



Australian Government
**Australian Customs and
Border Protection Service**

INVESTIGATION INTO ALUMINIUM ZINC COATED AND GALVANISED STEEL

RECORD OF MEETING

CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AND ACE GUTTERS

Date: Tuesday, 13 November 2012

Attendees:

Ace Gutters

Col Hoskins
General Manager

John McLaughlin
Consultant

Don Anderson
CEO

Customs and Border Protection

Simon Dan
Director

Joanne Reid
Director, Operations 2

Jonathan Dan
Director

Nicole Platt
Manager, Operations 2

Geoff Hall
Finance Manager

Background:

Ace Gutters made a submission and Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, (Customs and Border Protection) visited them as an interested party to obtain their views on the investigation. The meeting was attended at Ace Gutter's premises in Sydney.

Discussed:

Customs and Border Protection explained the overall investigation process to the company. The company provided a meeting agenda on site, outlining the main issues of concern for them as a downstream user of the products under investigation. A non-confidential copy of that agenda is attached.

Customs and Border Protection toured the manufacturing facilities and met various key staff members before discussing the company's concerns as outlined in the attached agenda.

The following specific issues were also discussed:

Ace Gutters' History with the Applicant

- The company provided a detailed account of the previous trading history they had shared with Bluescope Steel (Bluescope).
- The company's main concerns centre around Bluescope's refusal to provide product on a reasonable commercial basis to them, forcing them to seek sources from overseas.
- The company's concerns regarding future supplies and potential dealings with Bluescope.

Statement of Essential Facts

- General discussion of timing of submissions, final report to the Minister and Minister's decision

Exemption Process

- Customs and Border Protection discussed the grounds upon which a company can be granted an exemption if dumping measures were to be imposed, particularly s8(7)(a) and s8(7)(b) of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975*.

We advised Ace Gutters that we would seek Bluescope's views on the matters raised in the meeting and in the attached agenda. Ace Gutters was advised to contact Customs and Border Protection to clarify any further matters in relation to this investigation.