

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration**

[TA-W-54,093]

**Valenite, Gainesville, TX; Notice of
Termination of Investigation**

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on January 28, 2004, in response to a worker petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers at Valenite, Gainesville, Texas.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 8th day of March, 2004.

Elliott S. Kushner,

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade
Adjustment Assistance.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****Investigations Regarding Certifications
of Eligibility To Apply for Worker
Adjustment Assistance**

Petitions have been filed with the Secretary of Labor under section 221(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Act") and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions, the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted investigations pursuant to section 221(a) of the Act.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II, chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total or partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than April 12, 2004.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than April 12, 2004.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C-5311, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Signed in Washington, DC this 22nd day of March, 2004.

Timothy Sullivan,

*Director, Division of Trade Adjustment
Assistance.*

APPENDIX

[Petitions instituted between 03/01/2004 and 03/05/2004]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of In- stitution	Date of peti- tion
54,381	YKK (USA), Inc. (GA)	Macon, GA	03/01/2004	03/01/2004
54,382	Inter Metro Industries Corp. (Comp)	Cucamonga, CA	03/01/2004	02/27/2004
54,383	Hewlett Packard (Wkrs)	Allentown, PA	03/01/2004	02/19/2004
54,384	Keeler Die Cast (Comp)	Grand Rapids, MI	03/01/2004	02/27/2004
54,385	TSS Dupont Holding (Wkrs)	Providence, RI	03/01/2004	02/26/2004
54,386	Interface Fabrics South (Wkrs)	Elkin, NC	03/01/2004	03/01/2004
54,387	Shapiro Packing Co., Inc. (Wkrs)	Augusta, GA	03/01/2004	02/25/2004
54,388	Reeves International (Wkrs)	Pequannock, NJ	03/01/2004	02/27/2004
54,389	Slater Lemont (Wkrs)	Lemont, IL	03/02/2004	02/25/2004
54,390	Gultech North Carolina (Comp)	Raleigh, NC	03/02/2004	03/01/2004
54,391	Quad Tool and Design, Inc. (Comp)	Kewaskum, WI	03/02/2004	03/01/2004
54,392	Safelite Group (Wkrs)	Great Falls, MT	03/02/2004	03/01/2004
54,393	Johnson Controls Interior (MI)	Holland, MI	03/02/2004	02/24/2004
54,394	Magna Donnelly (MI)	Holland, MI	03/02/2004	02/24/2004
54,395	Great Lakes Gas Transmission Co. (Wkrs)	Troy, MI	03/02/2004	02/23/2004
54,396	Volt Services (Wkrs)	Roseville, CA	03/02/2004	02/23/2004
54,397	Ludlow Coated Products (Comp)	Opalocka, FL	03/02/2004	02/20/2004
54,398	Monster Cable Products, Inc. (Wkrs)	Brisbane, CA	03/02/2004	02/23/2004
54,399	WesternGeco (AK)	Anchorage, AK	03/02/2004	02/17/2004
54,400	Allen Edmonds Shoe Corp. (Wkrs)	Beigton, WI	03/02/2004	03/01/2004
54,401	G.S.W. Manufacturing (Comp)	Findlay, OH	03/02/2004	03/01/2004
54,402	Alcatel (TX)	Allen, TX	03/02/2004	03/01/2004
54,403	Missota Paper Co. LLC (MN)	Brainerd, MN	03/02/2004	03/01/2004
54,404	Plains Cotton Cooperative Assoc. (Comp)	New Braunfels, TX	03/02/2004	02/25/2004
54,405	Avondale Mills, Inc. (Wkrs)	Burnsville, NC	03/02/2004	03/01/2004
54,406	Pegasus Solutions, Inc. (Comp)	Grapevine, TX	03/03/2004	03/01/2004
54,407	CFM US Corporation (Comp)	Huntington, IN	03/03/2004	03/02/2004
54,408	Morganite Inc. (Wkrs)	Dunn, NC	03/03/2004	02/16/2004
54,409	Rouge Steel Company (MI)	Dearborn, MI	03/03/2004	02/24/2004
54,410	ePlus Technology Inc. (Comp)	Wilmington, NC	03/03/2004	03/03/2004
54,411	Knowles Electronics (Comp)	Itasca, IL	03/03/2004	02/20/2004
54,412	Scovill Fastners, Inc. (Wkrs)	Clarksville, GA	03/03/2004	03/01/2004
54,413	Sumitomo Electric Wiring Systems, Inc. (Comp)	Scottsville, KY	03/03/2004	03/02/2004
54,414	ACS (Wkrs)	Indianapolis, IN	03/03/2004	03/01/2004
54,415	MCS Merchandise (NJ)	Somerset, NJ	03/03/2004	03/02/2004
54,416	Plastic Components, Inc. (Comp)	Germantown, WI	03/03/2004	02/25/2004
54,417	Repack of Prewett Mills (Wkrs)	Ft. Payne, AL	03/03/2004	02/26/2004

