

Department's Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance, applicable to the workers of the subject firms.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination issued on November 19, 2003, was based on the finding that the workers did not produce a product under the meaning of section 222 of the Act. The denial notice was published in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 2003 (68 FR 74978).

To support the request for reconsideration, the company supplied additional information to supplement that which was gathered during the initial investigation. The company indicated that Encee, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary division of Pillowtex Corporation. The petitioner further stated that functions of workers of Encee, Inc., Eden, North Carolina (TA-W-53,419), Kannapolis, North Carolina (TA-W-53,419A) and Smithfield, North Carolina (TA-W-53,419B) were dedicated to support activities at an existing trade-certified facility of Pillowtex Corporation.

An analysis of the information supplied by the company on their request for reconsideration revealed that the worker separations at the subject facilities were caused by a reduced demand for their services from a parent firm, whose workers produce an article and who are currently under certification for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TA-W-52,559). The investigation further revealed that employment at the subject facilities declined absolutely during the relevant period.

A review of the submitted documents revealed that at least five percent of the workforce at the subject facilities is at least fifty years of age and that the workers possess skills that are not easily transferable. Competitive conditions within the industry are adverse.

Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained on reconsideration, I determine that increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with those produced at an affiliated TAA certified firm contributed importantly to the declines in the total or partial separation of workers at the subject firm. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

All workers of Encee, Inc., Eden, North Carolina (TA-W-53,419), Encee, Inc. Kannapolis, North Carolina (TA-W-53,419A) and Encee, Inc., Smithfield, North Carolina (TA-W-53,419B), who became totally or

partially separated from employment on or after October 24, 2002 through two years from the date of this certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, and are also eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 26th day of January 2004.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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of the Act specifies that no certification may apply to any worker whose last separation occurred more than one year before the date of the petition. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of January, 2004.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-53,882]

International Mill Service, Midland, Pennsylvania; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on December 24, 2003, in response to a worker petition which was filed by the United Steelworkers of America Local 1212 on behalf of workers at International Mill Service, Midland, Pennsylvania.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 20th day of January, 2004.

Richard Church,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-54,107]

Manpower, Inc., Roswell, NM; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on January 29, 2004 in response to a worker petition filed by one worker on behalf of workers of Manpower Inc., Roswell, New Mexico.

To be valid, petitions must be filed by three workers, their duly authorized representative, or a state agency. The petition regarding the investigation has therefore been deemed invalid. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 30th day of January 2004.

Richard Church,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-53,891]

Kokusai Semiconductor Equipment Corporation, Portland Region Office, Portland, OR; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on December 29, 2003 in response to a petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers of Kokusai Semiconductor Equipment Corporation, Portland Region Office, Portland, Oregon.

All workers were separated from the subject firm more than one year before the date of the petition. Section 223 (b)

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-53,872]

Metso Minerals Industries, Inc., Colorado Springs, CO; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, investigation was initiated on December 23, 2003 in response to a petition filed by a company official at Metso Minerals Industries, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The petitioner requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, further investigation would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.