

discussions. For more information, call Michele Hope at (907) 271-6424.

Transcripts of the Alaska OCS Region Offshore Advisory Committee meeting will be available for public inspection and copying at the MMS in Anchorage, Alaska.

DATES: January 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the VECO Alaska Building, 949 East 36th Ave., Minerals Management Service, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Anchorage, Alaska 99508. Requests for oral presentations to be made on January 6, 2000 can be made to the same address or by phone, Attention: Michele Hope at (907) 271-6424.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Hope at the address and phone number listed above.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, and the Office of Management and Budget's Circular No. A-63, Revised.

Dated: December 9, 1999.

John Goll,

Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Plan of Operations for Oil and Gas Exploration Within Big Cypress National Preserve, Florida

SUMMARY: The Preserve has received a Plan of Operations (Plan) for the exploration for nonfederal oil and gas from Collier Resource Company. The Plan was submitted pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9, Subpart B (36 CFR 9B). The National Park Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act to evaluate the proposed activity.

DATES: The Plan and EA are available for public review at Preserve Headquarters in Ochopee, Florida. Copies of the EA can be requested at the address below. Written comments should be submitted on or before January 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve, HCR 61, Box 110, Ochopee, Florida 34141, Telephone: (941) 695-2000, extension 325.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is in accordance with 36 CFR 9.52. The Plan calls for the construction of approximately 8 miles of road, a

drilling pad, drilling an exploratory well and conducting a 41-square miles three-dimensional geophysical survey.

In 1992, the National Park Service finalized a Minerals Management Plan (MMP) for the Preserve. The MMP along with other appropriate laws and regulations provide the framework for assessing proposals for non-federal oil and gas right owners. The MMP was evaluated as part of the Preserve's General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement.

The EA of Collier Resources Company's Plan of Operations evaluates three alternatives: (1) Denial of Plan of Operations, (2) Approval of the Plan as Submitted, and (3) Approval of the Plan with Stipulations.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking 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 wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must 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.

Dated: December 7, 1999.

Daniel W. Brown,

Regional Director, Acting Director, Southeast Region.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 701-TA-E (Review)]

Cotton Shop Towels From Peru

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Termination of five-year review.

SUMMARY: On November 30, 1999, the Department of Commerce published notice in the **Federal Register** of its negative final determination of the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy in connection with the subject five-year review. Accordingly, pursuant to

section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)), the five-year review of the suspended countervailing duty investigation concerning cotton shop towels from Peru (investigation No. 701-TA-E (Review)) is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 30, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail Burns (202-205-2501), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained 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>).

Authority: This five-year review is being terminated under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.69 of the Commission's rules (19 CFR 207.69).

Issued: December 8, 1999.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-413]

Certain Rare-Earth Magnets and Magnetic Materials and Articles Containing Same; Notice of Issuance of General Exclusion Order and Cease and Desist Orders; Termination of the Investigation

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, having found violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, the Commission issued a general exclusion order and cease and desist orders directed to three domestic respondents, and terminated the investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Johnson, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-3098. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the

Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 4, 1998, the Commission instituted an investigation based on a complaint filed by Magnequench International, Inc. (Magnequench) and Sumitomo Special Metals Co., Ltd. (SSMC). 63 FR 47319. The complaint alleged violations of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain rare-earth magnets or magnetic materials, or articles containing the same, that infringe claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, or 11 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,851,058, (the '058 patent); claims 1-6, 10, 14-16, or 18-20 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,802,931 (the '931 patent); claims 13-18 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,496,395 (the '395 patent); claims 1-9, 12-20, 23-27, or 29-34 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,770,723 (the '723 patent); claims 1-6, 8-10, 13-19, 21-24, 27-35, or 37-39 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,792,368 (the '368 patent); or claims 1-3, 5, 15, 18, 19, 21, or 22 of U.S. Patent Letters 5,645,651 (the '651 patent).

On September 22, 1999, the Commission determined not to review an initial determination (ID) granting complainants motion to withdraw from the investigation claims 1, 12, 23, 29, 30, and 32 of the '723 patent and claims 1, 13, 14, 22, 27, 32, 33, 34, and 39 of the '368 patent. Hence the claims in issue of the '723 patent and '368 patent are claims 2-9, 13-20, 24-27, 31, 33, and 34 of the '723 patent and claims 2-6, 8-10, 15-19, 21, 23, 24, 28-31, 35, 37, and 38 of the '368 patent.

