



## THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of: )  
 ) Investigation Nos.:  
 CERTAIN MAGNESIA CARBON ) 701-TA-468 and  
 BRICKS FROM CHINA AND ) 731-TA-1166-1167  
 MEXICO ) (Preliminary)  
 )

Friday,  
 September 11, 2009

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

The meeting commenced, pursuant to notice, at 11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, the Honorable DANIEL R. PEARSON, Vice Chairman, presiding.

## APPEARANCES:

On Behalf of the International Trade Commission:Commissioners:

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

BILL BISHOP, HEARINGS AND MEETINGS COORDINATOR  
 SHARON BELLAMY, HEARINGS AND MEETINGS ASSISTANT

APPEARANCES: (Cont'd)

Staff:

BETSY HAINES, INVESTIGATOR  
VINCENT DESAPIO, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ANALYST  
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JAMES FETZER, ECONOMIST  
CHARLES YOST, ACCOUNTANT/AUDITOR  
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JAMES MCCLURE, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(11:00 a.m.)

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

6 Welcome to Chairman Aranoff, who is  
7 participating by telephone.

8 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Good morning.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN PEARSON: I understand that  
10 there are no objections, no agendas for future  
11 meetings, maybe no objections either. There are no  
12 agendas for future meetings or outstanding action  
13 jackets to consider. Is there any objection to  
14 approval of the minutes of August 21, 2009, or  
15 Ratification List 01-016?

16 (No response.)

17 VICE CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Hearing none, they  
18 are approved.

19 Next we turn to the vote in Investigation  
20 Nos. 701-TA-468 and 731-TA-1166 and 1167 (Preliminary)  
21 (Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks from China and  
22 Mexico).

23 Welcome to Mr. McClure and the staff who  
24 participated in these investigations.

25 Are there any questions for the staff?

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1                   COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Mr. Vice Chairman, do  
2 we have any new staff or folks with new positions on  
3 staff assigned to this case?

4                   VICE CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Indeed we do, and  
5 there may be an acknowledgment of that a bit later.

6                   Is there any objection? Oh, let's see. Are  
7 there any additions or corrections to the staff  
8 report? Did I ask that already? No, okay.

9                   MR. MCCLURE: Jim McClure, Office of  
10 Investigations. Mr. Vice Chairman, there is one  
11 revision to the report as contained in Office of  
12 Investigations Memorandum Inv. GG-077 dated  
13 September 8, 2009.

14                   VICE CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Is there any  
15 objection to approval of the staff report as revised?

16                   (No response.)

17                   VICE CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Hearing none, it is  
18 approved.

19                   Mr. Secretary, will you please call the  
20 roll?

21                   MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Lane.

22                   COMMISSIONER LANE: I vote in the  
23 affirmative.

24                   MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson.

25                   COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the

1 affirmative.

2 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Pinkert.

3 COMMISSIONER PINKERT: I vote in the  
4 affirmative.

5 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Aranoff.

6 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: With respect to imports  
7 from China, I vote in the affirmative on the basis of  
8 threat. With respect to imports from Mexico, I vote  
9 in the negative.

10 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Pearson.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN PEARSON: With respect to  
12 China, I vote affirmative threat. With respect to  
13 Mexico, I vote in the negative.

14 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Okun.

15 COMMISSIONER OKUN: With respect to imports  
16 from China, I make an affirmative threat  
17 determination. With respect to imports from Mexico, I  
18 make a negative determination.

19 MR. BISHOP: Mr. Chairman, the Commission  
20 has reached affirmative determinations.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Thank you, Mr.  
22 Secretary.

23 Further information regarding these  
24 determinations will be available in the press release.  
25 Commissioners' opinions currently are scheduled to be

1 transmitted to the Department of Commerce on or before  
2 September 21, 2009.

3 Thank you to all the staff who participated  
4 in these investigations.

5 Before we adjourn, I would like to  
6 congratulate Cathy DeFilippo, who has been selected as  
7 the new Director of the Office of Investigations. On  
8 behalf of the Commission, I congratulate Ms. DeFilippo  
9 on her appointment. The Commission looks forward to  
10 working with her for many years to come.

11 I also would like to express sincere thanks  
12 on behalf of the entire Commission to John Ascienzo  
13 for his fine leadership as the acting Director of  
14 Investigations during the selection and transition  
15 process.

16 Are there any other comments or  
17 observations?

18 COMMISSIONER PINKERT: No further questions.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Okay, just a word to  
20 the Chairman. You can see how dangerous it is for you  
21 to be gone. But, seeing that there is no other  
22 business before the Commission, this meeting is  
23 adjourned.

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



**CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION**

**TITLE:** Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks  
from China and Mexico

**INVESTIGATION NOS.** 701-TA-468 and 731-TA-1166-1167

**HEARING DATE:** September 11, 2009

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

**NATURE OF HEARING:** Briefing and Vote

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**DATE:** September 11, 2009

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