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54,418	Flexfab, LLC (Comp)	Albion, IN	03/04/2004	03/03/2004
54,419	U.S. Forest Industries, Inc. (Comp)	Lisle, IL	03/04/2004	03/03/2004
54,420	Global Power Equipment Group (MA)	Auburn, MA	03/04/2004	02/23/2004
54,421	Sykes Enterprises, Inc. (Wkrs)	Ada, OK	03/04/2004	03/02/2004
54,422	Golden Star, Inc. (Wkrs)	Atchison, KS	03/04/2004	03/02/2004
54,423	Takata Restraint Systems, Inc. (Comp)	Cheraw, SC	03/04/2004	03/02/2004
54,424	FSI Int (MN)	Chaska, MN	03/04/2004	03/03/2004
54,425	Bloomsburg Mills, Inc. (Comp)	Bloomsburg, PA	03/05/2004	03/05/2004
54,426	Littelfuse (Wkrs)	Arcola, IL	03/05/2004	02/27/2004
54,427	Huntington Steel Corp. (Comp)	Warren, MI	03/05/2004	03/03/2004
54,428	VF Playwear (Wkrs)	Greensboro, NC	03/05/2004	03/03/2004
54,429	Decorize, Inc. (Comp)	Springfield, MO	03/05/2004	03/03/2004
54,430	Bow Industrial Corp. (Union)	Plattsburgh, NY	03/05/2004	03/04/2004

