



Australian Government  
 Australian Customs and  
 Border Protection Service

## INVESTIGATION INTO HOLLOW STRUCTURAL SECTIONS (HSS)

### RECORD OF MEETING

#### **CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AND ONESTEEL AUSTRALIAN TUBE MILLS (ATM)**

**Date:** Wednesday 30 November 2011

**Attendees:**

ATM

Josh Harslett  
*Steel in Concrete Value Chain Manager*

Nick Fithall  
*General Manager Sales – Distribution  
 Segment*

John O'Connor  
*Consultant – John O'Connor and  
 Associates*

Customs and Border Protection

Geoff Gleeson  
*Director, Operations 3*

Andrea Stone  
*Manager, Operations 3*

Michelle Gibson  
*Manager, Operations 3*

**Discussed:**

ATM draft Verification Visit Report

- ATM had reviewed Customs and Border Protection's draft of the verification visit report and made comments on the contents of the draft (particularly in relation to evidence of lost saes volumes).
- ATM also clarified its understanding of the use of narrow strip (hot rolled steel raw material) in China, which differed from that discussed during the verification visit.

Production of hot-dipped galvanised (HDG) HSS

- ATM discussed the recent mothballing of its Acacia Ridge HDG plant (the only remaining HDG plant that was being operated by ATM).
- ATM outlined its future plans for its supply of HDG HSS.
- ATM committed to providing a formal submission to the investigation on this matter.

Preliminary Affirmative Determination (PAD)

- ATM provided a submission that, once Customs and Border Protection receives responses to the Government of China (GOC) and Government of Thailand questionnaire, Customs and Border Protection would be well positioned to consider a PAD.
- ATM asserted that the GOC's assertions in its submission of 19 November 2011 in relation to the comparison between Chinese and global HRC prices are inaccurate.
- ATM requested that Customs and Border Protection publish a PAD no later than 31 December 2011.

*Note: ATM has provided a non-confidential version of this submission, which is available on Customs and Border Protection's Public Record.*

Date of price comparison

- Customs and Border Protection queried whether ATM considered that the delay between date of order (when price is generally set both between the importers and their suppliers, and between the importers and their customers) should be taken into account when undertaking price undercutting analysis between imports and ATM's sales.
- ATM committed to providing a formal submission to the investigation on this matter.