The process involves utilizing high-pressure water pumps driven by gasoline-powered motors, which create suction in a flexible intake pipe. A mixture of streambed sediment and water is vacuumed into the intake pipe and passed over a sluice box mounted on a floating barge. Dense particles (including gold) are trapped in the sluice box. The remainder of the entrained material is discharged into the stream as tailings or spoils. A hole is created in the gravel so bedrock is exposed. Cracks in the bedrock are then cleared with the suction. Cable attached to a winch move large boulders or rootwads.

The Forest Service will consider a range of alternatives to the proposed action. One of these will be the ''no action'' alternative, in which the Plan of Operations would not be approved. Additional alternatives will examine varying intensity and duration of the proposed activities, including restrictions on the size of equipment and length of seasonal operation, as well as respond to the issues and other resource values.

Public participation is an important part of the project, commencing with the initial scoping process (40 CFR 1501.7), which starts with publication of this notice and continues for the next 30 days. In addition, the public is encouraged to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the analysis and prior to the decision. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies, the Nez Perce Tribe, and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action.

Comments from the public and other agencies will be used in preparation of the draft EIS. The scoping process will be used to:

1. Identify potential issues;
2. Identify major issues to be analyzed in depth;
3. Eliminate minor issues or those that have been covered by a relevant previous environmental analysis, such as the Nez Perce National Forest Plan EIS;
4. Identify alternatives to the proposed action;
5. Identify potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (i.e., direct, indirect, and cumulative effects).

While public participation in this analysis is welcome at any time, comments received within 30 days of the publication of this notice will be especially useful in the preparation of the draft EIS, which is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency and available for public review in July 2000. A 45-day comment period will follow publication of a Notice of Availability of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comments received will be analyzed and considered in preparation of a final EIS, which is expected to be filed in October 2000. A Record of Decision will be issued not less than 30 days after publication of a Notice of Availability of the final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes it is important at this early stage to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft EISs must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal in such a way that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC, 435 U.S. 519, 513 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. City of Angoon v. Hodel, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir, 1986), and Wisconsin Heritages Inc. v. Harris, 490 F.Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis., 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period in order that substantive comments and objections are available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments should be as specific as possible. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Kevin Martin is the responsible official for this environmental impact statement.

Dated: May 5, 2000.

Kevin Martin,

District Ranger, Red River Ranger District, Nez Perce National Forest.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Illinois Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Illinois Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2000, at the 55 West Monroe Street, Suite 525, Chicago, Illinois 60603. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss civil rights issues of interest and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson James E. Scales, 618–453–1045, or Constance M. Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office, 312–353–8311 (TDD 312–353–8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, May 12, 2000.

Lisa M. Kelly,

Special Assistant to the Staff Director, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Wisconsin Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Wisconsin Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12:00 p.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2000, at the Milwaukee Hilton, 509 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss civil rights issues and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Geraldine McFadden, 414–444–1952, or Constance M. Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office, 312–353–8311 (TDD 312–353–8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign

language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, May 12, 2000.

Lisa M. Kelly,

Special Assistant to the Staff Director, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Silicomanganese From the People's Republic of China: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce .

ACTION: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: On November 8, 1999, the Department of Commerce (''the Department'') published the preliminary results of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on silicomanganese from the People's Republic of China (''PRC''). This review covers two manufacturers/exporters, Guangxi Bayi Ferroalloy Works (''Bayi''), and Sichuan Emei Ferroalloy Import and Export Co., Ltd. (''Emei''). The period of review (''POR'') is December 1, 1997 through November 30, 1998.

The final weighted-average dumping margins for the reviewed firms are listed below in the section entitled ''*Final Results of Review.*'' The final margins differ from those published in the preliminary results due to changes that we made since the preliminary results. For details regarding these changes, see the section of the notice entitled ''*Changes Since the Preliminary Results.*''

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 18, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy Finn or Howard Smith, AD/CVD Enforcement Group II, Office IV, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482–0065 or (202) 482–5193 respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (''the Act'') by the Uruguay Rounds Agreements Act (''URAA''). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (1999).

Background

Since the publication of the preliminary results, the following events have occurred. On November 29, 1999 the respondents and the petitioner (Eramet Marietta Inc. (''Eramet'')) submitted publicly available information and comments regarding factor valuation. On December 8, 1999 the respondents filed rebuttal comments regarding the petitioner's November 29, 1999 factor value submission. The Department issued supplemental questionnaires to the respondents on December 16, 1999, and received responses to those questionnaires on January 7, 2000. On January 11, 2000, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice extending the due date for the final results until May 6, 2000 (65 FR 1597). In January 2000, the Department conducted verifications of Bayi and Emei. Public versions of our verification reports, dated March 1, 2000, are on file in the Central Records Unit (''CRU''), room B–099 of the main Department of Commerce building, under the appropriate case number. In response to the Department's invitation to comment on the preliminary results of review, the petitioner and the respondents filed case and rebuttal briefs in March 2000. The Department held a public hearing regarding this review on April 3, 2000.

The Department has conducted this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of the Review

The merchandise covered by this order is silicomanganese. Silicomanganese, which is sometimes called ferrosilicon manganese, is a ferroalloy composed principally of manganese, silicon, and iron, and normally containing much smaller proportions of minor elements, such as carbon, phosphorous and sulfur. Silicomanganese generally contains by weight not less than 4 percent iron, more than 30 percent manganese, more than 8 percent silicon and not more than 3 percent phosphorous. All compositions, forms and sizes of silicomanganese are included within the scope of this investigation, including silicomanganese slag, fines and briquettes. Silicomanganese is used primarily in steel production as a source of both silicon and manganese. This investigation covers all silicomanganese, regardless of its tariff classification. Most silicomanganese is currently classifiable under subheading 7202.30.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (''HTS''). Some silicomanganese may also currently be classifiable under HTS subheading 7202.99.5040. Although the HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope is dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this administrative review are addressed in the ''Issues and Decision Memorandum'' (''Decision Memorandum'') from Holly A. Kuga, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Important Administration, to Troy H. Cribb, Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated May 8, 2000, which is hereby adopted by this notice. A list of the issues which parties have raised and to which we have responded, all of which are in the Decision Memorandum, is attached to this notice as an Appendix. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file in the Central Record Unit, room B–099 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition a complete version of the Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Web at *www.ita.doc.gov/import__admin/records/frn.* The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Use of Facts Available

For a discussion of our use of facts available, see the ''Facts Available'' section of the Decision Memorandum.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results of Review

Based on the corrections presented at verification, the Department's verification findings, and our analysis of the petitioner's and the respondents' comments, we have made certain changes to the factors of production and surrogate values used to calculate the margins in the preliminary results. We have also corrected certain clerical errors in our margin calculations. The changes and corrections are discussed