EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

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Silicomanganese from China and Ukraine Inv. Nos. 731-TA-672 and 673 (Fourth Review)

On January 5, 2018, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. \$1675(c)(3).

The Commission received a response to the notice of institution from Eramet Marietta, Inc. ("Eramet"), a domestic producer of silicomanganese. The Commission found Eramet's individual response to be adequate. The Commission received data from a producer accounting for a substantial proportion of domestic production and therefore determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

With respect to the order on subject imports from Ukraine, the Commission received two responses to the notice of institution from respondent interested parties, one from Nikopol Feroalloy Plant and the other from Zaporozhye Feroalloy Plant, both Ukrainian producers of silicomanganese. The Commission found the response of each of these firms to be individually adequate. The Commission found that the respondent interested party group response was adequate because respondents accounted for a substantial share of the production of subject merchandise in Ukraine.

Because the group responses from both the domestic interested party and the respondent interested party were adequate, the Commission determined to conduct a full review of the order on silicomanganese from Ukraine.

The Commission did not receive responses from any respondent interested parties concerning the order on subject imports from China and therefore determined that the respondent interested party group response with regard to the review of silicomanganese from China was inadequate. The Commission, however, determined to conduct a full review of the order on silicomanganese from China in order to promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission's determination to conduct a full review of the order on silicomanganese from Ukraine.

A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's website (www.usitc.gov).