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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Types and Quantities of Agricultural Commodities Available for Donation Overseas Under Section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as Amended, in Fiscal Year 1999

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On December 18, 1998, the President of the Commodity Credit Corporation, who is the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, determined that an additional 2.5 million metric tons grain equivalent of wheat and wheat products that may be acquired by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) under its surplus removal operations is available for donation overseas under section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, during fiscal year 1999. This determination increases the amount of wheat and wheat products available for donation overseas under section 416(b) during fiscal year 1999 to 5.0 million metric tons grain equivalent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ira Branson, Director, CCC Program Support Division, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-3573.

Dated: February 5, 1999.

Christopher E. Goldthwait,

General Sales Manager, CCC.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute, Board of Directors, Pacific Northwest Research Station, Oregon

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute (BMNRI) Board of Directors will meet on March 5, 1999, at the Island City Hall, 10605 Island Avenue, La Grande, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered will include: (1) Program review; (2) alternatives for new mission and scope; (3) public comments. All BMNRI Board Meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation at the meeting should contact Larry Hartmann, BMNRI, 1401 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, Oregon 97850, 541-962-6537, no later than 5:00 p.m. March 1, 1999, to have time reserved on the agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Larry Hartmann, Manager, BMNRI, 1401 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, Oregon 97850, 541-962-6537.

Dated: February 2, 1999.

Lynn Starr,

Acting Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 4-99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 31, Granite City, Illinois Application for Subzone; Clark Refining & Marketing, Inc. (Oil Refinery Complex) Hartford, Illinois

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Tri-City Regional Port District, grantee of FTZ 31, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the oil refinery complex of Clark Refining & Marketing, Inc., located in Hartford, Illinois. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on February 1, 1999.

The refinery complex (400 acres) is located at two sites in Hartford, Illinois (Madison County), some 15 miles northeast of St. Louis, Missouri: *Site 1* (65,000 BPD capacity, 240 acres) main

refinery complex and storage facility (72 tanks, 2 million barrel capacity), located at 201 E. Hawthorne; *Site 2* (160 acres)—river dock and three connecting pipelines, located west of the refinery on the Mississippi River.

The refinery (300 employees) is used to produce fuels and petrochemical feedstocks. Fuel products include gasoline, jet fuel, distillates, residual fuels, and motor fuel blendstocks. Petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products include propane, propylene, ethylene, butane, butylene, butadiene, liquified natural gas, benzene, toluene, xylene, carbon black oil, petroleum coke, sulfur and asphalt. Some 75 to 80 percent of the crude oil (90 percent of inputs) and some motor fuel blendstocks are sourced abroad.

Zone procedures would exempt the refinery from Customs duty payments on the foreign products used in its exports. On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the Customs duty rates that apply to certain petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (duty-free) by admitting incoming foreign crude oil and natural gas condensate in non-privileged foreign status. The duty rates on inputs range from 5.25¢/barrel to 10.5¢/barrel. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the refinery's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is April 12, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to April 27, 1999.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center, 8182 Maryland Avenue, Suite 303, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce,