UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN STAINLESS STEEL
PRODUCTS, CERTAIN PROCESSES
FOR MANUFACTURING OR
RELATING TO SAME, AND CERTAIN
PRODUCTS CONTAINING SAME

Investigation No. 337-TA-933

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION TO EXTEND THE TARGET DATE

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to extend the target date for completion of the above-captioned investigation until May 25, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lucy Grace D. Noyola, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-3438. 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, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (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: The Commission instituted this investigation on October 10, 2014, based on a complaint filed by Valbruna Slater Stainless, Inc. of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Valbruna Stainless Inc., of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Acciaierie Valbruna S.p.A. of Italy (collectively, "Valbruna"). 79 Fed. Reg. 61339 (Oct. 10, 2014). The complaint alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 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 stainless steel products, certain processes for manufacturing or relating to same, and certain products containing same by reason of the misappropriation of trade secrets, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States. Id. The notice of investigation names as respondents (1) Viraj Profiles Limited of Mumbai, India ("Viraj Profiles"); Viraj Holdings P. Ltd. of Mumbai, India; Viraj - U.S.A., Inc.

of Garden City, New York; (2) Flanschenwerk Bebitz GmbH of Könnern, Germany; Bebitz Flanges Works Pvt. Ltd. of Maharashtra, India; Bebitz U.S.A. of Garden City, New York; and Ta Chen Stainless Pipe Co., Ltd. of Tainan, Taiwan and Ta Chen International, Inc. of Long Beach, California. *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations also was named as a party to the investigation. *Id.*

On December 8, 2015, the ALJ issued an ID (Order No. 17) granting in part Valbruna's motion for default and other relief. The ALJ found that Viraj Profiles acted in bad faith in spoliating evidence and that a sanction of default against Viraj Profiles was warranted. On February 8, 2016, the Commission determined to affirm the default finding against Viraj Profiles and requested briefing from the parties on certain issues under review. 81 *Fed. Reg.* 7584 (Feb. 12, 2016). The Commission also requested briefing from the parties, interested government agencies, and any other interested persons on the issues of remedy, the public interest, and bonding. *Id.*

On February 18, 2016, the parties filed initial written submission addressing the Commission's questions and remedy, the public interest, and bonding. Also, on February 18, 2016, several non-parties filed responses to the Commission's February 8, 2016 notice, including Forging Industry Association, Central Wire Inc., Sumiden Wire Products Corporation, Tree Island Steel, Tri Star Metals, LLC, Carpenter Technology Corporation, Crucible Industries LLC, Electralloy (G.O. Carlson Inc., Co.), North American Stainless, Outokumpu Stainless USA, LLC, and Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc. On February 24, 2016, United States Representatives Tim Murphy and Peter J. Visclosky, the respective Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Congressional Steel Caucus, also filed a response to the Commission's February 8, 2016 notice. On February 25, 2016, the parties filed reply submissions. Also, on February 25, 2016, several non-parties filed reply submissions, including American Wire Producers Association, Alloy Screen Works, Inc., Cincinnati Metals Inc., Kerkau Mfg., Carpenter Technology Corporation, Crucible Industries LLC, Electralloy (G.O. Carlson Inc., Co.), North American Stainless, Outokumpu Stainless USA, LLC, and Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc. On February 25, 2016, United States Senator Joe Donnelly of Indiana also filed a response to the Commission's February 8, 2016 notice.

On March 3, 2016, the ALJ issued an ID (Order No. 19) granting Valbruna's motion for partial termination of the investigation based on withdrawal of the complaint against all respondents except Viraj Profiles. On April 4, 2016, the Commission determined not to review Order No. 19. Notice (Apr. 4, 2016).

The Commission is extending the target date for completion of the investigation until May 25, 2016.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1337), and in Part 210 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. Part 210).

By order of the Commission.

Lisa R. Barton

Secretary to the Commission

Issued: May 4, 2016