4. Right-of-Way N–51242 for water storage tanks, road, water pipeline, and ancillary facility purposes granted to the City of Fernley, its successors or assigns, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761);

5. Right-of-Way N–58193 for road and buried utility purposes granted to DB Fernley Investments, Ltd, its successors or assigns, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761);

6. Rights-of-Way N–63393 and Nev-060169 for gas pipeline purposes granted to Paiute Pipeline Company, its successors or assigns, pursuant to the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 185);

7. Right-of-Way N–73706 for communication purposes granted to Nevada Bell, its successors or assigns, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761);

8. Right-of-Way N–75056 for gas pipeline purposes granted to Southwest Gas Corporation, its successors or assigns, pursuant to the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 185);

9. Right-of-Way N–84710 for gas pipeline purposes granted to DB Fernley Investments, Ltd, its successors or assigns, pursuant to the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 185). Holders of rights-of-way N–51242, N–58193, N–63393, and N–84710 have submitted applications to exercise term extension and conversion to easement opportunities. The land conveyance will be subject to these modifications.

10. The purchaser/patentee, by accepting patent, agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the United States harmless from any costs, damages, claims, causes of action, penalties, fines, liabilities, and judgments of any kind arising from the past, present, or future acts or omissions of the patentee, its employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or a third party arising out of, or in connection with, the patentee's use and/or occupancy of the patented real property. This indemnification and hold harmless agreement includes, but is not limited to, acts and omissions of the patentee, its employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or third party arising out of or in connection with the use and/or occupancy of the patented real property resulting in:

(a) Violations of Federal, State, and local laws and regulations that are now, or in the future become, applicable to the real property;

(b) Judgments, claims, or demands of any kind assessed against the United States;

(c) Costs, expenses, or damages of any kind incurred by the United States;

(d) Releases or threatened releases of solid or hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous substance(s), as defined by Federal or State environmental laws, off, on, into, or under land, property, and other interests of the United States;

(e) Other activities by which solid or hazardous substances or wastes, as defined by Federal and State environmental laws are generated, released, stored, used, or otherwise disposed of on the patented real property, and any cleanup response, remedial action, or other actions related in any manner to said solid or hazardous substances or wastes; or

(f) Natural resource damages as defined by Federal and State law. This covenant shall be construed as running with the patented real property and may be enforced by the United States in a court of competent jurisdiction.

11. Pursuant to the requirements established by Section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (42 U.S.C. 9620 *et seq.*), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1988, (100 Stat. 1670), notice is hereby given that the above-described land has been examined and no evidence was found to indicate that any hazardous substances have been stored for 1 year or more, nor had any hazardous substances been disposed of or released on the subject property.

Encumbrances of record, appearing in the BLM public files for the parcel proposed for sale, are available during normal business hours at the BLM Carson City District Office.

No warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, is given by the United States as to the title, physical condition, or potential uses of the parcel of land proposed for sale, and the conveyance of any such parcel will not be on a contingency basis. It is the buyer's responsibility to be aware of all applicable Federal, State, or local government laws, regulations, or policies that may affect the subject lands or its future uses. It is also the buyer's responsibility to be aware of existing or prospective uses of nearby properties. Any land lacking access from a public road and highway will be conveyed as such, and future access acquisition will be the responsibility of the buyer.

Federal law requires that bidders must be

(1) United States citizens 18 years of age or older;

(2) A corporation subject to the laws of any State or of the United States;

(3) An entity including, but not limited to, associations or partnerships capable of acquiring and owning real property, or interests therein, under the laws of the State of Nevada; or

(4) A State, State instrumentality, or political subdivision authorized to acquire and own real property.

U.S. citizenship is evidenced by presenting a birth certificate, passport, or naturalization papers. Certification of bidder qualification must accompany the deposit.

Only written comments submitted by postal service or overnight mail will be considered properly filed. Electronic mail, facsimile or telephone comments will not be considered as properly filed.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Any adverse comments regarding the proposed sale will be reviewed by the BLM Nevada State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2711)

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 332–509]

Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises: U.S. and EU Export Activities, and Barriers and Opportunities Experienced by U.S. Firms

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of hearing.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on October 6, 2009, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332–509, *Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises: U.S. and EU Export Activities, and Barriers and Opportunities Experienced by U.S. Firms,* for the purpose of preparing the

second in a series of three reports requested by the USTR relating to small and medium-sized enterprises.

