

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of investigations and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigations Nos. 731-TA-872-883 (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 Austria, Belarus, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, and Venezuela of certain steel concrete reinforcing bars, provided for in subheading 7214.20.00 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 preliminary determinations in antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by August 14, 2000. The Commission's views are due at the Department of Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by August 21, 2000.

For further information concerning the conduct of these investigations 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: June 28, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Clark (202-205-3195), 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>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—These investigations are being instituted in response to petitions filed on June 28, 2000, by the Rebar Trade Action Coalition (RTAC)

(Washington, DC) and its individual members.¹

Participation in the investigations and public service list.—Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigations 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 these investigations 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 these investigations available to authorized applicants representing interested parties (as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9)) who are parties to the investigations under the APO issued in the investigations, 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 these investigations for 9:30 a.m. on July 19, 2000, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Jeff Clark (202-205-3195) not later than July 17, 2000, to arrange for their appearance. Parties in support of the imposition of antidumping duties in these investigations 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

¹ The members of RTAC are AmeriSteel (Tampa, FL); Auburn Steel Co., Inc. (Auburn, NY); Birmingham Steel Corp. (Birmingham, AL); Border Steel, Inc. (El Paso, TX); Marion Steel Company (Marion, OH); Riverview Steel (Glassport, PA); Nucor Steel (Darlington, SC); and CMC Steel Group (Seguin, TX). Auburn Steel Co., Inc., is not a petitioner with respect to Indonesia and Japan.

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 July 24, 2000, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the investigations. 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.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the investigations must be served on all other parties to the investigations (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: These investigations are 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.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: July 3, 2000.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Settlement Agreement in Accordance With the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA")

In accordance with Department of Justice Policy, 28 CFR 50.7, 38 Fed. Reg. 19029, and 42 U.S.C. § 9622(d), notice is hereby given that on June 26, 2000, a proposed Settlement Agreement was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in *Mobil Oil Corporation v. United States*, Civil Action No. 99-1467-A. The proposed Settlement Agreement settles all CERCLA contribution claims asserted by Mobil Oil Corporation ("Mobil") against the United States, as well as certain CERCLA claims by the United States against Mobil. These

claims relate to response actions undertaken at certain portions of the Stibnite Mining Area ("Stibnite Area") in Valley County, Idaho.

After carrying out certain response actions pursuant to an Administrative Order on Consent between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service ("FS"), and Mobil, Mobil sued the United States in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia pursuant to Sections 107(a)(2) and 113(f), (g) (2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a)(2) and 9613(f), (g)(2), alleging that the United States, on behalf of certain Federal Agencies, is liable as an owner and operator for a portion of the necessary costs of response that Mobil has incurred in connection with the Stibnite Area. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Mobil will pay \$264,000 into the EPA Hazardous Substances Superfund to reimburse a portion of the response costs incurred by the United States, and the United States will pay Mobil \$1.55 million, to reimburse Mobil for a portion of the costs Mobil has incurred in carrying out response actions in the Stibnite Area.

Under the Settlement Agreement, the United States covenants not to sue Mobil pursuant to Sections 106, 107(a) and 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606, 9607(a), and 9613 for certain response costs or for the performance certain response actions for certain discrete portions areas of the Stibnite Area. This covenant not to sue expressly does not include: (1) Claims based on Mobil's failure to meet a requirement of the Agreement; (2) liability arising from disposal, release, or threat of release of hazardous substances outside of the Site; (3) liability for future disposal of hazardous substances at the Site, other than as ordered by EPA; (4) liability for natural resources damages, and for the costs of any natural resource damage assessments; (5) criminal liability; and (6) liability, not to exceed \$1.1 million, for the costs of future response actions, including constructing an impermeable cap, at a portion of the Stibnite Area.

Mobil covenants not to sue the United States for: (1) Any claim for reimbursement from the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund (see 26 U.S.C. 9507); (2) any other costs, damages, attorneys fees, or claims arising out of response activities at the site; (3) any claim under Sections 107 and 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607 and 9613, relating to the Site, except claims for natural resources damages and for the costs of any natural resource damage assessments; and (4) any claim regarding Mobil's costs incurred in

implementing the work required under the VCO.

Under the Settlement Agreement, Mobil and the Settling Federal Agencies are entitled to protection from contribution actions or claims, to the extent provided by Sections 113(f)(2) and 122(h)(4) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9613(f)(2) and 9622(h)(4), as to past response costs incurred by the United States, all response actions taken and to be taken by or at the direction of the United States, and all response costs incurred and to be incurred by the United States in connection with the areas addressed in the Settlement.

The Department of Justice will receive written comments by mail relating to the proposed Settlement Agreement for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *Mobil Oil Corporation v. United States*, DOJ. Ref. No. 90-11-6-05768.

The proposed Settlement Agreement may be examined at the following location: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1435 N. Orchard Street, Second Floor, Boise, Idaho 83706, 208-378-5746.

A copy of the Settlement Agreement and exhibits (if requested) may also be obtained by mail from: Allison Booker, U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental Defense Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 23986, Washington, D.C. 20026-3986.

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*Chief, Environmental Defense Section,
Environment and Natural Resources Division.*
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

June 30, 2000.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be

obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation for BLS, ETA, PWBA, and OASAM contact Karin Kurz ((202) 219-5096 ext. 159 or by E-mail Kurz-Karin@dol.gov). To obtain documentation for ESA, MSHA, OSHA, and VETS contact Darrin King ((202) 219-5096 ext. 151 or by E-Mail to King-Darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), by August 7, 2000.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA).

Title: Underground Retorts.

Type of Review: Extension.

OMB Number: 1219-0096.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Number of Annual Responses: 1.

Estimated Time Per Response: 160

hours.

Total Burden Hours: 160.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: Prior to ignition of underground retorts, mine operators must submit a written plan containing site-specific safeguards and safety procedures for the underground areas of the mine affected by the retorts. MSHA uses this information to ensure that safe practices are followed, and to determine that the procedures and safeguards used