

PRODUCERS' QUESTIONNAIRE
SILICON METAL FROM BRAZIL AND CHINA

Return completed questionnaire to:

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Office of Investigations, Room 615
500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436

So as to be received by the Commission by no later than July 13, 2006

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping review investigations concerning silicon metal from Brazil and China (inv. Nos. 731-TA-471 and 472 (Second Review)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

<p>Name of firm _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip code _____</p> <p>World Wide Web address _____</p> <p>Has your firm produced silicon metal (as defined in the instruction booklet) at any time since January 1, 2000?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, sign the certification, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)</p>

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission.

By signing this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout these reviews in any other import-injury investigations or reviews conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise. (If you do not consent to such use, please note the certification accordingly.)

I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout these reviews may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of these reviews or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements.

Name and Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature of Authorized Official

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Phone

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Email address

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 50 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-1a. Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.

_____ hours _____ dollars

I-1b. We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your response or send them to the above address.

I-2. Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see pages 3-4 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

I-3. Do you support or oppose continuation of the antidumping duty orders currently in place for silicon metal from Brazil and China? Please explain.

Support Oppose Take no position

I-4. Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Extent of ownership</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

I-5. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in importing silicon metal from Brazil or China into the United States or which are engaged in exporting silicon metal from Brazil or China to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I-6. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in importing silicon metal from countries other than Brazil and China into the United States or which are engaged in exporting silicon metal from countries other than Brazil and China to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Country/firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I-7. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in the production of silicon metal?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I-8. In Parts II and IV of this questionnaire we request a copy of your company's business plan. Does your company or any related firm have a business plan or any internal documents that describe, discuss, or analyze expected future market conditions for silicon metal?

No Yes--Please provide the requested documents. If you are not providing the requested documents, please explain why not.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Karen Taylor (202-708-4101, Karen.Taylor@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.**

II-1. Who should be contacted regarding the requested trade and related information?

Company contact: _____
Name and title

Phone No.

E-mail address

II-2. Has your firm experienced any plant openings, relocations, expansions, acquisitions, consolidations, closures, or prolonged shutdowns because of strikes or equipment failure; curtailment of production because of shortages of materials; or any other change in the character of your operations or organization relating to the production of silicon metal since January 1, 2000?

No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes.

II-3. Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of silicon metal in the future?

No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue. **Include in your response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce silicon metal (in gross short tons) for 2006 and 2007.**

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-4. Would your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of silicon metal in the future if the antidumping duty orders on silicon metal from Brazil and China were to be revoked?

(a) For Brazil:

- No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

(b) For China:

- No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

II-5. Has your firm since January 1, 2000, produced, or does your firm anticipate producing in the future, other products on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of silicon metal and/or using the same production and related workers employed to produce silicon metal?

- No Yes--List the following information and report your firm's combined production capacity and production of these products and silicon metal in the periods indicated.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Basis for allocation of capacity and employment data (indicate if different)</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<i>(Quantity in gross short tons)</i>						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY FOR ALL PRODUCTS						
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY FOR SILICON METAL						
PRODUCTION OF ALL PRODUCTS						
PRODUCTION OF SILICON METAL						

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-6. Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your production capacity.

II-7. Is your firm able to switch production between silicon metal and other products in response to a relative change in the price of silicon metal vis-a-vis the price of other products, using the same equipment and labor?

No Yes--Please identify the other products, the approximate time and cost involved in switching, and the minimum relative price change required for your firm to switch production to or from silicon metal.

II-8. To the best of your knowledge and based on your firm's technical expertise, is it economically viable or efficient to switch production between silicon metal and other products using the same equipment, machinery, and labor? Explain in detail the consequences, costs, and constraints related to such undertaking.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-9. Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, inventories, and employment related to the production of silicon metal in your U.S. establishment(s) during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

