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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 1–2004]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 234—Gregg County, TX; Application for Foreign-Trade Subzone Status, LeTourneau, Inc. (Loading Equipment, Components of Offshore Drilling Rigs, Log Handling Equipment, Cranes, Drive Systems, and Parts and Components Thereof), Longview, TX

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by Gregg County, Texas, grantee of FTZ 234, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the manufacturing facilities (loading equipment, components of offshore drilling rigs, log handling equipment, cranes, drive systems, and parts or components thereof) of LeTourneau, Inc., located in Longview, Texas. The application was submitted pursuant to 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 January 15, 2004.

The LeTourneau facilities are located at two sites in Longview (305 acres, with up to 68 buildings and 1.27 million sq. ft. of enclosed space): Site # 1 (290.4 acres; 63 buildings with 1,238,032 sq. ft.)—located at 2401 South High Street; and Site # 2 (14.54 acres; 5 buildings with 28,889 sq. ft.)—located at 811 Estes Drive. The facilities (approximately 900 full-time employees and contractors) produce loading equipment, components of offshore drilling rigs, log handling equipment, cranes, drive systems, and parts or components thereof, which LeTourneau intends to manufacture, assemble, test, package, and warehouse under FTZ procedures.

The company's list of categories of imported parts and materials for possible use in manufacturing, assembling, testing, packaging, and warehousing loading equipment,

components of offshore drilling rigs, log handling equipment, cranes, drive systems, and parts or components thereof under FTZ procedures includes: Rubber tires; gaskets, washers, and seals (includes rubber bumpers); diesel engines; ball or roller bearings and parts; transmission shafts and cranks (driver, gear box subassembly, driver assembly, internal gear); mechanical seals; machinery parts (exhaust silencer, stacker rear frame, stacker front frame, stacker carriage); static converters (rectifier, master power card); fuses, receptacles, connectors, and plugs; instruments (voltmeter); gears and gearing (spindle); and electric generating sets (generator). Current duty rates for these input materials range up to 9.9 percent.

Zone procedures would exempt LeTourneau from Customs duty payments on foreign components used in export production. On its domestic sales, LeTourneau would be able to defer duty payments, and to choose the lower duty rate that applies to the listed finished-product categories (duty-free to 5.5 percent) for the foreign inputs listed above. LeTourneau would be able to avoid duty on foreign inputs which become scrap/waste, estimated at one percent of imported inputs. The application also indicates that the company will derive savings from simplification and expediting of the company's import and export procedures. Finally, LeTourneau's application states that the company will benefit from an FTZ-related exemption from local property tax. All of the above-cited savings from zone procedures could help improve the plant'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 one of the following addresses:

1. Submissions Via Express/Package Delivery Services: Foreign-Trade-Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building—Suite 4100W, 1099 14th St., NW., Washington, DC 20005; or

2. Submissions Via the U.S. Postal Service: Foreign-Trade-Zones Board,

U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB—Suite 4100W, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The closing period for their receipt is March 29, 2004. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to April 13, 2004.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at address Number 1 listed above, and at the Airport Director's Office, East Texas Regional Airport, Rt. 3, Hwy 322, Longview, TX 75603.

Dated: January 15, 2004.

**Dennis Puccinelli,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-533–839]

#### Postponement of Preliminary Countervailing Duty Determination: Carbazole Violet Pigment 23 from India

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the preliminary determination in the countervailing duty investigation of carbazole violet pigment (CVP-23) from India from February 14, 2004 until no later than April 19, 2004. This extension is made pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 29, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dana Mermelstein or Sean Carey, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482–1391 or (202) 482–1394, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Postponement of Preliminary Determination:

On December 11, 2003, the Department initiated the countervailing duty investigation of CVP-23 from India.

See Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation: Carbazole Violet Pigment 23 from India, 68 FR 70778 (December 19, 2003). On January 16, 2004, petitioners made a timely request pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(e) for a postponement of the preliminary determination in accordance with section 703(c)(1) of the Act. Petitioners requested a postponement in order to ensure sufficient time to receive and analyze submitted responses, and to allow time for the Department to determine the extent to which particular subsidies are being used.

For reasons identified by the petitioners, we see no compelling reason not to postpone the preliminary determination. Therefore, we are postponing and extending the time limit for the preliminary determination in the countervailing duty investigation of CVP-23 from India until no later than April 19, 2004. This extension is made pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act.

