

UNITED STATES  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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FERROVANADIUM FROM CHINA	)	Investigation Nos.:
AND SOUTH AFRICA	)	731-TA-986 and 987
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Thursday,  
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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 11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, the Honorable SHARA L. ARANOFF, Chairman, presiding.

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On Behalf of the International Trade Commission:Commissioners:

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APPEARANCES: (Cont'd)

Inv. No. 731-TA-1135 (Final) (Sodium Metal from France)

Staff:

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GEORGE DEYMAN, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR

Inv. Nos. 731-TA-986 and 987 (Review)  
(Ferrovanadium from China and South Africa)

Staff:

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(11:00 a.m.)

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3 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Good morning. This  
4 meeting of the U.S. International Trade Commission  
5 will now come to order.

6 I understand that there are no agendas for  
7 future meetings or outstanding action jackets to  
8 consider.

9 Is there any objection to approval of the  
10 minutes of October 28 and two sets of minutes from  
11 October 30, 2008, or Ratification List 08-017?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Hearing none, they are  
14 approved.

15 Next we turn to the vote in Investigation  
16 No. 731-TA-1135 (Final) (Sodium Metal from France).

17 Welcome to Mr. Deyman and the staff who  
18 participated in this investigation. Are there any  
19 questions for the staff?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Are there any additions  
22 or corrections to the staff report?

23 MR. DEYMAN: Yes. I'm George Deyman, Office  
24 of Investigations. We propose that the staff report  
25 be amended to include the revisions contained in

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1 Memoranda INV-FF-143 of November 6, 2008, and  
2 INV-FF-145 of November 10, 2008.

3 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Is there any objection to  
4 approval of the staff report as revised?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Hearing none, it is  
7 approved.

8 Madam Secretary, will you please call the  
9 roll?

10 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Williamson?

11 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I make a negative  
12 determination.

13 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Lane?

14 COMMISSIONER LANE: I vote in the negative.

15 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pinkert?

16 COMMISSIONER PINKERT: I vote in the  
17 negative.

18 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pearson?

19 VICE CHAIRMAN PEARSON: I vote in the  
20 negative.

21 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Aranoff?

22 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: I vote in the negative.

23 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun?

24 COMMISSIONER OKUN: I vote in the negative.

25 MS. ABBOTT: Madam Chairman, the Commission

1 has reached a negative determination.

2 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Thank you, Madam  
3 Secretary.

4 Further information regarding this  
5 determination will be in the press release.  
6 Commissioners' opinions are currently scheduled to be  
7 transmitted to the Department of Commerce on or before  
8 November 24, 2008.

9 Thank you to all of the staff who  
10 participated in this investigation. We may have hit a  
11 record here for the number of ways we made you rewrite  
12 the tables, and we appreciate all the work that went  
13 into that.

14 We will now pause for a moment so that staff  
15 can come forward for the second vote.

16 (Pause.)

17 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Next we turn to the vote  
18 in Investigation Nos. 731-TA-986 and 987 (Review)  
19 (Ferrovanadium from China and South Africa).

20 Welcome again to Mr. Deyman and a first  
21 welcome to the staff who participated in these  
22 reviews.

23 Are there any questions for the staff?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Are there any additions

1 or corrections to the staff report?

2 MR. DEYMAN: I'm George Deyman, Office of  
3 Investigations. We propose that the staff report be  
4 amended to include the revisions contained in  
5 Memoranda INV-FF-142 of November 4, 2008.

6 And also I'd like to take this opportunity  
7 to introduce to you a new investigator for whom this  
8 is his first Title VII investigation, Edward  
9 Petronzio.

10 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Mr. Petronzio, welcome to  
11 the Commission. Thank you for your work on this  
12 investigation.

13 Is there any objection to approval of the  
14 staff report as revised?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Hearing none, it is  
17 approved.

18 Madam Secretary, will you please call the  
19 roll?

20 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Williamson?

21 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the  
22 affirmative.

23 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Aranoff?

24 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: I vote in the  
25 affirmative.

1 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Lane?

2 COMMISSIONER LANE: I vote in the  
3 affirmative.

4 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun?

5 COMMISSIONER OKUN: I vote in the  
6 affirmative.

7 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pinkert?

8 COMMISSIONER PINKERT: I vote in the  
9 affirmative.

10 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pearson?

11 VICE CHAIRMAN PEARSON: I concur with my  
12 colleagues.

13 MS. ABBOTT: Madam Chairman, the Commission  
14 has reached affirmative determinations.

15 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Thank you, Madam  
16 Secretary.

17 Further information regarding these  
18 determinations will be in the press release.  
19 Commissioners' opinions are currently scheduled to be  
20 transmitted to the Department of Commerce on or before  
21 November 24, 2008.

22 Thank you to all the staff who participated  
23 in these reviews.

24 Seeing that there is no other business  
25 before the Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

1                   (Whereupon, at 11:05 a.m., the Commission  
2 meeting in the above-entitled matter was adjourned.)

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**CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION**

**TITLE:** (Final) (Sodium Metal from France)  
& (Review) (Ferrovanadium from  
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