The following respondents were named in the notice of investigation: Houghes International, Inc. (Houghes) of New York; International Magna Products, Inc. (IMI) of Indiana; Multi-Trend International Corp. a/k/a MTI-Modern Technology Inc. (Multi-Trend) of California; American Union Group, Inc. (AUG) of Maryland; High End Metals Corp. (High End) of Taiwan; Harvard Industrial America Inc. (Harvard) of California; H.T.I.E., Inc. (H.T.I.E.) of Pennsylvania; and CYNNY Magnets (CYNNY) of New Jersey.

On January 11, 1999, the Commission determined not to review an ID granting complainants' motion to amend the complaint and notice of investigation to add A.R.E., Inc. (A.R.E.) of Pennsylvania; NEOCO, L.C. (NEOCO) of Michigan; Beijing Jing Ma Permanent Magnets Materials Factory (Jing Ma) of

China; and Xin Huan Technology Development Co., Ltd. (Xin Huan) of China as respondents.

On February 1, 1999, the Commission determined not to review an ID terminating the investigation as to respondent IMI on the basis of a consent order. On February 9, 1999, the Commission determined not to review IDs terminating the investigation as to respondents AUG, CYNNY, H.T.I.E., and Houghes on the basis of consent orders.

On May 25, 1999, the Commission determined not to review an ID granting complainants' motion for partial summary determination on the importation issue. On May 28, 1999, the Commission determined not to review an ID granting complainants' motion for summary determination on the domestic industry issue.

On August 6, 1999, the Commission determined not to review an ID finding respondents A.R.E., Jing Ma, and Xin Huan in default. On September 27, 1999, the Commission determined not to review an ID finding respondent Multi-Trend in default.

The prehearing conference and evidentiary hearing were conducted on June 9 to 18, 1999. Complainants, respondent NEOCO, and the Commission investigative attorneys (IAs) participated at the hearing. Following the filing of post-hearing submissions, closing arguments were heard on July 27, 1999.

On September 7, 1999, the ALJ issued his final ID finding a violation of section 337. His determination is based on his findings that the patents in issue are valid and enforceable, and that the accused imported magnets infringed all of the asserted claims, with the exception of claims 13-20, 25-27 and 33 of the '723 patent and claims 15-19, 21, 23, 24, 28, 30, 31, and 35 of the '368 patent. On October 25, 1999, the Commission determined not to review the ID, thereby finding a violation of section 337.

The remaining issues for the Commission to decide were (1) the appropriate remedy for the aforesaid violations, (2) whether the statutory public interest factors precluded such relief, and (3) the amount of the bond during the Presidential review period under 337(j). In making those determinations, the Commission took into account the presiding ALJ's recommended determination (RD) on permanent relief and bonding under 19 CFR 210.42(a)(2), as well as any written submissions from parties, the public, and other Federal agencies. The Commission solicited but did not receive submissions from other agencies

or members of the public. The Commission received written submissions from complainants and the IAs that addressed the form of remedy, if any, that should be ordered, the effect of a remedy on the public interest, and the amount of bond that should be imposed during the 60-day Presidential review period. Complainants also filed a motion to file a sur-reply to the IAs' reply submission. That motion is hereby denied.

After considering the RD and the parties' submissions, the Commission determined that a general exclusion order is the appropriate remedy for the violations found in the subject investigation. The Commission also determined to issue three cease and desist orders directed to domestic respondents Multi-Trend, Harvard, and A.R.E.

The Commission also determined that the public interest factors enumerated in subsections (d) and (f) of section 337 do not preclude the issuance of the aforementioned general exclusion order and cease and desist orders, and that the bond during the Presidential review period shall be in the amount of 100 percent of the entered value of the articles in question.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, (19 U.S.C. § 1337), the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*, and sections 210.45-210.51 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, 19 CFR 210.45-210.51.

Nonconfidential versions of Commission's Order and its Opinion on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding, and all other nonconfidential documents filed in the investigation are or will be available for public inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Commission's Office of the Secretary, Dockets Branch, 500 E Street, SW, Room 112, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-1802.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of mandatory safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.