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The United States International Trade Commission (“ITC”) Determined That the U.S. Magnesia Carbon Brick (“MCB”) Industry is Materially Injured By Chinese and Mexican Imports

Washington, DC - On August 26, 2010, the United States International Trade Commission (“ITC”) determined that the U.S. magnesia carbon brick (“MCB”) industry is materially injured by Chinese and Mexican imports, which the U.S. Department of Commerce (“DOC”) determined in July 2010 are sold at less than fair value. MCB are refractory products that are made from a combination of magnesia and carbon. MCB are used to line ladles used in steel production and to line basic oxygen furnaces in integrated steel mills and electric arc furnaces in non-integrated steel mills. Following the Commission’s affirmative determinations, Commerce will issue a countervailing duty order on imports of MCB from China and antidumping duty orders on imports of MCB from China and Mexico. Last month, the DOC found affirmative determinations in all three related investigations. The ITC’s affirmative vote, however, means that U.S. importers of these products from China and Mexico will be required to pay high duties to offset unfair pricing and Chinese government subsidies. The ITC vote will restore fair competition in the U.S. market.

Camelia C. Mazard, the lead attorney on the case and a partner at Doyle, Barlow & Mazard PLLC, the law firm representing the Petitioner, said: “The ITC vote represents an important victory for U.S. producers of MCB and their workers. It also has broader significance because it sends a message to Chinese and Mexican MCB producers that selling imports at illegally dumped prices will not be tolerated by the U.S. government. It also sends a message to China that government subsidies that lead to imports at unfair prices will be challenged by the U.S. government as well.”

The law firm of Doyle, Barlow & Mazard PLLC filed the petition in these investigations on behalf of a major U.S. producer of MCB in July 2009 at the ITC and the DOC.

Doyle, Barlow & Mazard is a Washington D.C. based law firm that provides regulatory counseling and advice to domestic and international entities in the antitrust and international trade areas.

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