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Dated: January 19, 2022.

**Vanessa A. Countryman,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11634]

### Waiver of Missile Proliferation Sanctions Against Foreign Persons

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** A determination has been made pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act and Export Administration Act.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Consistent with section 654(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has made a determination pursuant to Section 73 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2797b) and Section 11B(b) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. 4612). [Note: Although the Export Administration Act of 1979 lapsed in 2001 and was partially repealed in 2018, authorities under Section 11B continue to be carried out under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701-1708, pursuant to the emergency declared in E.O. 13222 of August 17, 2001, which has been kept in effect by successive Presidential Notices, the most recent of which was the Notice of August 6, 2021, 86 FR 43901, (Aug. 10, 2021).] The Secretary of State has concluded that publication of the determination would be harmful to the national security of the United States.

**Choo S. Kang,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11633]

### Imposition of Missile Proliferation Sanctions on Three Entities in the People's Republic of China (PRC)

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** A determination has been made that PRC entities have engaged in activities that require the imposition of measures pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, and the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Durham, Office of Missile, Biological, and Chemical Nonproliferation, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State (202-647-4930). On import ban issues, Lauren Sun, Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury (202-622-4855). On U.S. Government procurement ban issues, Eric Moore, Office of the Procurement Executive, Department of State (703-875-4079).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 73(a)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act [22 U.S.C. 2797b(a)(1)]; Section 11B(b)(1) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 [ (50 U.S.C. 4612)], as carried out under E.O. 13222 of August 17, 2001 (hereinafter cited as the "Export Administration Act of 1979"); [Note: Although the Export Administration Act of 1979 lapsed in 2001 and was partially repealed in 2018, authorities under Section 11B continue to be carried out under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701-1708, pursuant to the emergency declared in E.O. 13222 of August 17, 2001, which has been kept in effect by successive Presidential Notices, the most recent of which was the Notice of August 6, 2021, 86 FR 43901, (Aug. 10, 2021). End Note], the U.S. Government has determined that the following foreign persons have engaged in missile technology proliferation activities that require the imposition of the sanctions described in Sections 73(a)(2)(B) and (C) of the Arms Export Control Act [22 U.S.C. 2797b(a)(2)(B) and (C)] and Sections 11B(b)(1)(B)(ii) and (iii) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 [50 U.S.C. app. 2410b(b)(1)(B)(ii) and (iii)] on these entities:

China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC) First Academy, and its sub-units and successors;

China Aerospace Science and Industry Corporation (CASIC) Fourth Academy, and its sub-units and successors; and

Poly Technologies Incorporated (PTI), and its sub-units and successors.

Accordingly, the following sanctions are being imposed on these entities for two years:

(A) Denial of all new individual licenses for the transfer to the

sanctioned entities of all items on the U.S. Munitions List and all items the export of which is controlled under the Export Control Reform Act (ECRA) of 2018;

(B) Denial of all U.S. Government contracts with the sanctioned entities; and

(C) Prohibition on the importation into the United States of all products produced by the sanctioned entities.

With respect to items controlled pursuant to the ECRA of 2018, the above export sanction only applies to exports made pursuant to individual export licenses.

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible departments and agencies of the United States Government as provided in E.O. 12851 of June 11, 1993.

**Choo S. Kang,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36571]

### Verdigris Southern Railroad, L.L.C.— Lease and Operation Exemption— Track in Rogers County, Okla.

Verdigris Southern Railroad, L.L.C. (VESO), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from the City of Tulsa-Rogers County Port Authority (the Port), and to commence common carrier operations over, certain track owned by the Port (also a noncarrier) located in Rogers County, Okla. (the Line). The Line extends from the point of connection to the northwest-southeast-running Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) Wagoner Subdivision mainline at UP milepost 594.76 at Inola, Okla., westward for a distance of approximately 13,883 feet to an end point to the west of the Line's at-grade crossing of State Road S 4200. According to VESO, the Line currently serves as a private track and has no mileposts of its own.

This transaction is related to a verified notice of exemption filed concurrently in *Watco Holdings, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Verdigris Southern Railroad*, Docket No. FD 36572, in which Watco Holdings, Inc., seeks to continue in control of VESO upon VESO's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

The verified notice states that VESO and the Port have entered into a Track

Lease and Operating Agreement (Agreement) pursuant to which VESO will lease and operate the Line as a common carrier.<sup>1</sup>

VESO certifies that its projected annual revenues from this transaction will not result in its becoming a Class I or Class II rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million. VESO also certifies that the Agreement does not include an interchange commitment.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is February 6, 2022, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than January 28, 2022 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36571, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on VESO's representative, Bradon J. Smith, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606.

According to VESO, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: January 14, 2022.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36572]

### **Watco Holdings, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Verdigris Southern Railroad, L.L.C.**

Watco Holdings, Inc. (Watco), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Verdigris

Southern Railroad, L.L.C. (VESO), a noncarrier controlled by Watco, upon VESO's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

This transaction is related to a verified notice of exemption filed concurrently in *Verdigris Southern Railroad, L.L.C.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Track in Rogers County, Okla.*, Docket No. FD 36571, in which VESO seeks to lease from the City of Tulsa–Rogers County Port Authority (the Port), and to commence common carrier operations over, approximately 13,883 feet of track owned by the Port in Rogers County, Okla.

The transaction may be consummated on or after February 6, 2022, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

According to the verified notice of exemption, Watco currently controls indirectly 40 Class III railroads and one Class II railroad, collectively operating in 28 states. For a complete list of these rail carriers and the states in which they operate, see the Appendix to Watco's January 7, 2022 verified notice of exemption, available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Watco represents that: (1) The rail line to be operated by VESO does not connect with the rail lines of any of the rail carriers currently controlled by Watco; (2) this transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect VESO with any railroad in the Watco corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I rail carrier. The proposed transaction is therefore exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323 pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2). Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Because the transaction involves the control of one Class II and one or more Class III rail carriers, the transaction is subject to the labor protection requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11326(b) and *Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Acquisition Exemption—Lines of Union Pacific Railroad*, 2 S.T.B. 218 (1997).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than January 28, 2022 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36572, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, one copy of each pleading

must be served on Watco's representative, Bradon J. Smith, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606.

According to Watco, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: January 14, 2022.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Brendetta Jones,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **Notice of Request To Release Airport Property for Land Disposal**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request to rule on release of airport property for land disposal at the Ottumwa Regional Airport (OTM), Ottumwa, Iowa.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the release of land at the Ottumwa Regional Airport (OTM), Ottumwa, Iowa.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 22, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Amy J. Walter, Airports Land Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, ACE-620G, 901 Locust, Room 364, Kansas City, MO 64106.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to: Zach Simonson, Community Development Director, City of Ottumwa, 105 East Third Street, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501, (641) 683-0694.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy J. Walter, Airports Land Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, ACE-620G, 901 Locust, Room 364, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 329-2603, [amy.walter@faa.gov](mailto:amy.walter@faa.gov). The request to release property may be reviewed, by appointment, in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA invites public comment on the request to release two tracts of land: Parcel 64 is 4.51 acres and parcel 67 is 2.06 acres

<sup>1</sup> Public and confidential versions of the Agreement were filed with the verified notice. The confidential version was submitted under seal concurrently with a motion for protective order, which is addressed in a separate decision.