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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These Committee meetings are available to the public through the registration links above. Any interested members of the public may attend these meetings. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make oral statements as time allows. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at these meetings. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning is available by selecting "CC" in the meeting platform. To request additional accommodations, please email csanders@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to each meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the scheduled meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Melissa Wojnaroski at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at 1-202-618-4158.

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Agenda

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Chair's Comments
- III. Panelist Testimony
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Adjournment

Dated: February 28, 2024.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of Industry and Security**

[Docket No. 240222-0055]

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Reporting for Calendar Year 2023 on Offsets Agreements Related to Sales of Defense Articles or Defense Services to Foreign Countries or Foreign Firms

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; annual reporting requirements.

SUMMARY: This notice is to remind the public that U.S. firms are required to report annually to the Department of Commerce (Commerce) information on contracts for the sale of defense articles or defense services to foreign countries or foreign firms that are subject to offsets agreements exceeding \$5,000,000 in value. U.S. firms are also required to report annually to Commerce information on offsets transactions completed in performance of existing offsets commitments for which offsets credit of \$250,000 or more has been claimed from the foreign representative. This year, such reports must include relevant information from calendar year 2023 and must be submitted to Commerce no later than June 15, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit reports in both hard copy and electronically. Address the hard copy to "Offsets Program Manager, U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Room 3876, Washington, DC 20230". Submit electronic copies to OffsetReport@bis.doc.gov.

DATES: Reports must include relevant information from calendar year 2023 and must be submitted to Commerce no later than June 15, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katie Reid, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone: 202-482-4506; email: OffsetReport@bis.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Section 723(a)(1) of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (DPA) (50 U.S.C. 4568 (2023)) requires the President to submit an annual report to Congress on the impact of offsets on the U.S. defense industrial base. Section 723(a)(2) directs the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to prepare the President's report and to develop and administer the regulations necessary to

collect offsets data from U.S. defense exporters.

The authorities of the Secretary regarding offsets have been delegated to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security. The regulations associated with offsets reporting are set forth in part 701 of title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Offsets Regulations). Offsets are compensation practices required as a condition of purchase in either government-to-government or commercial sales of defense articles and/or defense services, as defined by the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (22 CFR 120-130). Offsets are also applicable to certain items controlled on the Commerce Control list (CCL) and with an Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) including the numeral "6" as its third character. The CCL is found in supplement no. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations.

An example of an offset is as follows: a company that is selling a fleet of military aircraft to a foreign government may agree to offset the cost of the aircraft by providing training assistance to plant managers in the purchasing country. Although this distorts the true price of the aircraft, the foreign government may require this sort of extra compensation as a condition of awarding the contract to purchase the aircraft. As described in the Offsets Regulations, U.S. firms are required to report information on contracts for the sale of defense articles or defense services to foreign countries or foreign firms that are subject to offsets agreements exceeding \$5,000,000 in value. U.S. firms are also required to report annually information on offsets transactions completed in performance of existing offsets commitments for which offsets credit of \$250,000 or more has been claimed from the foreign representative.

Commerce's annual report to Congress includes an aggregated summary of the data reported by industry in accordance with the offsets regulation and the DPA (50 U.S.C. 4568 (2023)). As provided by section 723(c) of the DPA, BIS will not publicly disclose individual firm information it receives through offsets reporting unless the firm furnishing the information specifically authorizes public disclosure. The information collected is sorted and organized into an aggregate report of national offsets data, and therefore does not identify company-specific information.

To enable BIS to prepare the next annual offset report reflecting calendar year 2023 data, affected U.S. firms must

submit required information on offsets agreements and offsets transactions from calendar year 2023 to BIS no later than June 15, 2024.

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Assistant Secretary for Export
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Stainless Steel Bar From India: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2022– 2023

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India. The period of review (POR) is February 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023. This review covers four producers/exporters of the subject merchandise. We preliminarily determine that subject merchandise has been sold at below normal value (NV) during this POR. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable March 5, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hermes Pinilla or Jacob Keller, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3477 or (202) 482-4849, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 21, 1995, Commerce published the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India.¹ On April 11, 2023, based on timely requests for administrative reviews, Commerce initiated an administrative review of the Order,² and subsequently selected Aamor Inox Limited (Aamor) and Laxcon Steels Limited (Laxcon), as the mandatory respondents. On October 17,

2023, we extended the preliminary results until February 28, 2024.³

Scope of the Order

The product covered by this Order is stainless steel bar from India. For a full description of the scope, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁴

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Export price and constructed export price are calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. NV is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act.

For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as the appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is made available to the public via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Rate for Non-Examined Companies

The statute and Commerce's regulations do not address the establishment of a rate to be applied to companies not selected for examination when Commerce limits its examination in an administrative review pursuant to section 777A(c)(2) of the Act. Generally, Commerce looks to section 735(c)(5) of the Act, which provides instructions for calculating the all-others rate in a market economy investigation, for guidance when calculating the rate for companies which were not selected for individual examination in an administrative review. Under section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, the all-others rate is normally an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any

zero or *de minimis* margins, and any margins determined entirely on the basis of facts available. In this review, we preliminarily calculated dumping margins for the two mandatory respondents, Aamor and Laxcon, of 0.55 and 0.61 percent, respectively, and we have assigned to the non-selected companies a rate of 0.57 percent, which is the weighted-average dumping margins of Aamor and Laxcon weighted by their publicly ranged U.S. sales values.⁵

Preliminary Results of Review

We preliminarily determine that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period February 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023:

Producer/exporter	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Laxcon Steels Limited, and its affiliates, Ocean Steels Private Limited, Metlax International Private Limited, Parvati Private Limited, and Mega Steels Private Limited ⁶	0.61
Aamor Inox Limited	0.55
Non-Selected Companies	
Astrabite LLP	0.57
Venus Wire Industries Pvt. Ltd., and its affiliates, Precision Metals, Hindustan Inox Ltd., and Sieves Manufacturers (India) Pvt. Ltd. ⁷	0.57

Disclosure and Public Comment

We intend to disclose the calculations performed to parties within five days after publication of this notice.⁸ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c), interested parties may submit case briefs

⁵ With two respondents under examination, Commerce normally calculates: (A) a weighted-average of the dumping margins calculated for the examined respondents; (B) a simple average of the dumping margins calculated for the examined respondents; and (C) a weighted-average of the dumping margins calculated for the examined respondents using each company's publicly ranged U.S. sale quantities for the merchandise under consideration. Commerce then compares (B) and (C) to (A) and selects the rate closest to (A) as the most appropriate rate for all other producers and exporters. See, e.g., *Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews, Final Results of Changed-Circumstances Review, and Revocation of an Order in Part*, 75 FR 53661, 53663 (September 1, 2010).

⁶ Collectively, these companies are known as Laxcon.

⁷ Collectively, these companies are known as Venus Group.

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

¹ See *Antidumping Duty Orders: Stainless Steel Bar from Brazil, India and Japan*, 60 FR 9661 (February 21, 1995) (Order).

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 21609 (April 11, 2023).

³ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2022–2023," dated October 10, 2023.

⁴ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2022–2023: Stainless Steel Bar from India," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum), at 2–3.