

significant policy and institutional reforms over the last several years. After being selected as a Threshold Program Country in FY06, the Government of Moldova proposed an ambitious anti-corruption Threshold Program and improved its performance on the "Control of Corruption" indicator from the 46th percentile to the 55th percentile.

- **Ukraine:** For the first time, Ukraine also passes the MCA selection eligibility criteria and has made significant improvements on all of the indicators in the "Ruling Justly" category. In addition, Ukraine passes one of the new supplementary Natural Resources Management indices. Ukraine was selected as a Threshold country in FY06, and in June 2006, the Board approved its Threshold program which is focused on accelerating anti-corruption efforts. MCC expects that implementation of Ukraine's Threshold Program will begin soon and will bolster the Government of Ukraine's reform efforts.

- **Jordan:** Jordan passes the MCA selection eligibility criteria, including "Control of Corruption," and has demonstrated its commitment to MCC principles through home-grown democratic reform initiatives, which MCC is currently supporting through the implementation of the Threshold Program agreement signed in October, 2006. Jordan has made significant reform commitments in its Threshold Program and MCC will require successful implementation of the Threshold Program as the Government of Jordan works to develop and implement a Compact. A Compact in Jordan could have a transformation impact as structural reforms over the last decade have liberalized the private investment regime, opened the trade environment, and established modern regulation and institutions for private sector development.

Finally, a number of countries that performed well on the quantitative elements of the selection criteria (i.e., on the policy indicators) were not chosen as eligible countries for FY07. As discussed above, the Board considered a variety of factors in addition to the country's performance on the policy indicators in determining whether they were appropriate candidates for assistance (e.g., the country's commitment to fighting corruption and promoting democratic governance; the availability of appropriated funds; and in which countries MCC would likely have the best opportunity to reduce poverty, generate economic growth and have a transformational impact).

Selection for Compact Negotiation

The Board also authorized MCC to seek to negotiate a Compact, as described in Section 609 of the Act, with each of the eligible countries identified above that develops a proposal that justifies beginning such negotiations. MCC will initiate the process by inviting newly eligible countries to submit program proposals to MCC (previously eligible countries will not be asked to submit another proposal for FY07 assistance). MCC has posted guidance on the MCC Web site (<http://www.mcc.gov>) regarding the development and submission of MCA program proposals. Submission of a proposal is not a guarantee that MCC will finalize a Compact with an eligible country. Any MCA assistance provided under Section 605 of the Act will be contingent on the successful negotiation of a mutually agreeable Compact between the eligible country and MCC, approval of the Compact by the Board, and availability of funds.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Arts Advisory Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that six meetings of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20506 as follows (ending times are approximate):

Dance (application review): December 4-6, 2006 in Room 730. This meeting, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on December 4th and 5th, and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on December 6th, will be closed.

Folk & Traditional Arts (application review): December 6-8, 2006 in Room 716. This meeting, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on December 6th, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on December 7th, and from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on December 8th, will be closed.

Music (application review): December 6-8, 2006 in Room 714. A portion of this meeting, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on December 8th, will be open to the public for a policy discussion. The remainder of the meeting, from 9 a.m. to

5:30 p.m. on December 6th, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on December 7th, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on December 8th, will be closed.

Museums (application review):

December 12-15, 2006 in Room 716. This meeting, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on December 12th-14th and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on December 15th, will be closed.

Literature (application review):

December 13-15, 2006 in Room 714. A portion of this meeting, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on December 15th, will be open to the public for a policy discussion. The remainder of the meeting, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on December 13th and 14th and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on December 15th, will be closed.

Summer Schools in the Arts

(application review): December 14-15, 2006 in Room 730. A portion of this meeting, from 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. on December 15th, will be open to the public for a policy discussion. The remainder of the meeting, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on December 14th and from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and from 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. on December 15th, will be closed.

