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Re: Compliance Certification -Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) - Clause 252.225-7014, Preference for Domestic Specialty Metals (June 2005), Alternate I (April 2003)

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is U. S. Steel's response to your request for certification of compliance with DFARS Clause 252.225-7014, for the steel products that we supply to your company. The applicable requirements of DFARS are provided for your reference as Attachment 1.

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Clause 252.225-7014, with Alternate I, Preference for Domestic Specialty Metals, requires that any specialty metals used in any deliverable products must be melted in the United States or a qualifying country.

The qualifying countries include Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Luxemborg, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Great Britain, and the Republic of Ireland.

The steel products we supply to your company are melted at our steelmaking operations in the United States or Canada. As such, we comply with the subject DFARS requirements.

Please contact your Customer Technical Services representative if you require further information relating to the specific U. S. Steel products you have purchased.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred T. Harnack".

Fred T. Harnack

Attachment 1

252.225-7014 Preference for Domestic Specialty Metals. As prescribed in 225.7002-3(b)(1), use the following clause:

PREFERENCE FOR DOMESTIC SPECIALTY METALS (JUN 2005)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—

(1) "Qualifying country" means any country listed in subsection 225.872-1 of the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement.

(2) "Specialty metals" means- (i) Steel-

(A) With a maximum alloy content exceeding one or more of the following limits: manganese, 1.65 percent; silicon, 0.60 percent; or copper, 0.60 percent; or

(B) Containing more than 0.25 percent of any of the following elements: aluminum, chromium, cobalt, columbium, molybdenum, nickel, titanium, tungsten, or vanadium;

(ii) Metal alloys consisting of nickel, iron-nickel, and cobalt base alloys containing a total of other alloying metals (except iron) in excess of 10 percent;

(iii) Titanium and titanium alloys; or (iv)

Zirconium and zirconium base alloys.

(b) Any specialty metals incorporated in articles delivered under this contract shall be melted in the United States or its outlying areas.

(c) This clause does not apply to specialty metals—

(1) Melted in a qualifying country or incorporated in an article manufactured in a qualifying country; or

(2) Purchased by a subcontractor at any tier.

(End of clause)

ALTERNATE I (APR 2003)

As prescribed in 225.7002-3(b)(2), substitute the following paragraph (c) for paragraph (c) of the basic clause, and add the following paragraph (d) to the basic clause:

(c) This clause does not apply to specialty metals melted in a qualifying country or incorporated in an article manufactured in a qualifying country.

(d) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (d), in all subcontracts for items containing specialty metals