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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### 2007 Economic Census Covering the Mining Sector

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before November 27, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dhynek@doc.gov](mailto:dhynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Arminta N. Quash, U.S. Census Bureau, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Room 2108, Building #4, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 763-8189, (or via the Internet at [arminta.n.quash@census.gov](mailto:arminta.n.quash@census.gov)).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector and provider of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during nondecennial census years. The economic census, conducted under authority of Title 13, United States Code, is the primary source of facts

about the structure and functioning of the Nation's economy and features unique industry and geographic detail. Economic census statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business and the general public. The 2007 Economic Census Covering the Mining Sector (as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)) will measure the economic activity of almost 25,000 mineral establishments.

The information collected from establishments in this sector of the economic census will produce basic statistics for number of establishments, shipments, payroll, employment, detailed supplies and fuels consumed, depreciable assets, inventories, and capital expenditures. It also will yield a variety of subject statistics, including shipments by product line, type of operation, size of establishments and other industry-specific measures.

Primary strategies for reducing burden in Census Bureau economic data collections are to increase electronic reporting through broader use of computerized self-administered census questionnaires, on-line questionnaires and other electronic data collection.

##### II. Method of Collection

Establishments included in this collection will be selected from a frame given by the Census Bureau's Business Register. To be eligible for selection, an establishment will be required to satisfy the following conditions: (i) It must be classified in the mining sector; (ii) it must be an active operating establishment of a multi-establishment firm (including operations under exploration and development), or it must be a single-establishment firm with payroll; and (iii) it must be located in one of the 50 states, offshore areas, or the District of Columbia. Mail selection procedures will distinguish the following groups of establishments:

###### A. Establishments of Multi-Establishment Firms

Selection procedures will assign all active mineral establishments of multi-establishment firms to the mail component of the universe, except for those in industries classified in the Support Activities for Mining subsector. In these selected industries, where activities are not easily attributable to individual locations or establishments, firms will be asked to report their basic data for several establishments at a nationwide level on a consolidated report form. Approximately seven percent of establishments of multi-

establishment firms will not be required to file separate reports because they will be included in consolidated company reports. We estimate that the census mail canvass for 2007 will include approximately 6,400 establishments of multi-establishment firms.

###### B. Single-Establishment Firms With Payroll

As an initial step in the selection process, we will analyze the universe for mining. The analysis will produce a set of industry-specific payroll cutoffs that we will use to distinguish large versus small single-establishment firms within each industry. This payroll size distinction will affect selection as follows:

###### 1. Large Single-Establishment Firms

Selection procedures will assign large single-establishment firms having annualized payroll (from Federal administrative records) that equals or exceeds the cutoff for their industry to the mail component of the universe. We estimate that the census mail canvass for 2007 will include approximately 6,000 firms in this category. These firms will receive a standard form.

###### 2. Small Single-Establishment Firms

Small single-establishment firms in the crushed stone, sand and gravel, and crude petroleum and natural gas industries, where application of the cutoff for nonmail establishments results in a larger number of small establishments included in the mail canvass, will receive a short form. The short form will collect basic statistics and other essential information that is not available from administrative records.

The short form will be mailed to approximately 2,600 single-establishment firms in these industries which are larger than the nonmail cutoff for their industry, but which have annual payroll under a certain criteria. In terms of employment, this criteria will identify establishments with approximately 5 to 19 employees.

The approximately 10,000 remaining single-establishment firms with payroll will be represented in the census by data from Federal administrative records.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* Not available.

*Form Number:* The forms used to collect information from businesses in this sector of the economic census are tailored to specific business practices and are too numerous to list separately in this notice. You can obtain information on the proposed content at

this Web site: <http://www.census.gov/mcd/clearance/census>.

*Type of Review:* Regular review.

*Affected Public:* Business or Other for Profit, Not-for-Profit institutions, and Small Businesses or Organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

Standard Form .....	12,400
Short Form .....	2,600
Total .....	15,000

*Estimated Time Per Response:*

Standard Form .....	4.6 hours.
Short Form .....	2.5 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

Hours: 63,540.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:*

\$1,567,532.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131 and 224.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

(A-533-810)

#### Stainless Steel Bar from India: Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce has received a request for a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India. In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.214(d), we are initiating an antidumping new shipper review of Ambica Steels Limited.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 26, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Holland or Brandon Farlander, AD/CVD Operations, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0179 or (202) 482-0182, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On February 21, 1995, the Department of Commerce (the "Department") published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar ("SSB") from India. See *Antidumping Duty Orders: Stainless Steel Bar from Brazil, India and Japan*, 60 FR 9661 (February 21, 1995).

On August 31, 2006, the Department received a timely request from Ambica Steels Limited ("Ambica"), for a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on SSB from India, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(c). The Department also received a timely request for a new shipper review from D.H. Exports Pvt., Ltd. ("DHX") on August 31, 2006. However, this request did not contain documentation establishing: the date on which DHX first shipped the subject merchandise for export to the United States; the date on which subject merchandise entered the United States; or the volume of the shipment. On September 1, 2006, the Department received an amended request from DHX that contained shipment documentation, however, no documentation establishing the date of first entry into the United States was provided.

This order has a February anniversary month and an August semiannual anniversary month.

##### Initiation of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(i) and (iii)(A), Ambica certified in its request that it did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation ("POI") and that it is not now and never has been affiliated with any exporter or producer who exported the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI (*i.e.*, July 1, 1993, through December 31,

1993). Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iv), Ambica also submitted documentation establishing the date on which its stainless steel bar was first shipped for export to the United States, the volume of that shipment, and the date of the first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States. Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), and 19 CFR 351.214(d), we are initiating a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(g)(1)(i)(B), the standard period of review ("POR") in a new shipper review based on the semiannual anniversary month is the six-month period immediately preceding the semiannual anniversary month, *i.e.*, for the instant review, February 1 through July 31, 2006. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(i), we intend to issue the preliminary results of this review not later than 180 days after the date on which the review is initiated. All provisions of 19 CFR 351.214 will apply to Ambica throughout the duration of this new shipper review, except for 351.214(e), which allows a new shipper to post a single entry bond or other types of securities in lieu of a cash deposit. See the "Cash Deposit Requirements" section below.

In its August 31, 2006, new shipper request, DHX certified that it did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI and that it is not now and never has been affiliated with any exporter or producer who exported the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(i) and (iii)(A). However, the request did not submit documentation establishing the date on which its stainless steel bar was first shipped for export to the United States, the volume of that shipment, and the date of the first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iv).

Therefore, we are not initiating a new shipper review of DHX for the semiannual review period February 1, 2006, through July 31, 2006, because its initial August 31, 2006, request did not meet the Department's regulatory requirements by the semiannual anniversary month deadline (*i.e.*, August 31, 2006). However, the Department will treat DHX's September 1, 2006, request as a "new" request to be considered for the next new shipper initiation deadline (*i.e.*, February 28, 2007) for the annual anniversary period of February 1, 2006, through January 21,