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[Petitions instituted between 03/08/2004 and 03/12/2004]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of institution	Date of petition
54,431	Dexter Shoe Company (ME)	Dexter, ME	03/08/2004	03/02/2004
54,432	American Hofmann Corp. (Wkrs)	Lynchburg, VA	03/08/2004	02/20/2004
54,433	Night Fashion (CA)	Los Angeles, CA	03/08/2004	02/26/2004
54,434	Gale Group (Wkrs)	Belmont, CA	03/08/2004	02/23/2004
54,435	ISG-Steelton (USWA)	Steelton, PA	03/08/2004	02/27/2004
54,436	Thomson (CA)	Nevada City, CA	03/08/2004	03/03/2004
54,437	Parker Seal (Comp)	Lebanon, TN	03/08/2004	02/23/2004
54,438	Reichhold Chemicals (Wkrs)	Bridgeville, PA	03/08/2004	03/04/2004
54,439	Meyer Packaging (Comp)	Palmyra, PA	03/08/2004	02/27/2004
54,440	Medsource Technologies (Comp)	Newton, MA	03/08/2004	03/05/2004
54,441	Oxford Industries (Comp)	Lyons, GA	03/08/2004	03/05/2004
54,442	Holman Cooking Equipment (Comp)	Saco, ME	03/08/2004	02/27/2004
54,443	Bloomsburg Mills (Comp)	Bloomsburg, PA	03/08/2004	03/05/2004
54,444	Irving Forest Products (PACE)	Ashland, ME	03/08/2004	03/05/2004
54,445	Scholle Custom Packaging (Comp)	Manistee, MI	03/08/2004	03/05/2004
54,446	MPI, Inc. (Wkrs)	Poughkeepsie, NY	03/08/2004	03/03/2004
54,447	ICT Group (Wkrs)	Burnham, PA	03/09/2004	03/08/2004
54,448	Methode Electronics (Wkrs)	Golden, IL	03/09/2004	03/08/2004
54,449	Prinzing Enterprises (Comp)	Warrenville, IL	03/09/2004	03/08/2004
54,450	Dekko Engineering (Comp)	Lucas, IA	03/09/2004	03/08/2004
54,451	Meadowcraft, Inc. (Comp)	Birmingham, AL	03/09/2004	03/08/2004
54,452	Jaftex Corporation (MEPA)	Henderson, NC	03/09/2004	03/08/2004
54,453	Agilent Technologies (Wkrs)	Loveland, CO	03/09/2004	03/03/2004
54,454	J.J. Mac, Inc. d/b/a Rainbeau (Wkrs)	San Francisco, CA	03/09/2004	03/05/2004
54,455	Weirton Steel Corp. (Comp)	Weirton, WV	03/09/2004	03/06/2004
54,456	Tyco Electronics (Comp)	Fuquay-Varina, NC	03/09/2004	03/08/2004
54,457	Protopac, Inc. (Comp)	Watertown, CT	03/09/2004	03/08/2004
54,458	Rowe Pottery Works (Wkrs)	Cambridge, WI	03/10/2004	03/09/2004
54,459	Webster Industries (Comp)	Bangor, WI	03/10/2004	03/08/2004
54,460	Ertex Knitting Co. (NJ)	Paterson, NJ	03/10/2004	03/09/2004
54,461	Ramtex Sales Corp. (Comp)	New York, NY	03/10/2004	02/26/2004
54,462	Steward Machine Co. (Comp)	Birmingham, AL	03/10/2004	03/09/2004
54,463	Bodycote Thermal Processing (Wkrs)	Sturtevant, WI	03/10/2004	02/26/2004
54,464	GL and V Pulp and Paper USA (Comp)	Vancouver, WA	03/10/2004	03/08/2004
54,465	Paris Accessories (Wkrs)	Walnutport, PA	03/10/2004	03/10/2004
54,466	Worth (Comp)	Tulahoma, TN	03/10/2004	02/19/2004
54,467	RBX Industries, Inc. (Comp)	Bedford, VA	03/10/2004	03/05/2004
54,468	Trans Union (Wkrs)	Crumlynn, PA	03/10/2004	03/10/2004
54,469	St. John Knits (Wkrs)	Van Nuys, CA	03/11/2004	03/01/2004
54,470	BioLab, Inc. (Wkrs)	West Lake, LA	03/11/2004	03/01/2004
54,471	Circuit City (Wkrs)	Martinsville, VA	03/11/2004	03/10/2004
54,472	Alcatel USA (Wkrs)	Plano, TX	03/11/2004	02/29/2004
54,473	Atofina Chemicals (Wkrs)	Piffard, NY	03/11/2004	02/27/2004
54,474	Osram Sylvania (IUE)	St. Marys, PA	03/11/2004	03/10/2004
54,475	Dialight (Wkrs)	Roxboro, NC	03/11/2004	03/02/2004
54,476	Tekmatex (Wkrs)	Charlotte, NC	03/11/2004	03/05/2004
54,477	Simonds Industries (Comp)	Kirkland, WA	03/11/2004	03/10/2004
54,478	Great Years (Wkrs)	San Francisco, CA	03/11/2004	03/02/2004
54,479	SCA Packaging (USWA)	Streator, IL	03/11/2004	03/03/2004

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54,480	Ma's Manufacturing (Wkrs)	San Francisco, CA	03/11/2004	03/02/2004
54,481	Sierra Pacific Industries (Wkrs)	Susanville, CA	03/11/2004	03/01/2004
54,482	Umicore Optical Materials USA (Comp)	Quapaw, OK	03/11/2004	03/10/2204
54,483	Colortex Corporation, Inc. (Comp)	York, SC	03/11/2004	02/27/2004
54,484	Cady Industries (Comp)	Memphis, TN	03/12/2004	03/11/2004
54,485	Burlington Industries (Wkrs)	Hurt, VA	03/12/2004	02/20/2004
54,486	Pasminco Clinch Valley Mine (Comp)	Thorn Hill, TN	03/12/2004	03/11/2004
54,487	Maple Mountain Industries (Wkrs)	Meyersdale, PA	03/12/2004	03/05/2004
54,488	Fort Smith and Bow (AR)	Fort Smith, AR	03/12/2004	03/11/2004
54,489	Pradco (AR)	Fort Smith, AR	03/12/2004	03/11/2004
54,490	Parker Hannifin Corp. (Comp)	Ogden, UT	03/12/2004	03/04/2004
54,491	Art Craft Optical (Wkrs)	Rochester, NY	03/12/2004	02/19/2004
54,492	Regal Manufacturing Co. (Comp)	Hickory, NC	03/12/2004	03/08/2004
54,493	Burle Industries (Wkrs)	Lancaster, PA	03/12/2004	03/09/2003
54,494	Jones and Vining, Inc. (Comp)	Lewiston, ME	03/12/2004	03/10/2004
54,495	Milliken and Company (Wkrs)	Spartanburg, SC	03/12/2004	02/25/2004
54,496	Kilgore Knitting, Inc. (AL)	Fyffe, AL	03/12/2004	03/11/2004
54,497	Trek Bicycle Corp. (Comp)	Whitewater, WI	03/12/2004	03/11/2004