DATES:

January 26, 2010: Deadline for filing requests to appear at the public hearing.

January 28, 2010: Deadline for filing pre-hearing briefs and statements.

February 9, 2010: Public hearing (Washington, DC).

February 23, 2010: Deadline for filing post-hearing briefs and statements.

March 26, 2010: Deadline for filing written submissions.

July 6, 2010: Transmittal of Commission report to the USTR.

ADDRESSES: All Commission offices, including the Commission's hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at *http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/edis.htm.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Project Leaders Laura Bloodgood (202–708–4726 or *laura.bloodgood@usitc.gov*) or Justino De La Cruz (202–205–3252 or *justino.delacruz@usitc.gov*) for information specific to this investigation. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel (202–205–3091 or *william.gearhart@usitc.gov*). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202–205–1819 or *margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov*). Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal at 202–205–1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (*http://www.usitc.gov*). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000.

Background: In his letter the USTR requested that the Commission provide three reports during the next 12 months relating to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). In this notice the Commission is instituting the second of three investigations under section 332(g) for the purpose of preparing the second report, which is to be transmitted to the USTR by July 6, 2010. The Commission published notice of institution of the first investigation, investigation No. 332–508, in the **Federal Register** of October 28, 2009 (74 FR 55581). As requested, in the second report (investigation No. 332–509) the Commission will:

(1) Assist in analyzing the performance of U.S. SME firms in exporting compared to SMEs exporting in other leading economies. As one way of comparing the performance of U.S. SMEs to those in other countries, the Commission will compare the exporting activity of SMEs in the United States and the European Union (EU), and analyze the distinctions between U.S. and EU firms in terms of sectoral composition, firm characteristics, and exporting behavior.

(2) Identify barriers to exporting noted by U.S. SMEs and strategies used by SMEs to overcome special constraints and reduce trade costs.

(3) Identify the benefits to SMEs from increased export opportunities, including free trade agreements and other trading arrangements.

To best aid the Commission in gathering information for the report, the Commission is seeking information in response to the following questions:

- What are the most significant constraints that U.S. SMEs face in their efforts to export?
- If SMEs have been successful in overcoming those constraints, what strategies have they adopted?
- What particular benefits do SMEs believe they have received from increased export opportunities including those from free trade agreements and other trading arrangements; which trade agreements or other arrangements have been most beneficial?

The USTR requested that the Commission deliver the second report by July 6, 2010. The Commission shortly expects to institute a third investigation, investigation No. 332–510, *Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises: Characteristics and Performance,* for the purpose of preparing the third report. In that report the Commission will, among other things, examine U.S. SMEs engaged in providing services, including the characteristics of firms that produce tradable services, growth in services exports, and the differences between SME and large services exporters. It will also examine U.S. goods and services exports by SMEs and identify trade barriers that may disproportionately affect SME export performance, as well as possible linkages between exporting and SME performance. In addition, the report will identify how data gaps might be overcome to enhance our understanding of SMEs in service sector exports. The USTR requested that the Commission transmit this third report by October 6, 2010.

Public Hearing: The Commission will hold a joint public hearing in connection with this investigation and investigation No. 332–510 at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2010 (and continuing on February 10, 2010, if needed). Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary no later than 5:15 p.m., January 26, 2010, in accordance with the requirements in the ''Submissions'' section below. Persons wishing to appear should indicate in their request to appear whether they plan to provide testimony with respect to investigation No. 332–509, investigation No. 332–510, or both investigations. All pre-hearing briefs and statements should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., January 28, 2010; and all post-hearing briefs and statements responding to matters raised at the hearing should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., February 23, 2010. In the event that, as of the close of business on January 26, 2010, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Office of the Secretary (202–205–2000) after January 26, 2010, for information concerning whether the hearing will be held. The Commission is also considering holding additional hearings in Portland, Oregon and St. Louis, Missouri. Notice of the time, date, and place of those hearings would be published at a later date.