The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 8, 2005, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC, 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

November 13, 2006.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-7102]

Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request for Decommissioning for Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation, Newfield, NJ and Opportunity to Request a Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of amendment request and opportunity to request a hearing.

DATES: A request for a hearing must be filed by January 16, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Kalman, Project Manager, Decommissioning Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Telephone: (301) 415-6664 fax number: (301) 415-5398; or e-mail: klk@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of a license amendment to Source Material License No. SMB-743 issued to Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC or the licensee), to authorize the decommissioning of its Newfield Facility in Newfield, New Jersey. SMC submitted its revised Decommissioning Plan (DP) to NRC on June 30, 2006, and by letter to SMC dated October 18, 2006, the NRC found the DP acceptable to begin a detailed technical review of its adequacy.

II. Background

SMC has been conducting smelting and alloy production at its Newfield site since 1940, including past production of chromium metal, ferrovanadium and columbium nickel. Ferroalloy production began in 1955 and ended in June 1998. The SMC facility processed pyrochlore, a concentrated ore containing columbium (niobium), to produce ferrocolumbium, an additive/conditioner used in the production of speciality steel and super alloy additives. Pyrochlore contains more

than 0.05 percent by weight thorium and uranium, and this material is therefore regulated by the NRC as source material. SMC was licensed by the NRC to ship, receive, possess, use and store source material under license SMB-743. In August 2001, SMC notified the NRC that it had ceased production activities using source material. On August 27, 2001, the licensee provided notification of its intent to decommission the facility. The license is in timely renewal, and was amended on November 4, 2002 to authorize only decommissioning activities.

SMC submitted its initial DP to the NRC on October 21, 2005. The DP proposed the use of a possession only license for long term control of the site. The NRC staff rejected the initial DP by letter dated January 26, 2006. The staff met with SMC (in a meeting open to the public) on March 9, 2006, to discuss the initial DP's deficiencies and a path forward for development of an acceptable DP. Pursuant to comments received at the March 2006 meeting, SMC submitted its revised DP by letter dated June 30, 2006.

If the NRC approves the DP, the approval will be documented in an amendment to NRC License No. SMB-743. However, before approving the proposed amendment, the NRC will need to make the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Impact Statement.

III. Opportunity to Request a Hearing

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on a proposed license amendment which would approve SMC's revised DP. In accordance with the general requirements in Subpart C of 10 CFR part 2, as amended on January 14, 2004 (69 FR 2182), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who desires to participate as a party must file a written request for a hearing and a specification of the contentions which the person seeks to have litigated in the hearing.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(a), a request for a hearing must be filed with the Commission either by:

1. First class mail addressed to: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications;

2. Courier, express mail, and expedited delivery services: Office of the Secretary, Sixteenth Floor, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, Attention:

Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Federal workdays;

3. E-mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, hearingdocket@nrc.gov; or

4. By facsimile transmission addressed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, at (301) 415-1101; verification number is (301) 415-1966.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(b), all documents offered for filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all parties to the proceeding or their attorneys of record as required by law or by rule or order of the Commission, including:

1. The applicant, Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation, 12 West Boulevard, PO Box 768, Newfield, New Jersey 08344-0768. Attention: David R. Smith, Radiation Safety Officer;

2. The NRC staff, by delivery to the Office of the General Counsel, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by mail addressed to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hearing requests should also be transmitted to the Office of the General Counsel, either by means of facsimile transmission to (301) 415-3725, or by e-mail to ogcmailcenter@nrc.gov.

The formal requirements for documents contained in 10 CFR 2.304(b), (c), (d), and (e), must be met. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.304(f), a document filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission need not comply with the formal requirements of 10 CFR 2.304(b), (c), and (d), as long as an original and two (2) copies otherwise complying with all of the requirements of 10 CFR 2.304 b), (c), and (d) are mailed within two (2) days thereafter to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.309(b), a request for a hearing must be filed by January 16, 2007.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR 2.309, the general requirements involving a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must state:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the requester;

2. The nature of the requester's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding;