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Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this constitutes notice of the upcoming meeting of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) Grain Inspection Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee). The Advisory Committee meets twice annually to advise the GIPSA Administrator on the programs and services that GIPSA delivers under the U.S. Grain Standards Act. Recommendations by the Advisory Committee help GIPSA better meet the needs of its customers who operate in a dynamic and changing marketplace.

DATES: December 16, 2008, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and December 17, 2008, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Committee meeting will take place at the Hilton Kansas City Airport, 8801 NW., 112th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64153.

Requests to orally address the Advisory Committee during the meeting or written comments may be sent to: Administrator, GIPSA, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 3601, Washington, DC 20250-3601. Requests and comments may also be faxed to (202) 690-2173.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri L. Henry by phone at (202) 205-8281 or by e-mail at Terri.L.Henry@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide advice to the GIPSA Administrator with respect to the implementation of the U.S. Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*). Information about the Advisory Committee is available on the GIPSA Web site at <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov>. Under the section, "I Want To * * *," select "Learn about the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee."

The agenda will include a review of GIPSA's 2008 Operations (domestic and

export operations), an update of GIPSA's international programs, an overview of GIPSA's technical training programs, a discussion on sorghum odor line validation and future technology, an update of GIPSA-sponsored research, the use of contracts for export services (pilot summary and next steps), a discussion on GIPSA's quality management programs (managing the official system in the future), and GIPSA's financial status.

For a copy of the agenda please contact Terri L. Henry by phone at (202) 205-8281 or by e-mail at Terri.L.Henry@usda.gov.

Public participation will be limited to written statements unless permission is received from the Committee Chairperson to orally address the Advisory Committee. The meeting will be open to the public.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication of program information or related accommodations should contact Terri L. Henry at the telephone number listed above.

Gary McBryde,

Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

(Docket T-5-2008)

Foreign-Trade Zone 122 – Corpus Christi, Texas

Application for Temporary/Interim Manufacturing Authority

Excalibar Minerals LLC

(Barite Milling)

Corpus Christi, Texas

An application has been submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Port of Corpus Christi Authority, grantee of FTZ 122, requesting temporary/interim manufacturing (T/IM) authority on behalf of Excalibar Minerals LLC (Excalibar) at the company's barite milling facility within FTZ 122 in Corpus Christi, Texas. The application was filed on November 20, 2008.

The Excalibar facility (14 employees) is located at 3202 E. Navigation Boulevard in Corpus Christi, Texas (within Site 1). Under T/IM procedures, Excalibar would produce up to 175,000

tons of ground barite (HTSUS 2511.10.10) annually, primarily for the U.S. market. The foreign component that would be used in production (representing approximately 95 percent of total material inputs) is raw barite (HTSUS 2511.10.50), dutiable at \$1.25 per metric ton.

FTZ procedures could exempt Excalibar from customs duty payments on the foreign component used in export production (less than 1 percent of shipments). On domestic sales, Excalibar would be able to choose the duty rate that applies to the finished product (duty-free) for the foreign input noted above that has a higher duty rate. The company may also realize certain logistical/procedural savings as well as savings on materials that become scrap/waste during manufacturing.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address listed below. The closing period for their receipt is January 2, 2009. For further information, contact Christopher Kemp at christopher_kemp@ita.doc.gov, or (202) 482-0862.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at the address listed above.

Dated: November 20, 2008.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1584]

Approval for Expanded Manufacturing Authority, Foreign-Trade Subzone 42A, Mitsubishi Power Systems Americas, Inc., Orlando, FL (Power Generation Turbine Components)

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides for " * * * the establishment * * * of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or