

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

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REPUBLIC STEEL
COLD-FINISHED DIVISION
GARY, INDIANA

Certification Regarding Eligibility
To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Act"), 19 U.S.C. § 2273, the Department of Labor herein presents the results of an investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance.

The group eligibility requirements for workers of a firm under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. § 2272(a), are satisfied if the following criteria are met:

(1) a significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated; and

(2)(A)(i) the sales or production, or both, of such firm have decreased absolutely; and

(ii)(I) imports of articles or services like or directly competitive with articles produced or services supplied by such firm have increased; and

(iii) the increase in imports described in clause (ii) contributed importantly to such workers' separation or threat of separation and to the decline in the sales or production of such firm.

The investigation was initiated in response to a petition filed on June 1, 2015 by the United Steelworkers of America (USW), Local 2003 on behalf of workers of Republic Steel, Cold-Finished Division, Gary, Indiana (herein referred to as "Republic Steel"). The workers' firm is engaged in activities related to the production of cold-finished steel bars.

During the course of the investigation, information was collected from the workers' firm, and the firm's major declining customers.

Section 222(a)(1) has been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated.

Section 222(a)(2)(A)(i) has been met because the sales and production of cold-finished steel bars produced by Republic Steel have decreased absolutely.

Section 222(a)(2)(A)(ii) has been met because customer imports of cold-finished steel bars like or directly competitive with the article produced by Republic Steel have increased in reliance.

Finally, Section 222(a)(2)(A)(iii) has been met because increased reliance on customer imports contributed importantly to the worker group separations and sales/production declines at Republic Steel.

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained in the

investigation, I determine that workers of Republic Steel, Cold-Finished Division, Gary, Indiana, who are engaged in activities related to the production cold-finished steel bars meet the worker group certification criteria under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. § 2272(a). In accordance with Section 223 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. § 2273, I make the following certification:

"All workers of Republic Steel, Cold-Finished Division, Gary, Indiana, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 29, 2014, through two years from the date of certification, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on the date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended."

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 2nd day of November 2015.

/s/Hope D. Kinglock

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