(Quantity in gross short tons, value in \$1,000)						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY¹ (quantity)						
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (quantity)						
PRODUCTION (quantity)						
U.S. SHIPMENTS:						
Commercial shipments:						
Quantity of commercial shipments						
Value of commercial shipments						
Internal consumption:						
Quantity of internal consumption						
Value ² of internal consumption						
Transfers to related firms:						
Quantity of transfers to related firms						
Value ² of transfers to related firms						
EXPORT SHIPMENTS:³						
Quantity of export shipments						
Value of export shipments						
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES⁴ (quantity)						
U.S. SHIPMENTS TO:						
DISTRIBUTORS (quantity)						
END USERS (quantity)						
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PRWs						
HOURS WORKED BY PRWs (1,000 hours)						
WAGES PAID TO PRWs (value) (includes benefits)						
¹ The production capacity (see definitions in instruction booklet) reported is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity (use additional pages as necessary). <hr/>						
² Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. In the event that you use a different basis for valuing these transactions, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.) and provide value data using that basis for 2000-05 below: <hr/>						
³ Identify your principal export markets: _____ 						
⁴ Reconciliation of data.--Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No--Please explain: _____ 						

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-10. Please provide a list of the furnaces at each of your manufacturing facilities in which silicon metal is produced. For each furnace, please indicate: (1) whether the furnace currently is operating or is idle; (2) the product or products currently produced in the furnace; (3) whether the furnace can be used to produce silicon metal (currently or after conversion); and (4) if capable of producing silicon metal, the annual silicon metal production capacity the furnace is capable of achieving.

II-11. If you reported transfers to related firms in question II-9, please indicate the nature of the relationship between your firm and the related firms (e.g., joint venture, wholly owned subsidiary), whether the transfers were priced at market value or by a non-market formula, whether your firm retained marketing rights to all transfers, and whether the related firms also processed inputs from sources other than your firm.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-12. Other than direct imports, has your firm otherwise purchased silicon metal since January 1, 2000?
(See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

No Yes--Report such purchases below for the specified periods.¹

<i>(Quantity in gross short tons, value in \$1,000)</i>						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
PURCHASES FROM U.S. IMPORTERS² OF PRODUCT FROM--						
Brazil, from Companhia Brasileira Carbureto de Calcio:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Brazil, from RIMA Eletrometalurgica S.A.:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Brazil, from all other producers:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
China:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES FROM DOMESTIC PRODUCERS:²						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES FROM OTHER SOURCES:²						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
¹ Please indicate your reasons for purchasing this product. If your reasons differ by source, please elaborate. <hr/> <hr/>						
² Please list the name of the firm(s) from which you purchased this product. If your suppliers differ by source, please identify the source for each listed supplier. <hr/> <hr/>						

II-13. Since January 1, 2000, has your firm been involved in a toll agreement (see definition in the instruction booklet) regarding the production of silicon metal?

No Yes--Name firm(s): _____

II-14. Does your firm produce silicon metal in a foreign trade zone (FTZ)?

No Yes--Identify FTZ(s): _____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-15. Since January 1, 2000, has your firm imported silicon metal?

No

Yes--**COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

II-16. Describe the significance of the existing antidumping duty orders covering imports of silicon metal from Brazil and China in terms of its effect on your firm's production capacity, production, U.S. shipments, inventories, purchases, employment, revenues, costs, profits, cash flow, capital expenditures, research and development expenditures, and asset values. You may wish to compare your firm's operations before and after the imposition of the orders. Specify separately for Brazil and China if appropriate.

II-17. Would your firm anticipate any changes in its production capacity, production, U.S. shipments, inventories, purchases, employment, revenues, costs, profits, cash flow, capital expenditures, research and development expenditures, or asset values relating to the production of silicon metal in the future if the antidumping duty orders on silicon metal from Brazil and China were to be revoked? Specify separately for Brazil and China if appropriate.

No

Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, for any trends or projections you may provide.

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Address questions on this part of the questionnaire to Charles Yost (202-205-3432 or charles.yost@usitc.gov).

III-1. Identify the individual who prepared or has knowledge of the requested financial information.

Company contact: _____
 Name and title _____
 Phone No. _____ Fax No. _____
 E-mail address _____ Company web address _____

III-2. Briefly describe your financial accounting system.

