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Room 101  
 U.S. International  
 Trade Commission  
 500 E Street, S.W.  
 Washington, D.C.

The Commission meeting commenced, pursuant to notice, at 9:30 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, the Honorable DANIEL R. PEARSON, Chairman, presiding.

## APPEARANCES:

On behalf of the International Trade Commission:Commissioners:

DANIEL R. PEARSON, CHAIRMAN (presiding)  
 SHARA L. ARANOFF, VICE CHAIRMAN  
 DEANNA TANNER OKUN, COMMISSIONER  
 CHARLOTTE R. LANE, COMMISSIONER (via telephone)  
 IRVING A. WILLIAMSON, COMMISSIONER  
 DEAN A. PINKERT, COMMISSIONER

MARILYN R. ABBOTT, SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION  
 BILL BISHOP, HEARINGS AND MEETINGS COORDINATOR

APPEARANCES: (Cont'd.)

Staff:

CHRISTOPHER CASSISE, INVESTIGATOR  
RUBEN MATA, INDUSTRY ANALYST  
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GRACEMARY ROTH-ROFFY, ATTORNEY  
GEORGE DEYMAN, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR

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| Meeting called to order                                                                                | 4    |
| Agenda for Future Meeting: none                                                                        | 4    |
| Minutes: none                                                                                          | 4    |
| Ratification List: none                                                                                | 4    |
| Outstanding Action Jackets: none                                                                       | 4    |
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P R O C E E D I N G S

(9:30 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Good morning. This meeting of the U.S. International Trade Commission will now come to order.

Welcome to Commissioner Lane, who is participating by telephone.

COMMISSIONER LANE: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Permit me to part briefly from the prepared script and observe that this meeting on Leap Day is somewhat unusual. We've only had two previous Leap Day votes in the Commission's history. I would note that on February 29, 1960, we voted on Portland Cement from Canada, and in 1996, we voted on sodium azide from Japan. So this is a somewhat unique day, and we'll see what we can do with it.

Returning now to the script, I understand that there are no agendas for future meetings, minutes, ratification lists or outstanding action jackets to consider.

Next we turn to the vote in Investigation No. 731-TA-1143 (Preliminary) (Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes from China).

Welcome to Mr. Deyman and the staff who participated in this investigation.

1 Are there any questions for the staff?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Are there any additions  
4 or corrections to the staff report?

5 MR. DEYMAN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'm George  
6 Deyman, Office of Investigations. We propose that the  
7 staff report be amended to include the revisions  
8 contained in Memorandum Inv. FF-019 of February 28,  
9 2008.

10 CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Is there any objection to  
11 approval of the staff report as revised?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Hearing none, it is  
14 approved.

15 Madame Secretary, will you please call the  
16 roll?

17 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun.

18 COMMISSIONER OKUN: I vote in the  
19 affirmative.

20 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Aranoff.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: I vote in the  
22 affirmative.

23 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pinkert.

24 COMMISSIONER PINKERT: I vote in the  
25 affirmative.

1 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Williamson.

2 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the  
3 affirmative.

4 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Lane.

5 COMMISSIONER LANE: I vote in the  
6 affirmative.

7 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pearson.

8 CHAIRMAN PEARSON: I vote in the  
9 affirmative.

10 MS. ABBOTT: Mr. Chairman, the Commission  
11 has reached an affirmative determination.

12 CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Thank you, Madame  
13 Secretary.

14 Further information regarding these  
15 determinations will be in the press release.  
16 Commissioners' opinions currently are scheduled to be  
17 transmitted to the Department of Commerce on or before  
18 March 10, 2008.

19 Thank you to all staff who participated in  
20 these investigations.

21 Seeing that there is no other business  
22 before the Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

23 (Whereupon, at 9:33 a.m., the Commission  
24 meeting was adjourned.)

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**CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION**

**TITLE:** (Preliminary) (Small Diameter  
Graphite Electrodes from China)

**INVESTIGATION NOS.:** 731-TA-1143

**HEARING DATE:** February 29, 2008

**LOCATION:** Washington, D.C.

**NATURE OF HEARING:** Commission meeting

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**DATE:** February 29, 2008

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Signature of Court Reporter