

Allegations of Subsidies

Section 702(b) of the Act requires the Department to initiate a countervailing duty proceeding whenever an interested party files a petition, on behalf of an industry, that (1) alleges the elements necessary for an imposition of a duty under section 701(a), and (2) is accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioners supporting the allegations.

Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation

The Department has examined the countervailing duty petition on pure magnesium from Israel and found that it complies with the requirements of section 702(b) of the Act. Therefore, in accordance with section 702(b) of the Act, we are initiating a countervailing duty investigation to determine whether manufacturers, producers, or exporters of pure magnesium from Israel receive countervailable subsidies. See Initiation Checklist.

Privatization

According to the information in the petition and presented at consultations, one of the parent companies of the Israeli manufacturer of magnesium, Dead Sea Magnesium ("DSM"), was almost entirely privatized as of 1998. Since some of the alleged subsidies were provided prior to that date, the Department intends to examine whether those subsidies continue to benefit the privatized company, in light of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit's ruling in *Delverde, SRL v. United States*, 202 F.3d 1360 (Fed. Cir. 2000).

Creditworthiness

The petitioners allege DSM was uncreditworthy from its inception through the end of the POI. This allegation was supported by financial ratios for DSM and its parent company. We will investigate DSM's creditworthiness in years in which we find that government equity infusions, loans or loan guarantees were provided.

Programs

We are including in our investigation the following programs alleged in the petition to have provided countervailable subsidies to producers and exporters of the subject merchandise in Israel:

1. Encouragement of Capital Investments Law ("ECIL") Grants.
2. Reduced Tax Rates under ECIL.
3. ECIL Preferential Accelerated Depreciation.
4. Encouragement of Research and Development Law ("EIRD") Grants.

5. The Infrastructure Grant Program. We are not including in our investigation the following programs alleged to be benefitting producers and exporters of the subject merchandise in Israel: Subsidies under the Magnesium Research Institute and the Consortium Research Programs.

The petitioners allege that the Magnesium Research Institute ("MRI") and the Consortium Research programs should be investigated by the Department to determine whether the Israeli government is conferring countervailable subsidies as a result of the involvement of public universities in these programs. The petitioners support their allegation with documentation from DSM's web page concerning research. The petitioners explain that one of the Israeli Ministry of Industry and Trade's major goals is to transition from capital investment grants to alternative forms of aid, including research and development grants. Petitioners request that the Department initiate an investigation to determine whether the Israeli government is conferring countervailable subsidies by means of the academic involvement in these programs.

The petitioners have not provided sufficient evidence regarding the nature of the financial contribution or the benefits conferred on DSM/DSM. Accordingly, we are not including this program in our investigation.

Distribution of Copies of the Petition

In accordance with section 702(b)(4)(A)(i) of the Act, copies of the public version of the petition have been provided to the GOI. We will attempt to provide copies of the public version of the petition to all the exporters named in the petition, as provided for under section 351.203(c)(2) of the Department's regulations.

ITC Notification

Pursuant to section 702(d) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of this initiation.

Preliminary Determination by the ITC

The ITC will determine by December 1, 2000, whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of pure magnesium from Israel. A negative ITC determination will result in the investigation being terminated; otherwise, the investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: November 6, 2000.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

2001 National Capital Arts and Cultural Affairs Program

Notice is hereby given that Public Law 99-190, as amended, authorizing the National Capital Arts and Cultural Affairs Program, has been funded for 2001 in the amount of \$7,000,000.00. All requests for information and applications for grants should be received by December 31, 2000 and addressed to: Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, National Building Museum, Suite 312, 441 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001. Phone: 202-504-2200.

Deadline for receipt of grant applications is March 1, 2001.

This program provides grants for general operating support of organizations whose primary purpose is performing exhibiting, and/or presenting the arts. To be eligible for a grant, organizations must be located in the District of Columbia, must be non-profit, non-academic institutions of demonstrated national repute, and must have annual incomes, exclusive of federal funds, in excess of one million dollars for each of the past three years.

