In the Matter of: FINE DENIER POLYESTER STAPLE FIBER FROM CHINA AND INDIA AND CARBON AND CERTAIN ALLOY STEEL WIRE ROD FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND UKRAINE

) InvestigationNos.: 701-TA-579 AND 580 (FINAL) 731-TA-1353 AND 1356 (FINAL)

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Date: Friday, February 16, 2018
The meeting commenced, pursuant to notice, at 10:32 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, the Honorable David S. Johanson, presiding.
APPEARANCES:

On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

Commissioners:

Rhonda K. Schmidtlein, Chairman (via telephone)
David S. Johanson, Vice Chairman (presiding)
Irving A. Williamson, Commissioner
Meredith M. Broadbent, Commissioner (via telephone)

William R. Bishop, Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer
Tyrell Burch, Program Support Specialist

Staff:

Jordan Harriman, Investigator
Natalie Hanson, International Trade Analyst
Emily Kim, Accountant/Auditor
Andrew Knipe, International Economist
Courtney McNamara, Attorney/Advisor
Elizabeth Haines, Supervisory Investigator

Gregory LaRocca, International Trade Analyst
Roop Bhatti, Attorney/Advisor
Douglas Corkran, Supervisory Investigator

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(10:32 a.m.)

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: This meeting of the U.S. International Trade Commission will now come to order. Welcome to Chairman Schmidtlein and Commissioner Broadbent who are participating by telephone.

CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Good morning.

COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: Good morning.

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: I understand that there are no agendas for future meetings or outstanding Action Jackets to consider. If there is any objection to approval of the minutes of January 3rd, 4th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 23rd, 26th, and 30th, 2018, or Ratification List 18-002, please let us know.

(No response.)

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none, they are approved. Next we turn to the vote in the Final Phase of Investigation Nos. 701-TA-579 and 580 Concerning Imports of Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from China and India.

Welcome to Ms. Haines and staff who participated in these investigations. Are there any questions for the staff?

(No response.)

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Are there any additions or corrections to the staff report?
MS. HAINES: Elizabeth Haines, no revisions or corrections.

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Is there any objection to approval of the staff report?
(No response.)

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none, it is approved.

Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Broadbent.

COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson.

COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLIEIN: I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP: Mr. Chairman, the Commission has reached affirmative determinations.

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Further information regarding this determination will be in the press release. Views of the

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Commission currently are scheduled to be completed and filed by March 7th, 2018. Thank you again to all the staff who participated in these investigations. We will now pause for a moment while we change for the next vote.

(Pause.)

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Next we turn to the vote in the Final Phase of Investigation Nos. 731-TA-1353 and 1356 concerning imports of Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rods from South Africa and Ukraine.

Welcome to Mr. Corkran and the staff who participated in these investigations.

Are there any questions for the staff?

(No response.)

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Are there any additions or corrections to the staff report?

MR. CORKRAN: Douglas Corkran, Office of Investigations. Thank you, Vice Chairman Johanson. Staff has no revisions to the staff report. However, it's my privilege to introduce Ms. Roop Bhatti who is beginning her first Title VII case.

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you, Mr. Corkran.

Is there any objection to approval of the staff report?

(No response.)

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none, it is approved.

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Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson.

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Broadbent.

COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP: Mr. Chairman, the Commission has reached affirmative determinations.

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Further information regarding this determination will be in the press release. Views of the Commission currently are scheduled to be completed and filed by March 1st, 2018. Thank you again to all of the staff who participated in these investigations. Seeing that there is no other business before the Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 10:36 a.m., Friday, February 16, 2018, the meeting of the Commissioners of the United States...
International Trade Commission was adjourned.)
CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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