

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
SMALL DIAMETER GRAPHITE
ELECTRODES FROM CHINA

) Investigation No.:
) 731-TA-1143
) (Second Review)

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11 Trade Commission

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16 The meeting, commenced, pursuant to notice, at

17 11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States

18 International Trade Commission, Commissioner David S.

19 Johanson, presiding.

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21 APPEARANCES:

22 On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

23 COMMISSIONERS:

24 DAVID S. JOHANSON, CHAIRMAN

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5 STAFF:

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (11:00 a.m.)

3 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Good morning. This meeting
4 of the U.S. International Trade Commission will now come
5 to order.

6 Welcome to Commissioner Kearns who is
7 participating by telephone.

8 COMMISSIONER KEARNS: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: I understand that there are
10 no agendas for future meetings or outstanding action
11 jackets to consider.

12 Is there any objection to the approval of the
13 minutes of February 4, 20, 21, 25, and 28, 2020, or
14 Ratification list, 20-003?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none, they are
17 approved.

18 Next we turn to the vote on the Review of
19 Investigation No. 731-TA-1143 concerning imports of Small
20 Diameter Graphite Electrodes from China.

21 Welcome to Mr. Comly and the staff who
22 participated in this investigation.

23 Are there any questions for the staff?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Are there any additions or

1 corrections to the staff report?

2 MR. COMLY: Nate Comly, Office of Investigations.

3 Chairman Johanson, first I want to say that it
4 is my privilege to introduce Nitin Joshi, for whom this is
5 his first full investigation as lead investigator. And
6 Madeline Heeren, for whom this is the first full
7 investigation as lead attorney.

8 Mr. Chairman, the report may be approved as it
9 stands.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Welcome to both of you to the
11 Office of Investigations.

12 Is there any objection to approval of the staff
13 report?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none, it is approved.
16 Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll?

17 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson?

18 COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote affirmative.

19 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Stayin?

20 COMMISSIONER STAYIN: I vote in the affirmative.

21 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

22 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the
23 affirmative.

24 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Karpel?

25 COMMISSIONER KARPEL: I vote in the affirmative.

1 MR. BISHOP: Commission Kearns?

2 COMMISSIONER KEARNS: I vote in the affirmative.

3 MR. BISHOP: Mr. Chairman, the Commission has
4 reached an affirmative determination.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

6 Further information concerning this
7 determination will be in the press release. Views of the
8 Commission are currently scheduled to be completed and
9 filed by March 23, 2020.

10 Thank you to all staff who participated in this
11 investigation. Seeing no other business before the
12 Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

13 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02.)

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