



INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED DUMPING OF

CERTAIN CRYSTALLINE SILICONPHOTOVOLTAIC MODULES OR PANELS EXPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

NOTE FOR FILE– WUXI SUNTECH POWER CO., LTD. – EXTENSION TO EXPORTER QUESTIONNAIRE

Background

On 23 May 2014, the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) provided an exporter questionnaire to Wuxi Suntech Power Co., Ltd. (Suntech) a selected Chinese exporter of certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules or panels (PV modules or panels) for sampling. The response to the exporter questionnaire was due by 25 June 2014.

On 17 June 2014, a consultant representing Suntech wrote to the Commission seeking an extension until 10 July 2014 (an extension of 15 days).

The reasons for the extension are as follows:

- Suntech is currently working on another anti-dumping investigation which was initiated by the USA prior to the Australian investigation. Hence, the key staff required to provide accurate and detailed financial and production information need additional time to adequately respond to two questionnaires from the USA and Australia.
- Suntech just finished the bankruptcy restructuring in line with China's bankruptcy law last year and many of its experienced staffs resigned or were downsized. Persons handling the current investigations are mostly newcomers who are still in the run-in period to be familiar with the company's operation, financial and sales system. Thus, the working efficiency is very low.
- As one of the largest solar panel suppliers in China, Suntech has a large number of domestic transactions during the investigation period, which involves many types of subject goods. Collection of such huge volume of sales and costs data according to the questionnaire requirements is certainly not easy work.

Decision

After carefully considering Suntech's request and taking into account the strict legislative timeframes, the Commission granted Suntech an extension of one week. The Commission expects the questionnaire response to be complete in all respects in the first instance including filing in the public record version of the questionnaire by this date.

The responses to the exporter questionnaire from Suntech are now due by **2 July 2014**.