- A. When does your fiscal year end (month and day)? _____
 If your fiscal year changed during the period examined, explain below:

- B.1. Describe the lowest level of operations (e.g., plant, division, company-wide) for which financial statements are prepared that include subject merchandise: _____
2. Does your firm prepare profit/loss statements for the subject merchandise: Yes ___ No ___
3. How often did your firm (or parent company) prepare financial statements (including annual reports, 10Ks)? Please check relevant items below.
 Audited ___ unaudited ___ annual reports ___ 10Ks ___ 10Qs ___
 Monthly ___ quarterly ___ semi-annually ___ annually ___
4. Accounting basis: GAAP ___ cash ___ tax ___ other comprehensive (specify) _____

Note: The Commission may request that your company submit copies of its financial statements, including internal profit-and-loss statements for the division or product group that includes silicon metal, as well as those statements and worksheets used to compile data for your firm's questionnaire response.

III-3. Briefly describe your cost accounting system (e.g., standard cost, job order cost, etc.).

III-4. Briefly describe your allocation basis, if any, for COGS, SG&A, and interest expense and other income and expenses.

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION--Continued

III-5. If your firm receives inputs (raw materials, labor, energy, or any other services) used in the production of silicon metal from any related companies, describe the nature of the affiliation and the extent of control these related firms have on your firm and the extent of control your firm has on these related firms.

III-6. When your firm's financial statements are prepared, are they consolidated with the financial statements of any of the related companies in question III-5 above? (In other words, are any profits or losses arising from intercompany transactions eliminated?)

No Yes--Complete question III-7 below.

III-7. Identify the inputs, if any, your firm receives from related parties whose financial statements are consolidated with the financial statements of your firm, in the production of silicon metal. For each input item, provide the name of the related party and the basis for the transfer price (i.e., cost, cost plus, market).

<u>Input</u>	<u>Related Party</u>	<u>Transfer Price Basis</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

III-8. Other products.--Please list any other products you produced in the facilities in which you produced silicon metal, and provide the share of net sales value accounted for by these other products in your most recent fiscal year:

Product(s)	Share of sales value
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION--Continued

III-9. Operations on silicon metal.--Report the revenue and related cost information requested below on the silicon metal operations of your U.S. establishment(s).¹ Do not report resales of product. Note that internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value and purchases from related firms must be at cost. Provide data for your six most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right. If your firm was involved in tolling operations (either as the toller or as the tollee) please contact Charles Yost at (202) 205-3432 before completing this section of the questionnaire.

(Quantity in gross short tons, value in \$1,000)						
Item	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Net sales quantities:²						
Commercial sales						
Internal consumption						
Transfers to related firms						
Total net sales quantities						
Net sales values:²						
Commercial sales						
Internal consumption						
Transfers to related firms						
Total net sales values						
Cost of goods sold (including internal consumption and transfers to related firms):						
Raw materials						
Direct labor						
Other factory costs						
Total cost of goods sold						
Gross profit or (loss)						
Selling, general, and administrative (SG&A) expenses:						
Selling expenses						
General and administrative expenses						
Total SG&A expenses						
Operating income or (loss)						
Other income and expenses:						
Interest expense						
All other expense items						
Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act funds received ³						
All other income items						
All other income or expenses, net						
Net income or (loss) before income taxes						
Depreciation/amortization included above						
¹ Include only sales (whether domestic or export) and costs related to your U.S. manufacturing operations. ² Less discounts, returns, allowances, and prepaid freight. The quantities and values should approximate the corresponding shipment quantities and values reported in Part II of this questionnaire. ³ Please report funds received under this act in the period(s) in which they were received. Do not report these funds as an offset to operating expenses.						

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION--Continued

III-10. Raw materials--Report the cost information for your firm's silicon metal operations reported in the product line income statement (III-9), and identify the major raw materials and other inputs used and their cost. Provide data for your six most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right.

(Value in \$1,000)						
Item	Fiscal years ended--					
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Raw materials (identify, _____)						
Electrodes						
Coal						
Electricity						
Natural gas						
Identify where these items are classified in III-9: electrode consumption _____; coal _____; electricity _____; natural gas _____.						

III-11. Asset values--Report the total assets associated with the production, warehousing, and sale of silicon metal. If your firm does not maintain some or all of the specific asset data in the normal course of business, please estimate it based upon some rational method (such as production, sales, or costs) that is consistent with your cost allocations in the previous question. Your finished goods inventory value should reconcile with the inventory quantity data reported in Part II. Provide data as of the end of your six most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right.