Charles H. Atherton,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Patents for Exclusive, Partially Exclusive or Nonexclusive Licenses

AGENCY: U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, U.S. Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the general availability of exclusive, partially exclusive, or nonexclusive licenses under the following patents that are listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** paragraph. Any licenses granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Rosenkrans at U.S. Army Soldier

and Biological Chemical Command, Kansas Street, Natick, MA 01760, Phone; (508) 233-4928 or E-mail: Robert.Rosenkrans@natick.army.mil .

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following Patent Numbers, title and issue dates are provided:

Patent Number: 5,538,583.

Title: Method of Manufacturing a Laminated Textile Substrate for a Body Heating or Cooling Garment.

Issue Date: July 23, 1996.

Patent Number: 5,320,164.

Title: Body Heating or Cooling Garment.

Issue Date: June 14, 1994.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Patents for Exclusive, Partially Exclusive or Nonexclusive Licenses

AGENCY: U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, U.S. Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the general availability of exclusive, partially exclusive, or nonexclusive licenses under the following Australia patent that is listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** paragraph. Any licenses granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Rosenkrans at U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Kansas Street, Natick, MA 01760, Phone; (508) 233-4928 or E-mail: Robert.Rosenkrans@natick.army.mil .

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following Australia Patent Number, title and issue date is provided:

Australia Patent Number: 720323.

Title: Load Securing and Releasing System.

Issue Date: May 25, 2000.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplement II to the Final EIS for the Proposed New Water Supply Reservoir Located in Williamson and Johnson Counties, for the City of Marion, IL

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The City of Marion Illinois, has previously applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Louisville District for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for placement of material in Sugar Creek, Williamson County, as part of the construction of a new municipal water supply reservoir.

DATES: Written comments received by January 14, 2001, will be considered by the Corps in decision making for the Final Supplement II to the Final EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding the Draft Supplement II to the Final EIS may be directed to Mr. Ronny J. Sadri, Project Manager, Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, P.O. Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201-0059, ATTN: CELRL-OP-FN, (502) 315-6681.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action by the City of Marion is a new 1,172-acre water supply reservoir located in Williamson and Johnson Counties, Illinois, near the community of Creal Springs. The Lake of Egypt Water District has an agreement in principle with the City of Marion to purchase water if a new lake on Sugar Creek is built. Two pipelines would be constructed for transport of water for treatment.

As part of the Corps review process, this Draft Supplement II to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared. The Louisville District prepared a Draft EIS and released it to the public for comment in October 1994. A public hearing was held in December 1994. A Final EIS was prepared and released to the public for comment in July 1995. A Draft Supplement I was prepared and released to the public for comment in May 1996.

This Draft Supplement II to the Final EIS examines single source options as well as combinations of separate alternatives to satisfy current and future water needs of Marion and the Lake of Egypt Water District as separate entities. This Draft Supplement II incorporates

the Draft and Final EIS and the Draft and Final Supplement I by reference.

Gary J. Gumm,

LTC, Corps of Engineers, Deputy Commander.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provision of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. § 552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) meeting described below.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 6:30 p.m., November 30, 2000.

PLACE: The Conference Center, 215 The Alley, Aiken, South Carolina 29801.

STATUS: Open. While the Sunshine Act does not require that the scheduled discussion be conducted in a meeting, the Board has determined that an open meeting in this specific case furthers the public interest underlying both the Sunshine Act and the Board's enabling legislation.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board is visiting the Savannah River Site (SRS) as part of its oversight of the Department of Energy's (DOE) management and operation of defense nuclear facilities. The site visit will include discussions of tritium activities at Defense Programs facilities as well as nuclear material stabilization activities at Environmental Management facilities.

The Board wishes also to avail itself of the opportunity of this visit to meet with members of the public and other interested persons. This public meeting is intended to be informal and to provide an opportunity for members of the public, DOE employees, and DOE's contractor employees to provide comments and information directly to the Board regarding any matter affecting health and safety at SRS. Specific matters of particular interest to the Board during this visit include:

1. Utilization of F- and H-Canyon Facilities.
2. Stabilization, Packaging and Storage of Plutonium-bearing Materials.
3. Stabilization of Highly Enriched Uranium Solutions.
4. High Level Waste Management; Including Selection of an Alternative Salt Processing Technology.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Richard A. Azzaro, General Counsel, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700,