

existing laws against the kidnapping of children. The government's engagement in the country's ongoing civil conflict has impeded enforcement of child labor and anti-trafficking laws since September 2002.

#### VI. Recent Government Efforts To Address the Child Labor Problem in the Cocoa Industry

The Government of Côte d'Ivoire has acknowledged the problem of child labor in the cocoa industry and made some recent, credible efforts to address this issue. In September 2000, the Governments of Côte d'Ivoire and Mali signed a bilateral agreement to curb the trafficking of Malian children into Côte d'Ivoire and have worked together since then to prevent cross-border trafficking and repatriate child victims. In 2001, the government began participating in a \$4.3 DOL-funded regional project funded through the International Labor Organization's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC) to combat the trafficking of children for exploitive labor in West and Central Africa. In 2002, the government agreed to participate in a second \$5 million DOL-funded ILO-IPEC project to combat the use of children in hazardous work in the cocoa sector. That same year, in collaboration with INTERPOL, the Government of Côte d'Ivoire organized a meeting with neighboring countries in West and Central Africa, and several United Nations agencies and nongovernmental organizations, to discuss child trafficking in the region. In the resulting Yamoussoukro Declaration, the meeting participants pledged to conduct coordinated information campaigns on child trafficking. The government has implemented a National Development Plan for Education that calls for universal primary education by 2010 and in 2002, distributed free textbooks to 1.2 million students. In April 2004, the government conducted a workshop on child labor in the cocoa industry and considered anti-trafficking legislation.

#### VII. Status of the Review of the Côte d'Ivoire/Cocoa Submission

Although the Government of Côte d'Ivoire has made some recent, credible efforts to address forced child labor in the cocoa sector, the Departments of Labor, State, Treasury and Homeland Security remain concerned about this problem and about the lack of an adequate legal framework to address forced child labor in the non-industrial farm sector. For this reason, the Departments have decided to continue to keep this Executive Order submission under review in order to monitor the

government's efforts to address the forced child labor problem in the cocoa industry during the next six months. At the end of this period, the Departments will determine whether the Government of Côte d'Ivoire has taken significant, credible steps to consider the adoption of new anti-trafficking legislation and has made efforts to enforce its laws prohibiting child labor, including forced child labor where it is occurring in the cocoa sector.

#### VIII. Information Sought

DOL is requesting current information about the nature and extent of forced child labor in the cocoa industry in Côte d'Ivoire as well as efforts made by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire to address this problem.

This notice is a general solicitation of comments from the public. All submitted comments will be made a part of the record of the review referred to above and will be available for public inspection.

Signed in Washington, DC this 5th day of May, 2004.

**Arnold Levine,**

*Deputy Under Secretary for International Labor Affairs.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-53,538 and TA-W-53,538A]

##### **Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, Brackenridge Works, Brackenridge, PA and Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, Leechburg Works, Leechburg, PA; Dismissal of Application for Reconsideration**

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(C) an application for administrative reconsideration was filed with the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance for workers at Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, Brackenridge Works, Brackenridge, Pennsylvania and Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, Leechburg Works, Leechburg, Pennsylvania. The application contained no new substantial information which would bear importantly on the Department's determination. Therefore, dismissal of the application was issued.

TA-W-53,538; Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, Brackenridge Works, Brackenridge, Pennsylvania

TA-W-53,538A; Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, Leechburg Works, Leechburg, Pennsylvania (April 28,

2004).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of May 2004.

**Timothy Sullivan,**

*Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-52,382]

##### **Capital Mercury Apparel, Ltd, Mar-Bax Shirt Company Division, Ark Management Consultants, Gassville, AR; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on August 22, 2003, applicable to workers of Capital Mercury Apparel, Ltd, Mar-Bax Shirt Company Division, Gassville, Arkansas. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on September 17, 2003 (68 FR 54498).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers are engaged in the production of men's woven dress and sports shirts.

New information shows that some workers separated from employment at the subject firm had their wages reported under a separate unemployment insurance (UI) tax account for Ark Management Consultants.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to properly reflect this matter.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Capital Mercury Apparel, Ltd, Mar-Bax Shirt Company Division, Ark Management Consultants, Gassville, Arkansas, who were adversely affected by a shift in production to Mexico.

*The amended notice applicable to TA-W-52,382 is hereby issued as follows:*

All workers of Capital Mercury Apparel, Ltd., Mar-Bax Shirt Company Division, Ark Management Consultants, Gassville, Arkansas, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after July 23, 2002, through August 22, 2005, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, DC this 16th day of April 2004.

**Elliott S. Kushner,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-53,988 and TA-W-53,988A]

#### **Coperion Corporation, Ramsey, NJ, Coperion Corporation, Carol Stream, IL; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance on January 14, 2004, applicable to workers of Coperion Corporation, Ramsey, New Jersey. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on February 6, 2004 (69 FR 5867).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers are engaged in the production of extrusion equipment.

New findings show that worker separations occurred at the Carol Stream, Illinois facility of the subject firm. Workers at the Carol Stream, Illinois facility provide sales function services supporting the production of extrusion equipment at the Ramsey, New Jersey location of the subject firm.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to cover workers at Coperion Corporation, Carol Stream, Illinois.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Coperion Corporation who were adversely affected by increased imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-53,988 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Coperion Corporation, Ramsey, New Jersey (TA-W-53,988) and Coperion Corporation, Carol Stream, Illinois (TA-W-53,988A), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after January 5, 2003, through January 14, 2006, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, and are also eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed in Washington, DC this 26th day of April, 2004.

**Richard Church,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-54,548]

#### **Eli Group, Providence, RI; Notice of Termination of Investigation**

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on March 18, 2004 in response to a petition filed by on behalf of workers at Eli Group, Providence, Rhode Island.

The petition was not submitted by a company official, union official, State agency representative, or worker group, and is therefore invalid. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC this 23rd day of April 2004.

**Linda G. Poole,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-54,082]

#### **Fountain Construction Company, Inc., Assembly Board Tooling Division, Jackson, MS; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration**

By letter of March 22, 2004, the company requested administrative reconsideration of the Department of Labor's Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance, applicable to workers of the subject firm. The Department's determination notice was signed on March 8, 2004. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on April 6, 2004 (69 FR 18109). The Department reviewed the request for reconsideration and has determined that the petitioner has provided additional information. Therefore, the Department will conduct further investigation to determine if the workers meet the

eligibility requirements of the Trade Act of 1974.

### Conclusion

After careful review of the application, I conclude that the claim is of sufficient weight to justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decision. The application is, therefore, granted.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of April, 2004.

**Elliott S. Kushner,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### **Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance**

Petitions have been filed with the Secretary of Labor under section 221(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Act") and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions, the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted investigations pursuant to section 221(a) of the Act.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under title II, chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total or partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than May 20, 2004.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than May 20, 2004.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C-5311, 200