DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TAA–W–82,440]

Stone Age Interiors, Inc.; d/b/a Colorado Springs Marble and Granite Including On-Site Leased Workers From Express Employment Professionals Colorado Springs, Colorado; Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration

On June 7, 2013, the Department of Labor (Department) issued a Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration applicable to workers and former workers of Stone Age Interiors, Inc., d/b/a Colorado Springs Marble and Granite, Colorado Springs, Colorado (hereafter collectively referred to as either “Stone Age Interiors” or “subject firm”). The subject firm is engaged in activities related to the production of finished stone fabrication products. The workers are not separately identifiable by product line.

The subject worker group includes on-site leased workers from Express Employment Professionals.

Based on a careful review of previously-submitted information and additional information obtained during the reconsideration investigation, the Department determines that the petitioning worker group, including on-site leased workers, has met the eligibility criteria set forth in the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended.

Section 222(a)(1) has been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers at Stone Age Interiors have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened with such separation.

Section 222(a)(2)(A)(i) has been met because Stone Age Interiors sales and/or production of finished stone fabrication products have decreased.

Section 222(a)(2)(A)(ii) has been met because aggregate imports of articles like or directly competitive with the finished stone fabrication products produced by Stone Age Interiors have increased during the relevant period.

Finally, Section 222(a)(2)(A)(iii) has been met because increased imports contributed importantly to the worker group separations and sales/production declines at Stone Age Interiors.

Conclusion

After careful review of previously-submitted facts and the additional facts obtained during the reconsideration investigation, I determine that workers of Stone Age Interiors, Inc., d/b/a Colorado Springs Marble and Granite, including on-site leased workers from Express Employment Professionals, Colorado Springs, Colorado, meet the worker group certification criteria under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272(a). In accordance with Section 223 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2273, I make the following certification:

All workers of Stone Age Interiors, Inc., d/b&a Colorado Springs Marble and Granite, including on-site leased workers from Express Employment Professionals, Colorado Springs, Colorado, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after February 9, 2012, through two years from the date of this certification, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Signed in Washington, DC, this day of August 13, 2013.
Del Min Amy Chen,
Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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Dated: August 22, 2013.
Melvin F. Williams, Jr.,
VP/General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

Report on Countries That Are Candidates for Millennium Challenge Account Eligibility in Fiscal Year 2014 and Countries That Would Be Candidates But For Legal Prohibitions

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

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Summary

This report to Congress is provided in accordance with section 608(a) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 7701, 7707(a) (the Act).

The Act authorizes the provision of Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) assistance for countries that enter into a Millennium Challenge Compact with the United States to support policies and programs that advance the progress of such countries to achieve lasting economic growth and poverty reduction. The Act requires the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) to take a number of steps in selecting countries with which MCC will seek to enter into a compact, including (a) determining the countries that will be eligible for MCA assistance for fiscal year (FY) 2014 based on a country’s demonstrated commitment to (i) just and democratic governance, (ii) economic freedom, and (iii) investments in its people; and (b) considering the opportunity to reduce poverty and generate economic growth in the country. These steps include the submission of reports to the congressional committees specified in the Act and the publication of notices in the Federal Register that identify:

The countries that are “candidate countries” for MCA assistance for FY 2014 based on their per capita income levels and their eligibility to receive assistance under U.S. law and countries that would be candidate countries but for specified legal prohibitions on assistance (section 608(a) of the Act);

The criteria and methodology that the MCC Board of Directors (Board) will use to measure and evaluate the relative policy performance of the “candidate countries” consistent with the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of section 607 of the Act in order to determine “eligible countries” from among the “candidate countries” (section 608(b) of the Act); and

The list of countries determined by the Board to be “eligible countries” for FY 2014, identification of such countries with which the Board will seek to enter into compacts, and a justification for such eligibility determination and selection for compact negotiation (section 608(d) of the Act).

This report is the first of three required reports listed above.

Candidate Countries for FY 2014

The Act requires the identification of all countries that are candidates for MCA assistance for FY 2014 and the identification of all countries that would be candidate countries but for specified legal prohibitions on assistance. Under the terms of the Act, sections 606(a) and (b) set forth the two income tests countries must satisfy to be candidates