

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Minerals Management Service****Gulf of Mexico, Outer Continental Shelf, Central Planning Area, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 190 (2004) Environmental Assessment**

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for proposed Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Central Planning Area (CPA) Lease Sale 190. In this EA, MMS reexamined the potential environmental effects of the proposed action and its alternatives based on any new information regarding potential impacts and issues that were not available at the time the Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2003–2007, Central Planning Area Sales 185, 190, 194, 198, and 201, and Western Planning Area Sales 187, 192, 196, and 200, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Volumes I and II (Multisale EIS) was completed in November 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, Mr. Joseph Christopher, telephone (504) 736–2774.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Multisale EIS analyzed the effects of a typical lease sale by presenting a set of ranges for resource estimates, project exploration and development activities, and impact-producing factors for any of the proposed CPA lease sales. The level of activities projected for proposed Lease Sale 190 falls within these ranges. No new significant impacts were identified for proposed Lease Sale 190 that were not already assessed in the Multisale EIS. Proposed CPA Lease Sale 190 is the second CPA lease sale scheduled in the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program: 2002–2007 (5-Year Program). As a result, MMS determined that a supplemental EIS is not required and prepared a Finding of No New Significant Impact.

EA Availability: To obtain a copy of the EA, you may contact the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394 (1–800–200–GULF). You may also view the EA on the MMS Web site at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov>.

Dated: September 4, 2003.

Chris C. Oynes,

Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731–TA–1056 (Preliminary)]

Certain Aluminum Plate From South Africa

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of antidumping investigation and scheduling of a preliminary phase investigation.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of an investigation and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigation No. 731–TA–1056 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from South Africa of certain aluminum plate, provided for in subheading 7606.12.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach a preliminary determination in antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by December 1, 2003. The Commission's views are due at Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by December 8, 2003.

For further information concerning the conduct of this investigation and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 16, 20003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher J. Cassise (202–708–5408), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202–

205–1810. 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>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—This investigation is being instituted in response to a petition filed on October 16, 2003, by Alcoa, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA.

Participation in the investigation and public service list.—Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigation as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in sections 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. 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 investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to this investigation upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list.—Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in this investigation available to authorized applicants representing interested parties (as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9)) who are parties to the investigation under the APO issued in the investigation, provided that the application is made not later than seven days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Conference.—The Commission's Director of Operations has scheduled a conference in connection with this investigation for 9:30 a.m. on November 6, 2003, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Christopher J. Cassise (202–708–5408) not later than November 4, 2003, to arrange for their appearance. Parties

in support of the imposition of antidumping duties in this investigation and parties in opposition to the imposition of such duties will each be collectively allocated one hour within which to make an oral presentation at the conference. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the conference.

Written submissions.—As provided in sections 201.8 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before November 12, 2003, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the investigation. Parties may file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the conference no later than three days before the conference. If briefs or written testimony contain BPI, they must conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means, except to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the Commission's rules, as amended, 67 FR 68036 (November 8, 2002).

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the investigation must be served on all other parties to the investigation (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Authority: This investigation is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.12 of the Commission's rules.

Issued: October 20, 2003.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. TA-421-4]

Certain Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings From China

Determination

On the basis of information developed in the critical circumstances phase of the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission

determines, pursuant to section 421(i) of the Trade Act of 1974,¹ that critical circumstances do not exist with respect to imports of certain ductile iron waterworks fittings from China. Specifically, the Commission makes a negative determination under section 421(i)(1)(A) with respect to whether delay in taking action under this section would cause damage to the relevant domestic industry which would be difficult to repair.²

Background

Following receipt of a petition filed on September 5, 2003, on behalf of McWane, Inc.,³ Birmingham, AL, the Commission instituted investigation No. TA-421-4, *Certain Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings from China*, under section 421(b) of the Act to determine whether certain ductile iron waterworks fittings⁴ from China are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities or under such conditions as to cause or threaten to cause market disruption to the domestic producers of like or directly competitive products. The petition also alleged under section 421(i) of the Act that critical circumstances exist with respect to the subject products and requested that provisional relief be provided.

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation and of the scheduling of a staff conference during the critical circumstances phase and a subsequent public hearing to be held in the investigation 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 September 15, 2003 (68 F.R. 54010). The staff conference in connection with the critical circumstances phase of the investigation was held on September 26, 2003 in Washington, DC; all persons who requested the opportunity were

permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in the critical circumstances phase of this investigation to the President on October 20, 2003. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3642 (October 2003), entitled *Certain Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings from China: Investigation No. TA-421-4* (Critical Circumstances Phase).

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By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Application

Pursuant to section 1301.33(a) of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this is notice that on June 13, 2003, Chemic Laboratories, Inc., 480 Neponset Street, Building 7C, Canton, Massachusetts 02021, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for registration as a bulk manufacturer of Cocaine (9041), a basic class of a Schedule II controlled substance.

The firm plans to manufacture small quantities of a cocaine derivative for distribution to a customer.

Any other such applicant and any person who is presently registered with DEA to manufacture such substance may file comments or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration.

Any such comments or objections may be addressed, in quintuplicate, to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20537, Attention: Federal Register Representative, Office of Chief Counsel (CCD) and must be filed no later than December 23, 2003.

Dated: September 2, 2003.

Laura M. Nagel,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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¹ 19 U.S.C. 2451(i).

² Commissioner Lane makes an affirmative determination under section 421(i)(1)(A), and therefore dissents. Commissioner Pearson did not participate in this determination.

³ McWane operates three subsidiaries that produce the subject products including: Clow Water Systems Co., Coshocton, OH; Tyler Pipe Co., Tyler, TX; and Union Foundry Co., Anniston, AL.

⁴ The products subject to this investigation are cast pipe or tube fittings of ductile iron (containing 2.5 percent carbon and over 0.02 percent magnesium or magnesium and cerium, by weight) with mechanical, push-on (rubber compression) or flanged joints attached. Included within this definition are fittings of all nominal diameters and of both full-bodied and compact designs. The imported products are provided for in statistical reporting number 7307.19.3070 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).