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MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND ENERGY
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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Dale Seymour
Commissioner
Anti-Dumping Commission
Commonwealth of Australia

Dear Mr. Seymour

First of all, I would like to express my deep appreciation for the efforts and leadership of the Australian government toward promoting multilateral trading system and discouraging protectionism.

In this context, we would like to express our gratitude for your authority's latest determination that terminated anti-dumping duties on Korean wind tower and final AD decision on A4 copy paper with adjusted margin rate.

At the same time, I understand that 4 reviews related to Korean steel products are undergoing. Korea believes those investigations will be conducted in a fair and objective manner.

Specifically, we would like to raise several points on which Korean exporter has serious concerns. In regard to two reviews for the Korean Hot rolled structural steel sections which were initiated in January 2019 and February 2019 respectively, there are concerns raised by Korean exporter as follows:

First, the petitioner (Liberty Steel) who imports the subject product from Korean respondent (Hyundai Steel) is not eligible for the domestic industry, thus cannot initiate the sunset review under Articles 4.1 and 11.3 of the WTO AD agreement.

Second, during the three years of 2015 to 2017 when the anti-dumping measures were imposed, the export volumes and the unit price of Hyundai Steel have increased continuously in response to increasing demand by the petitioner, Liberty Steel.

As a reference, since 2016 when Liberty steel had contracted a number of government projects, it has been known to focus on producing railway products instead of Hot rolled structural steel sections using a single manufacturing line. Due to limited production capacity, Liberty steel asked Hyundai Steel to provide the Hot rolled structural steel sections to meet the local demand.

Accordingly, it is unwarranted that the import of Korean steel from Hyundai Steel is regarded as a principal cause of injury to the Australian industry.



It is my understanding that Mr. Sexton, General Manager of Anti-Dumping Commission and Mr. Chung, our Director General for Trade Legal Affairs and Public Relations, engaged in a fruitful discussion on May 17th during his visit to Korea for the Seoul International Forum on Trade Remedies 2019.

I believe that Mr. Sexton is well aware of the concerns mentioned above, and I therefore look forward to the Commission reaching a satisfactory outcome on these matters.

Last but not least, I hope to meet you in Seoul International Forum on Trade Remedies next year to further enhance our cooperation on trade remedy issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seung Ho Kim', written over a faint circular stamp.

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