

**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**

**LIMITED EXCLUSION ORDER**

The Commission has found Viraj Profiles Limited (“Respondent”) in default for spoliation of evidence. The Commission has thereby determined that there is a violation of Section 337 in the unlawful importation, sale for importation and sale after importation by Respondent of stainless steel products manufactured by or on behalf of Respondent using any of the misappropriated trade secrets identified in the complaint (*see* Compl. ¶¶ 27-33, 51 and accompanying exhibits) (“Valbruna Trade Secrets”).

The Commission has determined that the appropriate form of relief includes a limited exclusion order prohibiting the unlicensed entry of stainless steel products manufactured using any of the Valbruna Trade Secrets by or on behalf of Respondent, or its affiliated companies, parents, subsidiaries, or other related business entities, or their successors or assigns.

The Commission has further determined that the public interest factors enumerated in 19 U.S.C. § 1337(d) do not preclude issuance of the limited exclusion order. Finally, the Commission has determined that the bond during the period of Presidential review shall be in the amount of 13.4 percent of the entered value of the stainless steel products subject to this Order.

Accordingly, the Commission hereby **ORDERS** that:

1. Stainless steel products manufactured using any of the Valbruna Trade Secrets by or on behalf of, or imported by or on behalf of, Respondent, or its affiliated companies, parents, subsidiaries, or other related business entities, or their successors or assigns, are excluded from entry for consumption into the United States, entry for consumption from a foreign trade zone, or withdrawal from a warehouse for consumption, for a period of 16.7 years from the effective date of this Order, except under license of the owner of the Valbruna Trade Secrets, or as provided by law.

2. In accordance with 19 U.S.C. § 1337(1), the provisions of this Order shall not apply to stainless steel products that are imported by and for the use of the United States, or imported for, and to be used for, the United States with authorization or consent of the Government.

3. Prior to the importation of stainless steel product that may be subject to this Order, the importer or Respondent must seek a ruling from the Commission to determine whether the stainless steel product sought to be imported is covered by this Order.

4. After a Commission determination under paragraph 3 of this Order, persons seeking to import stainless steel products that are potentially subject to this Order may be required to certify to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) that they are familiar with the terms of this Order, that they have made appropriate inquiry, and thereupon state that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the products being imported are not subject to this Order based on the Commission’s determination. At its discretion, CBP may require persons who have provided the certification described in this paragraph to furnish such records or analyses as are necessary to substantiate the certification.

5. The Commission may modify this Order in accordance with the procedures described in section 210.76 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.76).

6. The Secretary shall serve copies of this Order upon each party of record in this investigation and upon CBP.

7. Notice of this Order shall be published in the *Federal Register*.

By Order of the Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa R. Barton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lisa R. Barton  
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: May 25, 2016

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**PUBLIC CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Lisa R. Barton, hereby certify that the attached **COMMISSION ORDER** has been served by hand upon the Commission Investigative Attorney, Reginald D. Lucas, Esq., and the following parties as indicated, on **May 25, 2016**.



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**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** Viraj Profiles Limited of Mumbai, India cease and desist from conducting any of the following activities in the United States: importing, selling, marketing, advertising, distributing, transferring (except for exportation), and soliciting U.S. agents or distributors for stainless steel products manufactured by or on behalf of Viraj Profiles Limited using any of the misappropriated trade secrets identified in the complaint (*see* Compl. ¶¶ 27-33, 51 and accompanying exhibits) (“Valbruna Trade Secrets”) in violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1337).

**I.**  
**Definitions**

As used in this order:

- (A) “Commission” shall mean the United States International Trade Commission.
- (B) “Complainant” shall collectively mean Valbruna Slater Stainless, Inc. and Valbruna Stainless Inc. of 2400 Taylor Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802, and Acciaierie Valbruna S.p.A. of Viale della Scienza 25, Vicenza 36100, Italy.
- (C) “Respondent” shall mean Viraj Profiles Limited of 10, Imperial Chambers, 1st Floor, Wilson Road, Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400038, India.

(D) “Person” shall mean an individual, or any non-governmental partnership, firm, association, corporation, or other legal or business entity other than Respondent or its majority-owned or controlled subsidiaries, successors, or assigns.

(E) “United States” shall mean the fifty States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

(F) The terms “import” and “importation” refer to importation for entry for consumption under the Customs laws of the United States.

(G) The term “covered products” shall mean stainless steel products manufactured by or on behalf of Viraj Profiles using any of the Valbruna Trade Secrets.

## **II. Applicability**

The provisions of this Cease and Desist order shall apply to Respondent and to any of its principals, stockholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, distributors, controlled (whether by stock ownership or otherwise) and majority-owned business entities, successors, and assigns, and to each of them, insofar as they are engaging in conduct prohibited by section III, *infra*, for, with, or otherwise on behalf of Respondent.

## **III. Conduct Prohibited**

The following conduct of Respondent in the United States is prohibited by this Order. For a period of 16.7 years from the day after issuance of this Order, Respondent shall not:

- (A) import or sell for importation into the United States covered products;
- (B) market, distribute, sell, or otherwise transfer (except for exportation) in the United States imported covered products;
- (C) advertise imported covered products;
- (D) solicit U.S. agents or distributors for imported covered products; or

(E) aid or abet other entities in the importation, sale for importation, sale after importation, transfer, or distribution of covered products.

#### **IV. Conduct Permitted**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order, specific conduct otherwise prohibited by the terms of this Order shall be permitted if, in a written instrument, Complainant licenses or authorizes such specific conduct, or such specific conduct is related to the importation or sale of covered products by or for the United States.

