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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-53,008]

Martens Manufacturing, LLC, Kingsford, Michigan; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By letter of November 6, 2003, a petitioner 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 October 10, 2003 and published in the **Federal Register** on November 6, 2003 (68 FR 62833).

The Department reviewed the request for reconsideration and has determined that the petitioner has provided additional customer 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 at Washington, DC, this 4th day of December, 2003.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA-W-52,022, TA-W-52,022A, and TA-W-52,022B]

Nortel Networks Corporation, Optical Global Technical Assistance Center, Research Triangle Park, NC; Nortel Networks Corporation, Optical Global Technical Assistance Center, Pittsburgh, PA; Nortel Networks Corporation, Optical Global Technical Assistance Center, Centennial, CO; Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration

By application of August 15, 2003, a petitioner requested administrative reconsideration regarding the Department's Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance, applicable to the workers of the subject firm.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination issued on July 22, 2003, based on the finding that the petitioning workers of this firm do not produce an article within the meaning of section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974. The denial notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 2003 (68 FR 48645).

In a review of the initial investigation, it was revealed that the work performed by the worker group did perform testing and product modification, and that subject firm workers produced an article as part of the finishing work performed on fiber optic backbone telecommunication networks. It was further revealed that employment declines occurred at all three facilities and that the company is now relying on a Canadian facility to serve the same customer base as that which is served by the three domestic facilities where the petitioners are employed.

Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained on reconsideration, I conclude that increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with those produced at Nortel Networks Corporation, Optical Global Technical Assistance Center (GTAC), Research Triangle Park, North Carolina (TA-W-52,022); Nortel Networks Corporation, Optical Global Technical Assistance Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (TA-W-52,022A); and Nortel Networks Corporation, Optical Global Technical Assistance Center, Centennial, Colorado (TA-W-52,022B), contributed importantly to the declines in sales or production and to the total or partial

separation of workers at the subject firm. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

All workers of Nortel Networks Corporation, Optical Global Technical Assistance Center (GTAC), Research Triangle Park, North Carolina (TA-W-52,022); Nortel Networks Corporation, Optical Global Technical Assistance Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (TA-W-52,022A); and Nortel Networks Corporation, Optical Global Technical Assistance Center, Centennial, Colorado (TA-W-52,022B), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 26, 2002 through two years from the date of this certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed in Washington, DC this 15th day of December 2003.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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Notice of Determinations Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, (19 U.S.C. 2273), the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers (TA-W) number and alternative trade adjustment assistance (ATAA) by (TA-W) number issued during the periods of November 2003.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made and a certification of eligibility to apply for directly-impacted (primary) worker adjustment assistance to be issued, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222(a) of the Act must be met.

I. Section (a)(2)(A) all of the following must be satisfied:

A. A significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm, or an appropriate subdivision of the firm, have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

B. The sales or production, or both, of such firm or subdivision have decreased absolutely; and

C. Increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by such firm or subdivision have contributed importantly to such workers' separation or threat of separation and to the decline in