Written Submissions: In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to file written submissions concerning this investigation. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, and all such submissions (other than pre- and post-hearing briefs and statements) should be received not later than 5:15 p.m., March 26, 2010. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.8). Section 201.8 requires that a signed original (or a copy so designated) and fourteen (14) copies of each document be filed. In the event that confidential treatment of a document is requested, at least four (4) additional copies must be filed, in which the confidential information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information). The Commission's rules

authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means only to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the rules (see Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, *http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed_reg_notices/rules/documents/handbook_on_electronic_filing.pdf*). Persons with questions regarding electronic filing should contact the Office of the Secretary (202–205–2000).

Any submissions that contain confidential business information must also conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). Section 201.6 of the rules requires that the cover of the document and the individual pages be clearly marked as to whether they are the ''confidential'' or ''non-confidential'' version, and that the confidential business information be clearly identified by means of brackets. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available for inspection by interested parties.

In his request letter, the USTR stated that his office intends to make the Commission's reports available to the public in their entirety, and asked that the Commission not include any confidential business information or national security classified information in the reports that the Commission transmits to his office. Any confidential business information received by the Commission in this investigation and used in preparing this report will not be published in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: November 25, 2009.

William R. Bishop,

Acting Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–644]

In the Matter of Certain Composite Wear Components and Products Containing Same; Notice of Issuance of Limited Exclusion Order and Cease and Desist Order; Termination of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States International Trade Commission hereby provides notice that it has determined to issue a limited exclusion order and cease and desist order and terminate the investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael K. Haldenstein, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–3041. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at *http://www.usitc.gov.* The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at *http://edis.usitc.gov.* Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205–1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This investigation was instituted on April 25, 2008, based on a complaint filed by Magotteaux International S/A and Magotteaux, Inc. (collectively, ''Magotteaux''). The complaint, as supplemented, alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337) in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain composite wear components and products containing the same that infringe claims 12–13 and 16–21 of U.S. Patent No. RE 39,998 (''the '998 patent''). The complaint named Fonderie Acciaierie Rioale S.P.A. (''FAR''), AIA Engineering Ltd., and Vega Industries (collectively, ''AIAE Respondents'') as respondents. FAR was subsequently terminated from the investigation on the basis of a settlement agreement, leaving the AIAE Respondents as the only remaining respondents.

On May 8, 2009, the ALJ issued an ID finding the AIAE Respondents in default pursuant to Commission Rules 210.16(a)(2) and 210.17, 19 CFR 210.16(a)(2) and 210.17. On July 7, 2009, the Commission determined not to review the ID and indicated that, in addition to the ALJ's finding of violation pursuant to Rule 210.17, the Commission presumes the facts alleged in the complaint to be true with respect to the AIAE Respondents. The Commission also determined to waive Commission Rule 210.42(a)(ii), which, unless the Commission orders otherwise, requires that the ALJ issue a recommended determination on remedy and bonding in conjunction with any final initial determination concerning violation of section 337. The Commission encouraged the parties to the investigation, interested government agencies, and any other interested parties to file written submissions on the issues of remedy, the public interest, and bonding. The parties to the investigation and the IA filed submissions and response submissions concerning remedy, the public interest, and bonding on July 22, 2009, and July 30, 2009, respectively. No other parties filed submissions.

Having examined the record in this investigation, including the submissions on remedy, the public interest, and bonding and responses thereto, the Commission has determined that the appropriate form of relief is a limited exclusion order and a cease and desist order.

The limited exclusion order prohibits the unlicensed entry for consumption of composite wear components and products containing same that are covered by one or more of claims 12–13 and 16–21 of the '998 patent and that are manufactured abroad by or on behalf of, or are imported by or on behalf of, AIA Engineering Limited or Vega Industries or any of their affiliated companies, parents, subsidiaries, or other related business entities, or their successors or assigns.

The cease and desist order covers products that infringe claims 12–13 and 16–21 of the '998 patent and is directed to defaulting domestic respondent Vega Industries and any of its principals, stockholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, licensees, distributors, controlled (whether by stock ownership or otherwise) and majority owned business entities, successors, and assigns.

The Commission has also determined that the public interest factors enumerated in 19 U.S.C. 1337(d) and (f) do not preclude issuance of the afore-mentioned remedial orders, and that the bond during the Presidential period of review shall be set at 100 percent of the entered value for any covered composite wear components and products containing same.

The authority for the Commission's determinations is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in sections 210.49—210.50 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.49–210.50).

By order of the Commission.