#### **V. Reporting**

For purposes of this requirement, the reporting periods shall commence on January 1 of each year and shall end on the subsequent December 31. The first report required under this section shall cover the period from the date of issuance of this order through December 31, 2016. This reporting requirement shall continue in force until such time as Respondent has truthfully reported, in two consecutive timely filed reports, that they have no inventory of covered products in the United States.

Within thirty (30) days of the last day of the reporting period, Respondent shall report to the Commission: (a) the quantity in units and the value in dollars of covered products that it has (i) imported and/or (ii) sold in the United States after importation during the reporting period, and (b) the quantity in units and value in dollars of reported covered products that remain in inventory in the United States at the end of the reporting period.

When filing written submissions, Respondent must file the original document electronically on or before the deadlines stated above and submit eight (8) true paper copies to the Office of the Secretary by noon the next day pursuant to section 210.4(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.4(f)). Submissions should refer

to the investigation number (“Inv. No. 337-TA-933”) in a prominent place on the cover pages and/or the first page. (*See Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures*, [http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed\\_reg\\_notices/rules/handbook\\_on\\_electronic\\_filing.pdf](http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed_reg_notices/rules/handbook_on_electronic_filing.pdf)). Persons with questions regarding filing should contact the Secretary (202-205-2000). If Respondent desires to submit a document to the Commission in confidence, it must file the original and a public version of the original with the Office of the Secretary and must serve a copy of the confidential version on Complainant’s counsel.<sup>1</sup>

Any failure to make the required report or the filing of any false or inaccurate report shall constitute a violation of this order, and the submission of a false or inaccurate report may be referred to the U.S. Department of Justice as a possible criminal violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

## **VI. Recordkeeping and Inspection**

(A) For the purpose of securing compliance with this Order, Respondent shall retain any and all records relating to the sale, offer for sale, marketing, or distribution in the United States of covered products, made and received in the usual and ordinary course of business, whether in detail or in summary form, for a period of three (3) years from the close of the fiscal year to which they pertain.

(B) For the purposes of determining or securing compliance with this Order and for no other purpose, subject to any privilege recognized by the federal courts of the United States, and upon reasonable written notice by the Commission or its staff, duly authorized representatives of the Commission shall be permitted access and the right to inspect and copy, in

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<sup>1</sup> Complainant must file a letter with the Secretary identifying the attorney to receive reports and bond information associated with this order. The designated attorney must be on the protective order entered in the investigation.



Respondent's principal offices during office hours, and in the presence of counsel or other representatives if Respondent so chooses, all books, ledgers, accounts, correspondence, memoranda, and other records and documents, in detail and in summary form, that must be retained under subparagraph VI(A) of this Order.

## **VII. Service of Cease and Desist Order**

Respondent is ordered and directed to:

(A) Serve, within fifteen days after the effective date of this Order, a copy of this Order upon each of its respective officers, directors, managing agents, agents, and employees who have any responsibility for the importation, marketing, distribution, or sale of imported covered products in the United States;

(B) Serve, within fifteen days after the succession of any persons referred to in subparagraph VII(A) of this order, a copy of the Order upon each successor; and

(C) Maintain such records as will show the name, title, and address of each person upon whom the Order has been served, as described in subparagraphs VII(A) and VII(B) of this order, together with the date on which service was made.

The obligations set forth in subparagraphs VII(B) and VII(C) shall remain in effect for 16.7 years from the date of issuance of this Order.

## **VIII. Confidentiality**

Any request for confidential treatment of information obtained by the Commission pursuant to Section V and VI of this Order should be made in accordance with section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 201.6). For all reports for which confidential treatment is sought, Respondent must provide a public version of such report with confidential information redacted.

**IX.**  
**Enforcement**

Violation of this order may result in any of the actions specified in section 210.75 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.75), including an action for civil penalties under section 337(f) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1337(f)), as well as any other action that the Commission deems appropriate. In determining whether Respondent is in violation of this order, the Commission may infer facts adverse to Respondent if it fails to provide adequate or timely information.

**X.**  
**Modification**

The Commission may amend this order on its own motion or in accordance with the procedure described in section 210.76 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.76).

**XI.**  
**Bonding**

The conduct prohibited by section III of this order may be continued during the sixty (60) day period in which this Order is under review by the United States Trade Representative, as delegated by the President (70 *Fed. Reg.* 43,251 (Jul. 21, 2005)), subject to Respondent posting of a bond in the amount of 13.4 percent of the entered value of the covered products. This bond provision does not apply to conduct that is otherwise permitted by Section IV of this Order. Covered products imported on or after the date of issuance of this Order are subject to the entry bond as set forth in the exclusion order issued by the Commission, and are not subject to this bond provision.

The bond is to be posted in accordance with the procedures established by the Commission for the posting of bonds by Complainant in connection with the issuance of

temporary exclusion orders. (*See* 19 C.F.R. § 210.68). The bond and any accompanying documentation are to be provided to and approved by the Commission prior to the commencement of conduct that is otherwise prohibited by Section III of this Order. Upon the Secretary's acceptance of the bond, (a) the Secretary will serve an acceptance letter on all parties, and (b) Respondent must serve a copy of the bond and any accompanying documentation on Complainant's counsel.<sup>2</sup>

The bond is to be forfeited in the event that the United States Trade Representative approves this Order (or does not disapprove it within the review period), unless (i) the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, in a final judgment, reverses any Commission final determination and order as to Respondent on appeal or (ii) Respondent exports or destroys the products subject to this bond and provides certification to that effect that is satisfactory to the Commission.

The bond is to be released in the event the United States Trade Representative disapproves this Order and no subsequent order is issued by the Commission and approved (or not disapproved) by the United States Trade Representative, upon service on Respondent of an order issued by the Commission based upon application therefore made by Respondent to the Commission.

By order of the Commission.



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<sup>2</sup> *See* note 1 above.

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