From: Holmes, Phyllis

To: Rafferty, Donna; Boyland, David

Subject: RE: U.S. ITC Investigations (Third Review): Inv. Nos: 701-TA-350 and 731-TA-616 and 618 (Corrosion-

Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Germany and Korea)

Date: Thursday, August 30, 2012 9:13:28 AM

David,

Response to your question #9:

Question 9. Table III-12. The company is reporting R&D expenses throughout the period. Please generally describe what the reported R&D expenses represent. Note: It also appears that R&D expenses increased, at least in part, in conjunction with higher levels of capital spending.

Answer: R&D Categories in which spending occurred for Corrosion Resistant steel were 1) Consortia fees or dues for membership in Galvanized Autobody Partnership (GAP), Advanced Steel **Processing**

and Properties Research Center (ASPPRC); 2) Partnerships fees or project funding for GalvInfo Center, Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems (CAVS) at Mississippi State University; 3) Technical Consultant fees for specific projects with Michigan Metrology for optical profilometry studies for coated steel surfaces.

Note: You are correct that the R&D spending related to Corrosion Resistant steel increased in connection with Dearborn's new hot dip galvanizing line, which began construction in 2007 and was completed in 2011.

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Dear David,

Attached are the answers (in red) to your questions with the exception of #s 5 and 9. I have attached Version 2 of the Questionnaire (because I am unable to extract specific pages or Tables) which includes a revised Table III-10 that details the direct labor costs as requested in Question 3.

I have followed up with the appropriate people on the open questions and am awaiting an answer. I wanted to let you know that I will be out of town on Thursday and Friday of this week, so if I do not receive a response in a timely manner, I will have the answers to these questions early next week when I return.

Regards,

Donna

From: <u>David.Boyland@usitc.gov</u> [mailto:David.Boyland@usitc.gov]

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(Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Germany and Korea)

Good morning Ms. Rafferty,

With regard to the company's U.S. producer questionnaire response in the above-referenced investigations, the attached Word document contains follow-up questions primarily related to the financial section of the U.S. producer questionnaire. As indicated in the attachment and given the report deadlines in this case, I respectfully request that responses be submitted no later than COB August 31, 2012. Please contact me if any of my questions require clarification. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

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