

forms such as the Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance. These revisions are the result of a major reengineering of MMS's financial and compliance processes and the procurement of a new computer system.

Submission of the information in this collection is necessary to comply with RSFA requirements to notify MMS in writing when a lessee wishes to designate a designee. Proprietary information that is submitted is protected, and there are no questions of a sensitive nature included in this information collection.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* 1,600 oil and gas lessees.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* 1,200 hours.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-hour Cost"*

*Burden:* We have identified no "non-hour cost" burdens.

*Comments:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency " \* \* \* to provide notice \* \* \* and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information \* \* \* ." Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The PRA also requires agencies to estimate the total annual reporting "non-hour cost" burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. We have not identified non-hour cost burdens for this information collection. If you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital

equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information; monitoring, sampling, testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our ICR submission for OMB approval, including appropriate adjustments to the estimated burden. We will provide a copy of the ICR to you without charge upon request.

*Public Comment Policy.* We will also make copies of the comments available for public review, including names and addresses of respondents, during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the public record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you request that we withhold your name and/or address, state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

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Dated: November 16, 2001.

**Lucy Querques Denett,**

*Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 731-TA-986 and 987 (Preliminary)]

### Ferrovanadium From China and South Africa

#### Determinations

On the basis of the record<sup>1</sup> developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) (the Act), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from China and South Africa of ferrovanadium, provided for in subheading 7202.92.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

#### Commencement of Final Phase Investigations

Pursuant to § 207.18 of the Commission's rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the **Federal Register** as provided in § 207.21 of the Commission's rules, upon notice from the Department of Commerce of an affirmative preliminary determination in these investigations under section 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of affirmative final determinations in those investigations under section 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. Industrial users, and, if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

#### Background

These investigations are being instituted in response to a petition filed on November 26, 2001, by the Ferroalloys Association Vanadium Committee and its members Bear

<sup>1</sup> The record is defined in § 207.2(f) of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

Metallurgical Co., Butler, PA, Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corp., Cambridge, OH, Gulf Chemical & Metallurgical Corp., Freeport, TX, U.S. Vanadium Corp., Danbury, CT, and CS Metals of Louisiana LLC, Convent, LA.

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigations and of a public conference to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of November 30, 2001 (66 FR 59815). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on December 17, 2001, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determinations in these investigations to the Secretary of Commerce on January 10, 2002. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3484 (January 2002), entitled *Ferrovandium from China and South Africa: Investigations Nos. 731-TA-989 and 987 (Preliminary)*.

Issued: January 10, 2002.

By order of the Commission.

**Marilyn R. Abbott,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-435]

### Tools, Dies, and Industrial Molds: Competitive Conditions in the United States and Selected Foreign Markets

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 10, 2002.

**SUMMARY:** Following receipt of a request on December 21, 2001, from the Committee on Ways and Means of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-435, Tools, Dies, and Industrial Molds: Competitive Conditions in the United States and Selected Foreign Markets, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information specific to this investigation may be obtained from Dennis Fravel, Project Leader (202-205-3404; [fravel@usitc.gov](mailto:fravel@usitc.gov)) or Harry Lenchitz, Deputy Project Leader (202-205-2737; [lenchitz@usitc.gov](mailto:lenchitz@usitc.gov)), Office of Industries,

U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, 20436. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091; [wgearhart@usitc.gov](mailto:wgearhart@usitc.gov)). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

### Background

As requested by the Committee, the Commission will provide information, to the extent possible, for the most recent five-year period regarding the following:

1. A profile of the U.S. tool, die, and industrial mold industries.
2. Changes in marketing and manufacturing processes, and trends in U.S. production, consumption, and trade.
3. A global market overview and assessment of foreign markets and significant foreign industries, including those in China, Taiwan, Japan, Canada, Mexico, and European Union member countries.
4. A comparison of the strengths and weaknesses of U.S. and foreign producers regarding factors of competition such as production costs, labor costs, availability of skilled/experienced labor force, level of technology in the design and manufacturing process, availability of capital, transportation costs, pricing, product quality and after-sales service, and government programs assisting these industries.
5. The principal challenges and potential implications for the industries over the near term. As requested by the Committee, the Commission plans to submit its report to the Committee by October 21, 2002.

### Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on May 21, 2002. All persons shall have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information, and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m., May 7, 2002. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., May 9, 2002; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., May 30, 2002. In the event that, as of the close of business on May 7, 2002, no

witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary to the Commission (202-205-1806) after May 7, 2002, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

### Written Submissions

In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements (original and 14 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Commercial or financial information that a submitter desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of § 201.6 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by interested parties. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on May 30, 2002. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

### List of Subjects

Tools, dies, industrial molds, competitiveness, and imports.

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**Marilyn R. Abbott,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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