(Value in \$1,000)						
Assets associated with the production, warehousing, and sale of silicon metal:	Fiscal years					
Item	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
1. Current assets:						
A. Cash and equivalents						
B. Accounts receivable, net						
C. Inventories						
D. All other current assets (e.g., raw materials and work in process, short term investments, prepaid expenses, and other)						
E. Total current assets (lines 1.A through 1.D)						
2. Non-current assets						
A. Property, plant, and equipment (PPE) at cost						
B. Less: Accumulated depreciation						
C. Equals: Book value of PPE						
D. All other non-current assets						
Total non-current assets (lines 2.C and 2.D)						
3. Total assets (total current and non-current)						

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-A.--PRICE DATA--Continued

Product 1
 Product 2
 Product 3

(Quantity in Tons, value in dollars)		
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value ¹
2000:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
2001:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
2002:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
2003:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
2004:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
2005:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		

¹ Net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your U.S. point of shipment.

Note.--If your product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your product:

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS

IV-B-1. Please describe how your firm determines the prices that it charges for sales of silicon metal (transaction by transaction negotiation, contracts for multiple shipments, set price lists, etc.). If your firm issues price lists, please include a copy of a recent price list with your submission. If your price list is large, please submit sample pages.

IV-B-2. Please describe your firm's discount policy (quantity discounts, annual total volume discounts, etc.).

IV-B-3. What are your firm's typical sales terms for its U.S.-produced silicon metal (e.g., 2/10 net 30 days)? _____ On what basis are your prices of domestic silicon metal usually quoted (e.g., f.o.b. warehouse, or delivered)? _____

IV-B-4. Approximately what share of your firm's sales of its U.S.-produced silicon metal in 2005 were on a (1) long-term contract basis (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months), (2) short-term contract basis (multiple deliveries up to 12 months), and (3) spot sales basis (for a single delivery)?

Type of sale	Share of sales (percent)
Long-term contracts	
Short-term contracts	
Spot sales	

IV-B-5. If you sell on a long-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical long-term contract.

(a) What is the average duration of a contract? _____

(b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? _____

(c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? _____

(d) Does the contract have a meet or release provision? _____

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS

IV-B-6. If you sell on a short-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical short-term contract.

- (a) What is the average duration of a contract? _____
- (b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? _____
- (c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? _____
- (d) Does the contract have a meet or release provision? _____

IV-B-7. What is the average lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of your U.S.-produced silicon metal?

Source	Share of 2005 sales	Lead time
From inventory		
Produced to order		
Total	100%	

IV-B-8. (a) What is the approximate percentage of the total delivered cost of silicon metal that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? _____ percent.

(b) Who generally arranges the transportation to your customers' locations? Your firm _____ or purchaser _____ (check one).

(c) What proportion of your sales occur within 100 miles of your storage or production facility? _____ percent. 101 to 1,000 miles? _____ percent. Over 1,000 miles? _____ percent.

IV-B-9. What is the geographic market area in the United States served by your firm's silicon metal?

- Northeast Mid-Atlantic Midwest Southeast
- Southwest Rocky Mountains West Coast Northwest
- National Other (describe) _____

IV-B-10. Describe the end uses of the silicon metal that you manufacture. For each end-use product, what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by silicon metal?

<u>End use</u>	<u>Share of total cost accounted for by silicon metal (percent)</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS--Continued

IV-B-11. Have there been any changes in the end uses of silicon metal since 2000?

No Yes--Please describe.

IV-B-12. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the end uses of silicon metal in the future?

No Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

IV-B-13. (a) Please list in order of importance any products that may be substituted for silicon metal.

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

(b) For each possible substitute product, please give examples of applications and end uses for which they are substitutes.

(c) Have changes in the prices of these products affected the price for silicon metal?

No Yes--To what degree do changes in their prices affect the price for silicon metal? Does this effect have a time lag? If so, how long is the time lag for each substitute product? Does this vary by type of silicon metal or final end use?

IV-B-14. Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for silicon metal since 2000?

No Yes--Please explain.

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS--Continued

IV-B-15. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for silicon metal in the future?

