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Investigation into certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules or panels (PV modules or panels (the goods)) exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China)

Record of meeting with the China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products and the Government of China

Date: 11 February 2015

Meeting: the Anti-Dumping Commission's office - Canberra

Attendees:

China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products

Mr Sun Guangbin, Deputy Secretary General
Mr Chen Huaisheng, Legal Service Department

The Government of China

Mr Wei Wei – Deputy Director, No. 1 Export Division, Trade Remedy Bureau
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Consultants

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Ms Nancy Peng, Attorney - East and Concord Partners

Anti-Dumping Commission

Ms Lisa Hind – General Manager, Investigations
Ms Joanne Reid – Case Director
Ms Emma Hatcher – Director, Legal and International
Ms Melanie Sebastian – A/g Director Legal and International
Mr Sanjay Sharma – Case Manager
Ms Chris Kunaratnam – Senior Investigator
Ms Alice Tang – Investigator

Background

The China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products (CCCME) and the Government of China (GOC), requested a meeting with the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) to discuss issues relating to the dumping investigation into certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules or panels exported from China.

The CCCME made two submissions to the Commission dated 23 June 2014 and 30 September 2014. The Public Record versions of the submissions are at the Commission's website.



Update on the investigation

The Commission advised that the four selected exporters have been visited and the information contained in their questionnaire responses has been verified. The visit reports will be placed on the Commission's website shortly. All four selected exporters have been co-operating with the investigation.

The Commission also advised that at this stage of the investigation there is insufficient evidence to support the claim that the prices of the PV modules or panels in the domestic Chinese market were influenced by the GOC.

Issues

The CCCME and the GOC presented the following issues. These issues have also been addressed in the CCCME's submissions dated 23 June 2014 and 30 September 2014:

- an overview of CCCME's views in relation to the investigation;
- CCCME's view that the Australian industry has not suffered material injury caused by dumping; and
- any injury suffered by the Australian industry may have been caused by other factors as highlighted in CCCME's submissions.

The CCCME and the GOC expressed their full cooperation with the investigation.

The CCCME and the GOC highlighted the potential impact on the Australian market for the goods if any dumping duties are imposed. The GOC also emphasised the importance of this investigation to the GOC and advised that it had discussed the matter with representatives of the Australian government in other forums.

The Commission advised that its preliminary finding will be contained in the Statement of Essential Facts (SEF) that is due to be published by 5 March 2015, and that it will make recommendations to the Parliamentary Secretary after taking into account any submissions made in response to the SEF. The Commission also advised that the Parliamentary Secretary had the ultimate discretion on whether or not to impose anti-dumping measures.