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Acting Director, IA Subsidies Enforcement Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, as amended by Pub. L. 106-36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States. Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be postmarked on or before June 8, 2009. Address written comments to Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 3720, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Room 3720.

Docket Number: 09-014. Applicant: Miami University, 500 E. High Street, Oxford, OH 45056. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: JEOL, Japan. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to characterize materials such as minerals, nano-materials, metals, ceramics, semiconductors, catalysts, and biological materials. This instrument provides improved resolution and contrast that will increase the types of samples that can be analyzed. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: No instrument of the same general category is manufactured within the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: April 6, 2009.

Docket Number: 09-018. Applicant: Texas A & M University, College Station, TX 77843-4458. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: FEI Company, Czech Republic. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to perform ultrastructural analysis of a variety of animal cells and tissues involved in research investigations and for more limited diagnostic purposes. The materials to be investigated will be fixed and embedded animal tissues and cells. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: No instrument of the same general category is manufactured within the

United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: April 27, 2009.

Docket Number: 09-020. Applicant: Columbia University, Department of Biochemistry, 650 W. 168th St., New York, NY 10032. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: FEI Company, the Netherlands. Intended Use: The instrument will be used study in cell-free in vitro systems, the structure and binding constellations of macromolecules and their ligands engaged in complex processes in the cell, such as translation, transcription, splicing, etc. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: No instrument of the same general category is manufactured within the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: April 24, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 21-2009]

Foreign-Trade Zone 124—Gramercy, LA, Application for Subzone, Excalibar Minerals LLC (Barite Milling), New Iberia, LA

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Port of South Louisiana, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 124, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the barite milling facility of Excalibar Minerals LLC (Excalibar), located in New Iberia, Louisiana. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on May 6, 2009.

The Excalibar facility (20 employees, 16 acres, 350,000 ton capacity for ground barite) is located at 4602 South Lewis Street, in New Iberia. The facility is used for activities related to the milling (heating, grinding, crushing), storage and distribution of ground barite, primarily for the U.S. market. The material that would be purchased from abroad (representing approximately 75 to 85 percent of the finished product's value) is raw barite (HTSUS number 2511.10), dutiable at \$1.25 per metric ton.

FTZ procedures could exempt the company from customs duty payments

on the foreign component used in export production. The company anticipates that less than 1 percent of the plant's shipments will be exported. On its domestic sales, Excalibar would be able to choose the duty rate during customs entry procedures that applies to the ground barite (duty-free) for the foreign input noted above. FTZ designation would further allow Excalibar to realize logistical benefits through the use of weekly customs entry procedures, as well as savings from the elimination of duties on materials that become scrap/waste during manufacturing. The application indicates that the FTZ-related savings would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Christopher Kemp of the FTZ staff is designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address listed below. The closing period for their receipt is July 20, 2009. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to August 3, 2009).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>. For further information, contact Christopher Kemp at Christopher_Kemp@ita.doc.gov or (202) 482-0862.

Dated: May 6, 2009.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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International Trade Administration

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, et al.

Notice of Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscopes

This is a decision consolidated pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational,

Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, as amended by Pub. L. 106-36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 3705, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue., NW, Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 09-009. Applicant: University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC 28223. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: JEOL, Japan. Intended Use: See notice at 74 FR 18350, April 22, 2009.

Docket Number: 09-010. Applicant: Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47408. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: FEI Company, the Netherlands. Intended Use: See notice at 74 FR 18350, April 22, 2009.

Docket Number: 09-011. Applicant: Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: FEI Company, the Netherlands. Intended Use: See notice at 74 FR 18350, April 22, 2009.

Docket Number: 09-012. Applicant: Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, OH 43210. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: JEOL, Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: See notice at 74 FR 18350, April 22, 2009.

Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as these instruments are intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instruments were ordered. Reasons: Each foreign instrument is an electron microscope and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring an electron microscope.

We know of no electron microscope, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order of each instrument.

Dated May 13, 2009.

Christopher Cassel,

Acting Director, Subsidies Enforcement Office, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1618]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status, Shin-Etsu Handotai America, Inc. (Semiconductor-Grade Silicon Wafers), Vancouver, WA

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides for “* * * the establishment * * * of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes,” and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board’s regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved, and when the activity results in a significant public benefit and is in the public interest;

Whereas, the Cowlitz County Economic Development Council, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 120, has made application to the Board for authority to establish a special-purpose subzone at the semiconductor-grade silicon wafer manufacturing and distribution facility of Shin-Etsu Handotai America, Inc., located in Vancouver, Washington, (FTZ Docket 63-2008, filed 10/30/2008);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 66838-66839, 11/12/2008) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner’s report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board’s regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status for activity related to the manufacturing and distribution of semiconductor-grade silicon wafers at the facility of Shin-Etsu Handotai America, Inc., located in Vancouver, Washington (Subzone 120A), as described in the application and **Federal Register** notice, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 7th day of May 2009.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board: Meeting of the U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (Board) will hold a meeting to discuss topics related to the travel and tourism industry. The Board was re-chartered on September 21, 2007, to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the travel and tourism industry.

DATES: June 9, 2009.

Time: 10 a.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4830, Washington, DC 20230. Because of building security, all non-government attendees must pre-register. This program will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. Requests for sign language interpretation, other auxiliary aids, or pre-registration, should be submitted no later than June 1, 2009, to J. Marc Chittum, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone 202-482-4501, Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Marc Chittum, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202-482-4501, e-mail: Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov.

Dated: May 14, 2009.

J. Marc Chittum,

Executive Secretary, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

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