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training
AdministrationWorkforce Security Programs: Training
and Employment Guidance Letter
Interpreting Federal Law

The Employment and Training Administration interprets Federal law requirements pertaining to unemployment compensation (UC). These interpretations are issued in Unemployment Insurance Program Letters (UIPLs) to the State Workforce Agencies. The UIPs described below are published in the **Federal Register** in order to inform the public.

UIPL 14-01

UIPL 14-01 informs states of the amendments made by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001 (CAA) affecting the federal-state UC program. The CAA amended Federal law to change the way American Indian tribes are treated under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA). The Indian tribes are now treated similarly to state and local governments. States with "Indian tribes," as defined by the CAA amendments, within their state boundaries were required to amend their laws to implement the requirements created by the CAA.

UIPL 14-01, Change 1

UIPL 14-01, Change 1 responded to questions concerning the treatment of Indian tribes under the FUTA. This

issuance addresses the scope of the law, answers questions about the Model Language provided in UIPL 14-01, and responds to questions concerning financing UC for businesses owned by Indian tribes.

Dated: March 25, 2004.

Emily Stover DeRocco,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

U.S. Department of Labor,

Employment and Training Administration,
Washington, DC 20210

Classification: UI

Correspondence Symbol: TEUL

Date: January 12, 2001

Directive: Unemployment Insurance
Program Letter No. 14-01.To: All State Employment Security
Agencies.From: Grace A. Kilbane, Administrator,
Office of Workforce Security.Subject: Treatment of Indian Tribes under
Federal Unemployment Compensation Law—
Amendments made by the Consolidated
Appropriations Act, 2001.

1. *Purpose:* To inform States of the amendments made by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 affecting the Federal-State Unemployment Compensation (UC) program.

2. *References.* Section 166 of the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000 as enacted by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 (CAA), P.L. 106-554; Sections 3304(a)(6), 3306(c)(7), 3306(u), and 3309 of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA); Section 204(a) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act; Section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b(e)); 20 C.F.R. Part 615; *Draft Legislation to Implement the Employment Security Amendments of 1970* * * * H.R. 14705 (1970 Draft Language); *Draft Language and Commentary to Implement the Unemployment*

Compensation Amendments of 1976—P.L. 94-566 (1976 Draft Language); Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 21-80 (February 29, 1980); UIPL No. 29-83 (September 13, 1983); UIPL No. 11-86 (January 31, 1986); UIPL No. 43-93 (September 13, 1993); UIPL No. 14-96 (April 12, 1996); and UIPL No. 30-96 (August 8, 1996).

3. *Background.* On December 21, 2000, the President signed the CAA into law. The CAA amended Federal law to change the way American Indian tribes are treated under the FUTA. Specifically, the Indian tribes are now treated similarly to State and local governments. This means—

Rescissions: None

Expiration Date: Continuing

- Services performed in the employ of tribes generally are no longer subject to the FUTA tax.

- As a condition of participation in the Federal-State UC program:

Services performed in the employ of tribes are, with specified exceptions, required to be covered under State UC laws. Prior to the CAA amendments, coverage was at the option of the State.

Tribes must be offered the reimbursement option. Prior to the CAA amendments, States were prohibited from offering the reimbursement option to Indian tribes. (See UIPL No. 4-96.)

- Extended Benefit payments based on services performed in the employ of tribes no longer qualify for Federal sharing.

Unlike State and local governments, if an Indian tribe fails to make required payments to the State's unemployment fund or payments of penalty or interest, then the tribe will become liable for the FUTA tax and the State may remove tribal services from State UC coverage.

States with "Indian tribes," as defined by the CAA amendments, within their State boundaries will need to amend their laws to implement the requirements created by the CAA.

4. *Discussion.*