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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

[Docket No. 130807689-3689-01]

National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee Request for Public Comments on the Potential Market Impact of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Materials Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee, co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State, is seeking public comments on the potential market impact of the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Stockpile Annual Materials Plan. The role of the Market Impact Committee is to advise the National Defense Stockpile Manager on the projected domestic and foreign economic effects of all acquisitions and disposals involving the stockpile and related material research and development projects. Public comments are an important element of the Committee's market impact review process.

DATES: To be considered, written comments must be received by December 13, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Michael Vaccaro, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, Office

of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 3876, Washington, DC 20230, fax: (202) 482-5650 (Attn: Michael Vaccaro), email: *MIC@bis.doc.gov*; and Sean Ruthe, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Energy Resources, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20520, fax: (202) 647-4037 (Attn: Sean Ruthe), or email: *ruthesw@state.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Vaccaro, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone: (202) 482-8232, fax: (202) 482-5650 (Attn: Michael Vaccaro), email: *MIC@bis.doc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the authority of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Revision Act of 1979, as amended (the Stock Piling Act) (50 U.S.C. 98, *et seq.*), the Department of Defense's Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), as National Defense Stockpile Manager, maintains a stockpile of strategic and critical materials to supply the military, industrial, and essential civilian needs of the United States for national defense. Section 9(b)(2)(G)(ii) of the Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98(h)(b)(2)(G)(ii)) authorizes the National Defense Stockpile Manager to fund material research and development projects to develop new materials for the stockpile.

Section 3314 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 1993 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (50 U.S.C. 98h-1) formally established a Market Impact Committee (the "Committee") to "advise the National Defense Stockpile Manager on the projected domestic and foreign economic effects of all acquisitions and disposals of materials from the stockpile. . . ." The Committee must also balance market impact concerns with the statutory requirement to protect the U.S. Government against avoidable loss.

The Committee is comprised of representatives from the Departments of Commerce, State, Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Interior, the Treasury, and Homeland Security, and is co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State. The FY 1993 NDAA directs the Committee to consult with industry representatives that produce, process, or consume the materials stored in or of interest to the National Defense Stockpile Manager.

As the National Defense Stockpile Manager, the DLA must produce an

Annual Materials Plan proposing the maximum quantity of each listed material that may be acquired, disposed of, upgraded, or sold by the DLA in a particular fiscal year. In Attachment 1, the DLA lists the quantities and type of activity (potential acquisition, potential disposal, or potential upgrade) associated with each material in its proposed FY 2015 Annual Materials Plan. The quantities listed in Attachment 1 are not acquisition, disposal, upgrade, or sales target quantities, but rather a statement of the proposed maximum quantity of each listed material that may be acquired, disposed of, upgraded, or sold in a particular fiscal year by the DLA as noted. The quantity of each material that will actually be acquired or offered for sale will depend on the market for the material at the time of the acquisition or offering, as well as on the quantity of each material approved for acquisition, disposal, or upgrade by Congress.

The Committee is seeking public comments on the potential market impact associated with the proposed FY 2015 AMP as enumerated in Attachment 1. Public comments are an important element of the Committee's market impact review process.

Submission of Comments

The Committee requests that interested parties provide written comments, supporting data and documentation, and any other relevant information on the potential market impact of the quantities associated with the proposed FY 2015 AMP. All comments must be submitted to the addresses indicated in this notice. All comments submitted through email must include the phrase "Market Impact Committee Notice of Inquiry" in the subject line.

The Committee encourages interested persons who wish to comment to do so at the earliest possible time. The period for submission of comments will close on December 13, 2013. The Committee will consider all comments received before the close of the comment period. Comments received after the end of the comment period will be considered, if possible, but their consideration cannot be assured.

All comments submitted in response to this notice will be made a matter of public record and will be available for public inspection and copying. Anyone submitting business confidential information should clearly identify the business confidential portion of the submission and also provide a non-confidential submission that can be placed in the public record. The

Committee will seek to protect such information to the extent permitted by law.

The Office of Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, displays public comments on the BIS Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Web site at

<http://www.bis.doc.gov/foia>. This office does not maintain a separate public inspection facility. If you have technical difficulties accessing this Web site, please call BIS's Office of Administration at (202) 482-1900 for assistance.

Dated: November 5, 2013.

Kevin J. Wolf,
Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

Attachment 1

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015 ANNUAL MATERIALS PLAN

Material	Unit	Quantity	Footnote
<i>Sales/Upgrades/Disposals</i>			
Beryllium Metal	ST	17.5	(1 2)
Chromium, Ferro	ST	23,500	(2)
Chromium, Metal	ST	150	(2)
Manganese, Ferro	ST	50,000	(2)
Manganese, Metallurgical Grade	SDT	100,000	(2)
Talc	ST	1,639	(3)
Tin	MT	804	(1)
Tungsten Metal Powder	LB W	77,433	(2)
Tungsten Ores and Concentrates	LB W	3,000,000	(2)
<i>Acquisitions</i>			
CZT (Cadmium Zinc Tellurium substrates)	cm ²	40,000	
TATB (Triamino-Trinitrobenzene)	LB	16,000	
Lithium Cobalt Oxide (LCO)	Kg	150	
Lithium Nickel Cobalt Aluminum Oxide (LNCAO)	Kg	540	
Mesocarbon Microbeads (MCMB)	Kg	648	
Ferriobium	MT	104.5	
Dysprosium Metal	MT	0.5	
Yttrium Oxide	MT	10	

¹ Potential Upgrade.

² Potential Disposal.

³ Potential Disposal (Landfill).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Announcement of Changes to the Membership of the Performance Review Board

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Performance Review Board Membership.

SUMMARY: The regulations at 5 CFR 430.310 require agencies to publish notice of Performance Review Board appointees in the **Federal Register** before their service begins. In accordance with those regulations, this notice announces changes to the membership of the International Trade Administration's Performance Review Board.

DATES: Effective Date: The changes made to the Performance Review Board are effective September 20, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruthie B. Stewart, U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Human Resources

Management (OHRM), Office of Executive Resources, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Room 51010, Washington, DC 20230, at (202) 482-3130.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The International Trade Administration (ITA) published its list of Performance Review Board appointees pursuant to the regulations at 5 CFR 430.310 (74 FR 51261). The purpose of the Performance Review Board is to review and make recommendations to the appointing authority on performance management issues such as appraisals, bonuses, pay level increases, and Presidential Rank Awards for members of the Senior Executive Service. The appointment of these members to the Performance Review Board will be for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

ITA publishes this notice to announce changes to the Performance Review Board's membership. The name, position title, and type of appointment of each member of ITA's Performance Review Board are set forth below by organization:

Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA)

John M. Andersen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Market Access and

Compliance, Career SES, serves as Chairperson

Kenneth Berman, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Career SES, new member

Kimberly Thompson Glas, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles and Apparel, Non-Career SES, Political Advisor, new member

Carole Ann Showers, Director, Office of Policy, career, new member

Holly K. Vineyard, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia, Career SES, new member

Department of Commerce, Office of the Secretary (OS)

Lisa A. Casias, Director for Financial Management and Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Career SES, new member

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