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Monday,
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Courtroom A
 U.S. International
 Trade Commission
 500 E Street, S.W.
 Washington, D.C.

The meeting commenced, pursuant to Notice, at 11:02 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, the Honorable DEANNA TANNER OKUN, Chairman, presiding.

APPEARANCES:

On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

Commissioners:

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

APPEARANCES: (cont'd.)

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OUTSTANDING ACTION JACKETS: NONE	4

1 objection to approval of the staff report as revised?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Hearing none, it is
4 approved.

5 Mr. Secretary, will you please call the
6 roll?

7 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Aranoff?

8 COMMISSIONER ARANOFF: I vote in the
9 affirmative with respect to imports from India,
10 Indonesia and Korea and in the negative with respect
11 to imports from Italy and Japan.

12 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Lane?

13 COMMISSIONER LANE: I vote in the
14 affirmative.

15 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Okun?

16 CHAIRMAN OKUN: With respect to subject
17 imports from India, Indonesia and Korea, I vote in the
18 affirmative. With respect to subject imports from
19 Italy and Japan, I vote in the negative.

20 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Pearson?

21 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: I vote in the
22 affirmative with respect to imports from India,
23 Indonesia and Korea and in the negative with respect
24 to imports from Italy and Japan.

25 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Pinkert?

1 COMMISSIONER PINKERT: I vote in the
2 negative with respect to imports from Italy and in the
3 affirmative with respect to all other countries.

4 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson?

5 VICE CHAIRMAN WILLIAMSON: I vote in the
6 affirmative with respect to imports from India,
7 Indonesia, Italy and Korea. I vote in the negative
8 with respect to imports from Japan.

9 MR. BISHOP: Madam Chairman, the Commission
10 has reached affirmative determinations with respect to
11 India, Indonesia and Korea. The Commission has
12 reached negative determinations with respect to Italy
13 and Japan.

14 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Thank you. Further
15 information regarding these determinations will be in
16 a press release. Commissioners' opinions are
17 currently scheduled to be transmitted to the
18 Department of Commerce on or before December 16, 2011.

19 Thank you again to the staff who
20 participated.

21 Before closing this meeting, I would like to
22 take a moment to note and recognize our colleague,
23 Commissioner Lane, who has just cast her last vote as
24 a Commissioner. Commissioner Lane joined the
25 Commission on August 27, 2003, as a recess appointee.

1 Her first vote was on September 12, 2003, in the
2 preliminary on Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide From
3 Australia, China, Greece, Ireland, Japan, and South
4 Africa.

5 I knew that Charlotte was going to be a
6 dedicated Commissioner early on because a week after
7 that vote the federal government was going to shut
8 down because of Hurricane Isabel. But the Commission,
9 who is very proud of the fact that we meet our
10 deadlines through thick and thin, really needed to
11 finalize the Steel 204 and 332 reports and deliver
12 them on time.

13 Commissioner Lane joined me and many others
14 here at the Commission despite the closing of the
15 federal government as we camped out and made sure that
16 we got our job done, and so I knew from then that
17 Commissioner Lane was dedicated to the agency, and
18 she's shown that in her actions since then.

19 As you know, Commissioner Lane almost had
20 another last vote when her recess appointment was set
21 to expire in November of 2004. The last vote was
22 almost also on plate, Aluminum Plate From South
23 Africa, on November 5, 2004, but instead was on Hand
24 Trucks From China on November 10, 2004, and like with
25 most political issues there was a Thanksgiving deal,

1 and she and Commissioner Pearson were confirmed on
2 November 21, 2004.

3 In over eight years at the Commission,
4 Commissioner Lane has cast 733 votes. She's served
5 the Commission with distinction and her warm West
6 Virginia charm has always been displayed in all her
7 doings, so while we do not always vote the same, we've
8 always had a great working relationship, and I very
9 much appreciate the dignity that she brought to the
10 job. I'll miss working with Charlotte and wish her
11 the best in all her future endeavors, and with that I
12 will turn to my colleagues. Vice Chair?

13 VICE CHAIRMAN WILLIAMSON: Madam Chairman,
14 thank you. I want to wholeheartedly concur with your
15 remarks. Commissioner Lane has been a wonderful
16 colleague, and she will be sorely missed.

17 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Commissioner Pearson?

18 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: I've been in the
19 working world long enough to know that some times are
20 more fun than others. The experience of working with
21 Charlotte for the past eight years has been much more
22 fun than average time, and I really am going to miss
23 you.

24 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Commissioner Pinkert?

25 COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Thank you, Madam

1 Chairman. I offer this as a footnote to the many
2 Pinkert-Lane or Lane-Pinkert footnotes we've had over
3 the years.

4 Charlotte Lane knows her own mind. She has
5 excellent judgment, and she is unfailingly courteous,
6 professional and collegial, not to mention a very good
7 dresser. And Charlotte knows what makes for a good
8 footnote. I'm just saying. The plain truth is that
9 Charlotte has been a consistent pleasure to work with,
10 and I state for the record that this was true even
11 when she made a comment on my attire on one occasion.
12 How am I doing today, Charlotte?

13 COMMISSIONER LANE: You're okay today, but I
14 didn't think jeans were appropriate for a vote.

15 COMMISSIONER PINKERT: She remembers. In
16 short, I could not have asked for more in a colleague,
17 and I wish you the best, Charlotte.

18 COMMISSIONER ARANOFF: So last but not
19 least, I don't think I can add anything to what
20 everyone else has said except to say that it has been
21 a great pleasure to work with you and we wish you the
22 best of luck in your future endeavors, and I know
23 we'll see you at the Christmas party this year and I
24 hope for many years in the future.

25 COMMISSIONER LANE: Thank you all for all of

1 those kind words. I have enjoyed working here. I've
2 enjoyed the work and the people that I've worked with
3 both inside the agency and outside counsel. And if
4 anybody would look at my résumé you see that I have
5 had a very, very varied career, but I can tell you
6 that the eight years here are the longest that I've
7 spent at any one job, and it has been one of the most
8 fun jobs that I've ever done and rewarding.

9 And I do not know what I'm going to do next,
10 but I will probably be staying in the D.C. area and so
11 hopefully I will be seeing you all around at least at
12 the holiday parties, so thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN OKUN: And with no other business
14 to come before the Commission, this meeting is
15 adjourned.

16 (Whereupon, at 11:10 a.m., the meeting in
17 the above-entitled matter was concluded.)

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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION

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