Not filed | 38 |
|  | 10-Q | 09/30/03 | 11/14/03 | Not filed | 36 |
|  | 10-K | 12/31/03 | 3/30/04 | Not filed | 32 |
|  | 10-Q | 03/31/04 | 5/17/04 | Not filed | 30 |
|  | 10-Q | 06/30/04 | 8/16/04 | Not filed | 27 |
|  | 10-Q | 09/30/04 | 11/15/04 | Not filed | 24 |
|  | 10-K | 12/31/04 | 3/31/05 | Not filed | 20 |


| Company Name | Form Type | Period <br> Ended | Due Date | Date Received | Months Delinquent (rounded up) |
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| Touch America |  |  |  |  |  |
| Holdings, Inc. (continued) | 10-Q | 03/31/05 | 5/16/05 | Not filed | 18 |
|  | 10-Q | 06/30/05 | 8/15/05 | Not filed | 15 |
|  | 10-Q | 09/30/05 | 11/14/05 | Not filed | 12 |
|  | 10-K | 12/31/05 | 3/31/06 | Not filed | 8 |
|  | 10-Q | 03/31/06 | 5/15/06 | Not filed | 6 |
|  | 10-Q | 06/30/06 | 08/14/06 | Not filed | 3 |
|  | 10-Q | 09/30/06 | 11/14/06 | Not filed | 0 |
| Total Filings Delinquent <br> U.S. Plastic <br> Lumber, Inc. | 16 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10-K | 12/31/03 | 3/30/04 | Not filed | 32 |
|  | 10-Q | 03/31/04 | 5/17/04 | Not filed | 30 |
|  | 10-Q | 06/30/04 | 8/16/04 | Not filed | 27 |
|  | 10-Q | 09/30/04 | 11/15/04 | Not filed | 24 |
|  | 10-K | 12/31/04 | 3/31/05 | Not filed | 20 |
|  | 10-Q | 03/31/05 | 5/16/05 | Not filed | 18 |
|  | 10-Q | 06/30/05 | 8/15/05 | Not filed | 15 |
|  | 10-Q | 09/30/05 | 11/14/05 | Not filed | 12 |
|  | 10-K | 12/31/05 | 3/31/06 | Not filed | 8 |
|  | 10-Q | 03/31/06 | 5/15/06 | Not filed | 6 |
|  | 10-Q | 06/30/06 | 08/14/06 | Not filed | 3 |
|  | 10-Q | 09/30/06 | 11/14/06 | Not filed | 0 |
| Total Filings Delinquent | 12 |  |  |  |  |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The short form of each issuer's name is also its stock symbol.

