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Operations 4
Anti-Dumping Commission
5 Constitution Avenue
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Review 248: Industry support for the review

Good morning,

This submission is made in response to the initiation of Review 248 concerning the anti-dumping measures on aluminium extrusions exported from China. Ullrich Aluminium Co Ltd has been operating in the aluminium industry for over 50 years and is a member of the Australian Aluminium Council and industry producing aluminium extrusions.

While a few importers raised their prices (some are slightly up to 2%) in response to the anti-dumping measures, we are concerned that the duties have not had a significant impact on the market in nearly four years. Similar cases in Canada and the United States have resulted in far greater protection for their domestic industries.

We fully support the submissions made thus far by Capral Ltd concerning Chinese government subsidies and the 'market situation' in China. Ongoing subsidisation of the Chinese aluminium sector continues to result in downward pressure on prices in the Australian market and squeezes Australian industry margins even further.

For your information, Ullrich Aluminium currently employs over 325 employees in Australia and 625 Trans Tasman and believes not only in Free Trade but also Fair Trade policies, which is clearly not happening and our employment of current personnel is clearly at risk, let alone the chance to grow our skills and workforce.

We welcome this review and if you require any additional information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Gilbert Ullrich
Chief Executive Officer
Ullrich Aluminium