- No Yes--Please describe. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

IV-B-16. To what extent did changes in the prices of raw materials affect your firm's selling prices for silicon metal during January 2000-December 2005? Also discuss any anticipated changes in your raw material costs in the future, identifying the time period(s) involved and the factor(s) that you believe would be responsible for such changes. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

IV-B-17. Have any changes occurred in any other factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of energy or labor; transportation conditions; production capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternative production opportunities) that affected the availability of U.S.-produced silicon metal in the U.S. market since 2000?

- No Yes--Please note the time period(s) of any such changes, the factors(s) involved, and the impact such changes had on your shipment volumes and prices.

IV-B-18. (a) Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the availability of U.S.-produced silicon metal in the U.S. market in the future?

- Increase No Change Decrease

(b) If you anticipate changes in supply, please identify the changes including the time period and the impact of such changes on shipment volumes and prices. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-B.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

IV-B-19. Has the availability of NONSUBJECT imported silicon metal changed since 2000?

No Yes--Please explain.

IV-B-20. Describe how easily your firm can shift its sales of silicon metal between the U.S. market and alternative country markets. In your discussion, please describe any contracts, other sales arrangements, or other constraints that would prevent or retard your firm from shifting silicon metal between the U.S. and alternative country markets within a 12-month period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

IV-B-21. Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing (including sales over the internet) of silicon metal since 2000?

No Yes--Please describe and quantify if possible.

IV-B-22. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the product range, product mix, or marketing (including sales over the internet) of silicon metal in the future? Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

No Yes--Please identify, including the time period.

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-B.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

IV-B-23. (a) How has demand within the United States for silicon metal changed since 2000?

Increased Unchanged Decreased

Other (describe) _____

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

(b) How has demand for silicon metal **outside** the United States changed since 2000?

Increased Unchanged Decreased

Other (describe) _____

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand? (Please specify country(ies) involved).

IV-B-24. (a) Do you anticipate any future changes in silicon metal demand in the United States?

No Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

(b) Do you anticipate any future changes in silicon metal demand **outside** the United States?

No Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-B.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

IV-B-25. Please compare market prices of silicon metal in U.S. and non-U.S. markets, if known. Provide specific information as to time periods and regions for any price comparisons.

IV-B-26. Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss silicon metal supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including Brazil and China, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 2000 to the present and forecasts for the future.

IV-B-27. Are your exports of silicon metal subject to any tariff or non-tariff barriers to trade in other countries?

No Yes--Please list the countries and describe any such barriers and any significant changes in such barriers that have occurred since 2000, or that are expected to occur in the future.

IV-B-28. Please indicate what the maximum impurity and other specifications are for the three grades of silicon metal that are within the scope of the investigation in the U.S. market. These are: (1) secondary aluminum grade, (2) primary aluminum grade, and (3) chemical grade. Have these specifications changed in recent years; if so, how?

IV-B-29. In recent years, have there been any significant changes in the production process, the technologies used, and the raw materials employed in the production of silicon metal in the United States, Brazil, China and other countries? If so, please discuss. Are there any other technological changes of significance that has affected the industry? If so, please discuss.

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Section IV-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS--Continued

IV-B-30. Please discuss whether conditions of competition for the industry have changed in recent years both in the United States, Brazil, China and other countries and indicate whether these changes have affected your business and operations.

IV-B-31. Is silicon metal produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable, "F" to indicate that the products are *frequently* interchangeable, "S" to indicate that the products are *sometimes* interchangeable, "N" to indicate that the products are *never* interchangeable, and "O" to indicate *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair.¹

Country-pair	United States	Brazil	China	Other countries
United States				
Brazil				
China				

¹ For any country-pair producing silicon metal which is *sometimes or never* interchangeable, please explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

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Section IV-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS--Continued

IV-B-32. Are differences other than price (i.e., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, etc.) between silicon metal produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales of the products? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that such differences are *always* significant, "F" to indicate that such differences are *frequently* significant, "S" to indicate that such differences are *sometimes* significant, "N" to indicate that such differences are *never* significant, and "0" to indicate *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair.¹

Country-pair	United States	Brazil	China	Other countries
United States				
Brazil				
China				

¹ For any country-pair for which factors other than price *always or frequently* are a significant factor in your firm's sales of silicon metal, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:
