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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

#### Materials Processing Equipment Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Materials Processing Equipment Technical Advisory Committee (MPETAC) will meet on March 11, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Room 3884, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to materials processing equipment and related technology.

#### Agenda

##### Open Session

1. Opening remarks and introductions.
2. Presentation of papers and comments by the Public.
3. Discussions on results from last, and proposals for next Wassenaar meeting.
4. Report on proposed and recently issued changes to the Export Administration Regulations.
5. Other business.

##### Closed Session

6. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

The open session will be accessible via teleconference to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at [Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov](mailto:Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov), no later than March 4, 2014.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate the distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting to Ms. Springer via email.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 20, 2013, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 § 10(d)), that the portion of the meeting dealing with matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to frustrate significantly implementation of a proposed agency action as described in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

For more information, call Yvette Springer at (202) 482-2813.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-533-856]

#### Steel Threaded Rod from India: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances for the Countervailing Duty Investigation

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, formerly Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce ("Department") has preliminarily determined that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of subject merchandise in the countervailing duty ("CVD") investigation of steel threaded rod from India, with the exception of imports from Mangal Steel Enterprises Limited ("Mangal Steel").

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* February 18, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew Medley, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4416, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202-482-4987.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Case History

On June 27, 2013, the Department received a CVD Petition concerning imports of steel threaded rod from India filed in proper form by All America Threaded Products Inc.; Bay Standard

Manufacturing Inc.; and Vulcan Threaded Products Inc. (collectively, "Petitioners").<sup>1</sup> This investigation was initiated on July 17, 2013.<sup>2</sup> The affirmative *Preliminary Determination* was published on December 19, 2013.<sup>3</sup>

On January 10, 2014, Petitioners alleged that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of steel threaded rod from India and submitted U.S. Census Bureau import data in support of their allegation. On January 17, 2014, the Department requested from Mangal Steel monthly shipment data of subject merchandise to the United States for the period February 2013 through November 2013. On January 22, 2014, Mangal Steel submitted the requested data.

#### Period of Investigation

The period for which we are measuring subsidies, or the period of investigation ("POI"), is calendar year 2012.

#### Scope of Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is steel threaded rod. Steel threaded rod is certain threaded rod, bar, or studs, of carbon quality steel, having a solid, circular cross section, of any diameter, in any straight length, that have been forged, turned, cold-drawn, cold-rolled, machine straightened, or otherwise cold-finished, and into which threaded grooves have been applied. In addition, the steel threaded rod, bar, or studs subject to this investigation are non-headed and threaded along greater than 25 percent of their total length. A variety of finishes or coatings, such as plain oil finish as a temporary rust protectant, zinc coating (*i.e.*, galvanized, whether by electroplating or hot-dipping), paint, and other similar finishes and coatings, may be applied to the merchandise.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See submission by Petitioners titled "Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Steel Threaded Rod from Thailand and Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Steel Threaded Rod from India," and dated June 27, 2013 ("Petition"). A public version of the Petition and all other public documents and public versions for this investigation are available on the public file in the Central Records Unit, Room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building.

<sup>2</sup> See *Steel Threaded Rod From India: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 78 FR 44532 (July 24, 2013), and accompanying Initiation Checklist.

<sup>3</sup> See *Steel Threaded Rod from India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Determination*, 78 FR 76815 (December 19, 2013) ("Preliminary Determination").

<sup>4</sup> For a complete description of the scope of the investigation, see Appendix 1 to the *Preliminary Determination*.