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Dated: November 13, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1868]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status and Partial Approval of Manufacturing Authority; Toho Tenax America, Inc. (Oxidized Polyacrylonitrile Fiber and Carbon Fiber), Rockwood, TN

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 adjacent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board’s regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones for manufacturing activity when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved, and when the activity results in a significant public benefit, with a net positive economic effect, and is in the public interest;

Whereas, the Industrial Development Board of Blount County, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 148, has made application to the Board for authority to

establish a special-purpose subzone at the oxidized polyacrylonitrile fiber (OPF) and carbon fiber manufacturing and distribution facilities of Toho Tenax America, Inc. (TTA), located in Rockwood, Tennessee, (FTZ Docket 57-2010, filed 9-29-2010);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 61696, 10/6/2010 and 75 FR 74002, 11/30/2010) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations;

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner’s report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations are satisfied with regard to approval of the proposed subzone with authority for TTA to manufacture OPF and to manufacture 24K or higher tow, standard grade carbon fiber for export; and

Whereas, at this time, the Board is unable to approve authority for manufacturing under FTZ procedures of carbon fiber with tow less than 24K or other than standard grade, or of any carbon fiber that TTA would sell in the U.S. market, because the record of the proceeding does not currently demonstrate that such manufacturing would result in a net positive economic effect and be in the public interest. However, the Board’s staff will continue the review of the information in TTA’s case record, as well as that presented in pending and projected FTZ applications for carbon fiber production and through any further industry questionnaire(s) or public hearing(s), before making any recommendation for a final determination regarding carbon fiber production for the U.S. market;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status for activity related to the manufacturing and distribution of OPF and of 24K or higher tow, standard grade carbon fiber for export at the facilities of Toho Tenax America, Inc., located in Rockwood, Tennessee (Subzone 148C), as described in the application and **Federal Register** notice, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.13.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 7th day of November 2012.

Paul Piquado

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-82-2012]

Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone—Tunica County, MS; Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by Tunica County, Mississippi, to establish a foreign-trade zone (FTZ) at sites in Tunica County, adjacent to the Memphis Customs and Border Protection port of entry, under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the Board (15 CFR 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new “subzones” or “usage-driven” FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee’s “service area” in the context of the Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a general-purpose zone. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on November 9, 2012. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under Section 59-3-33 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972).

The proposed zone would be the second general-purpose zone in Mississippi for the Memphis CBP port of entry and would be the sixth zone overall for the port of entry. The existing zones are as follows: FTZ 77, Memphis, Tennessee (Grantee: City of Memphis, Board Order 189, April 2, 1982); FTZ 223, Memphis, Tennessee (Grantee: Memphis International Trade Development Corporation, Board Order 904, July 2, 1997); FTZ 262, Southaven, Mississippi (Grantee: Northern Mississippi FTZ, Inc., Board Order 1353, October 1, 2004); FTZ 273, West Memphis, Arkansas (Grantee: City of West Memphis, Arkansas, Board Order 1551, April 15, 2008); and, FTZ 283, West Tennessee Area (Grantee: Northwest Tennessee Regional Port Authority, Board Order 1851, October 11, 2012).

The applicant’s proposed service area under the ASF would be Tunica County, Mississippi. If approved, the applicant would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies’ needs for FTZ designation. The proposed service area is adjacent to the Memphis Customs and Border Protection port of entry.

The proposed zone would include one “magnet” site and two “usage-

driven” sites: *Proposed Site 1* (100 acres)—SXP Schulz, 1001 Schulz Boulevard, Robinsonville; *Proposed Site 2* (200 acres)—GreenTech Automotive, 1630 Casino Strip Resorts Boulevard, Robinsonville; and, *Proposed Site 3* (289 acres)—Tunica County Airport, 209 South Airport Boulevard, Tunica. The ASF allows for the possible exemption of one magnet site from the “sunset” time limits that generally apply to sites under the ASF, and the applicant proposes that Site 3 be so exempted.

The application indicates a need for zone services in the Tunica County area. Several firms have indicated an interest in using zone procedures for warehousing/distribution activities for a variety of products. Specific production approvals are not being sought at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board’s regulations, Camille Evans of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is January 18, 2013. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to February 4, 2013.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the “Reading Room” section of the Board’s Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. For further information, contact Camille Evans at Camille.Evans@trade.gov or (202) 482-2350.

Dated: November 9, 2012.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1866]

Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 41 (Expansion of Service Area), Under Alternative Site Framework; Milwaukee, WI

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 Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) (15 CFR 400.2(c)) as an option for the establishment or reorganization of zones;

Whereas, the Port of Milwaukee, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 41, submitted an application to the Board (FTZ Docket B–40–2012, filed 5/21/2012) for authority to expand the service area of the zone to include Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Ozaukee, Rock, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha Counties, Wisconsin, adjacent to the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Customs and Border Protection ports of entry, and the grantee proposes two additional usage-driven sites (Sites 12 and 13);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 31307–31308, 5/25/12) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner’s report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to reorganize FTZ 41 to expand the service area under the alternative site framework is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.13, and to the Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the zone, and to a three-year ASF sunset provision for usage-driven sites that would terminate authority for Sites 12 and 13 if no foreign-status merchandise is admitted for a *bona fide* customs purpose by November 30, 2015.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of November 2012.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

JPSS Polar Satellite—Gap Mitigation—Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: NOAA has long been concerned about the potential for a gap in polar satellite coverage in the afternoon orbit. In addition to reports from Inspector General and the Government Accountability Office on this topic, NOAA has also convened an Independent Review Team (IRT) to review the progress of our satellite programs and identify the challenges ahead. These reports have all substantiated NOAA’s concerns regarding the gap.

NOAA is taking positive steps to mitigate the negative impacts to NOAA’s numerical weather forecasts that could be introduced by a lack of polar satellite data. To this end, NOAA has commissioned an investigative study to broadly explore all available options, such as substitute satellite observations, alternative non-satellite data, weather modeling, and data assimilation improvements. NOAA is convening teams of internal and external experts, industry leaders, foreign partners, and academia to study each of these areas.

As a part of this effort, and to ensure we examine all potential solutions, NOAA is also seeking comments, suggestions, and innovative ideas from the public on how to preserve the quality and timeliness of NOAA’s numerical weather forecasts should we experience a loss of polar satellite environmental data. Through this web portal, the public can submit ideas, review submissions from other parties, and make comments and collaborate on ideas.

DATES: Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2012.