

IBM Corporation), Fort Smith, Arkansas. The Department's notice of determination was published in the **Federal Register** on May 30, 2013 (78 FR 32464).

At the request of the State Workforce Office, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers were engaged in production of refrigerators and trash compactors as well as decommissioning work for the facility closure.

The Department confirmed that workers leased from Jones Lang LaSalle and Otterbase, Inc. were employed on-site at the Fort Smith, Arkansas location of Whirlpool Corporation. The Department has determined that these workers were sufficiently under the control of the subject firm to be considered leased workers.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending this certification to include workers leased from Otterbase, Inc. working on-site at the Fort Smith, Arkansas location of Whirlpool Corporation.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-82,346 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Whirlpool Corporation, including on-site leased workers from Aerotek/Tek Systems (subcontractor of IBM Corporation), Jones Lang LaSalle, and Otterbase, Inc., Fort Smith, Arkansas, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after October 7, 2012 through May 10, 2015, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on the date of certification through May 10, 2015, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 11th day of December, 2014.

**Michael W. Jaffe,**

*Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-82,221]

#### **Plexus Corporation; Neenah Operations; Including On-Site Leased Workers From Kelly Services, Inc., Aerotek and Gold Star Solutions, Inc. Neenah, Wisconsin; Notice of Continuation of Certification**

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Act"), 19 U.S.C. 2273, the Department of Labor

issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on April 5, 2013, applicable to workers of Plexus Corporation, Neenah Operations, Neenah, Wisconsin. The Department's Notice of Determination was published in the **Federal Register** on April 30, 2013 (78 FR 25306).

The Department of Labor issued an Amended Certification Regarding to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on January 29, 2014 to include leased workers from Kelly Services, Inc., Aerotek and Gold Star Solutions, Inc. working on-site at Plexus Corporation, Neenah Operations, Neenah, Wisconsin. The Department's Notice of Amended Determination was published in the **Federal Register** on February 12, 2014 (79 FR 8505).

On August 8, 2014, the Department issued a Notice of Initiation of Investigation to Terminate Certification applicable to workers and former workers of Plexus Corporation, Neenah Operations, Neenah, Wisconsin. The Department's Notice of Initiation of Investigation to Terminate Certification was published in the **Federal Register** on August 22, 2014 (79 FR 49814).

The Department's original investigation revealed that Section 222(a)(1) had been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm had become totally or partially separated, or were threatened to become totally or partially separated.

Section 222(a)(2)(B) had been met because the workers' firm had shifted to a foreign country the production of articles like or directly competitive with the articles produced by the subject firm which contributed importantly to worker group separations at Plexus Corporation, Neenah Operations, Neenah, Wisconsin.

The Department has completed its review of the certification for workers of the subject firm pursuant to 29 CFR 90.17(a). The investigation included data collected from the subject firm, a major customer of the subject firm, and the original petitioner.

The subject firm continues to be engaged in activities related to the production of printed circuit board assemblies.

The Department's review revealed that the shift in production to a foreign country that was the original basis for the certification has completed and that the subject firm is no longer shifting production of like or directly competitive articles to a foreign country.

The Department's review further revealed that the group eligibility criteria specified in Section 222 of the

Trade Act of 1974, as amended by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011, continue to be met. The group eligibility requirements for workers of a firm under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272(a), are satisfied if the following criteria are met:

(1) A significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated; and

(2)(A)(i) the sales or production, or both, of such firm have decreased absolutely; and

(ii)(I) imports of articles or services like or directly competitive with articles produced or services supplied by such firm have increased; and

(iii) the increase in imports described in clause (ii) contributed importantly to such workers' separation or threat of separation and to the decline in the sales or production of such firm.

Section 222(a)(1) has been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated.

Section 222(a)(2)(A)(i) has been met because the sales and production of printed circuit board assemblies by Plexus Corporation have decreased absolutely.

Section 222(a)(2)(A)(ii) has been met because customer imports of articles like or directly competitive with the printed circuit board assemblies produced by Plexus Corporation have increased.

Finally, Section 222(a)(2)(A)(iii) has been met because the increased customer imports contributed importantly to the worker group separations and sales/production declines at Plexus Corporation.

### Conclusion

After careful review of the facts, I affirm the certification of workers and former workers of Plexus Corporation, Neenah Operations, including on-site leased workers from Kelly Services, Inc., Aerotek, and Gold Star Solutions, Inc., Neenah, Wisconsin.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 12th day of December, 2014.

**Michael W. Jaffe,**

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