This notice of postponement is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: January 22, 2004.

**James J. Jochum,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No.: 021108269-4015-02]

#### Climate Variability and Human Health, FY 2004 Joint Announcement

**AGENCY:** Office of Global Programs (OGP), Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC). (In collaboration with NSF)

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** With the intent of stimulating integrated multidisciplinary studies and enhancing institutional collaboration, the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) announce our interest in receiving research proposals to improve understanding of the human health consequences related to climate variability and enhance the integration of useful climate information into public health policy and decision-making. This joint announcement is

intended to support the formation of multidisciplinary teams working in close collaboration on integrated projects to illuminate the human, biological, and physical pathways by which climate may affect human health, and which explore the potential for applying climate and environmental information toward the goal of improved public health. We are also interested in understanding how the human health impacts and responses, on shorter time scales (*i.e.* seasonal, annual, decadal), affect our knowledge of vulnerability and adaptation to longer-term changes in the climate system.

**DATES:** Pre-proposals must be received by OGP no later than 5 p.m. eastern time February 27, 2004. Full proposals must be received at the Office of Global Programs no later than 5 p.m. eastern time April 23, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Full Proposals must be submitted to: Office of Global Programs (OGP); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1210, Silver Spring, MD 20910-5603. Pre-proposals can be submitted by e-mail to [ogpgrants@noaa.gov](mailto:ogpgrants@noaa.gov).

**GENERAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane S. Brown, Grants Manager (*see ADDRESSES*), phone at 301-427-2089, ext. 107, fax to 301-427-2222, or e-mail at [ogpgrants@noaa.gov](mailto:ogpgrants@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Electronic Access:* Applicants should read the full text of the full funding opportunity announcement, which can be accessed at OGP's Web site: <http://www.ogp.noaa.gov> or the central NOAA site: <http://www.ofa.noaa.gov/~amd/SOLINDEX.HTML>. This announcement will also be available through Grants.gov at: <http://www.Grants.gov>. The standard NOAA application kit is available on the OGP Web site at: <http://www.ogp.noaa.gov/grants/appkit.htm>.

*Funding Availability:* NOAA and NSF believe that research on the relationship between climate variability and human health will benefit significantly from a strong partnership with outside investigators. An estimated \$1 million may be available for FY04. Current plans assume that over 50% of the total resources provided through this announcement will support extramural efforts, particularly those involving the broad academic community. Funding may be provided by NOAA or NSF. In previous years, three to seven grants have been awarded ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000 per year. Past or current grantees funded under this

announcement are eligible to apply for a new award which builds on previous activities or areas of research not covered in the previous award. Current grantees should not request supplementary funding for ongoing research through this announcement. Proposals may be for up to a three-year period. It is anticipated that the funding instrument for most of the extramural awards will be a grant, however, in some cases, if NOAA will be substantially involved in the implementation of the project, the funding instrument may be a cooperative agreement.

**Statutory Authority:** NOAA Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2931 *et seq.*; (CFDA No. 11.431)—Climate and Atmospheric Research. NSF Authority: 42 U.S.C. 1861-75; (CFDA No. 47.050)—Geosciences.

*CFDA:* No. 11.431, Climate and Atmospheric Research.

*Eligibility:* Participation in this competition is open to all institutions eligible to receive support from NOAA and NSF. For awards to be issued by NOAA, eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, hospitals, other nonprofits, commercial organizations, foreign governments, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments and Federal agencies. Applications from non-Federal and Federal applicants will be competed against each other. Proposals selected for funding from non-Federal applicants will be funded through a project grant or cooperative agreement under the terms of this notice. Proposals selected for funding from NOAA employees shall be effected by an intragency funds transfer. Proposals selected for funding from a non-NOAA Federal Agency will be funded through an interagency transfer. Before non-NOAA Federal applicants may be funded, they must demonstrate that they have legal authority to receive funds from another federal agency in excess of their appropriation. Because this announcement is not proposing to procure goods or services from applicants, the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. 1535) is not an appropriate legal basis.

*Cost Sharing Requirements:* None.

*Evaluation and Selection Procedures:* NOAA published its first omnibus notice announcing the availability of grant funds for both projects and fellowships/scholarships/internships for Fiscal Year 2004 in the **Federal Register** on June 30, 2003 (68 FR 38678). The evaluation criteria and selection procedures contained in the June 30, 2003 omnibus notice are applicable to