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Anti-Dumping Commission

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[Confidential – address]

Sent via email to: [Confidential – email address]

Dear [Confidential – contact name],

Exemption Inquiries EX0070, EX0071 and EX0072

I refer to the Anti-Dumping Commission's (**Commission**) current exemption inquiries into steel reinforcing bar (**rebar**) exported to Australia from China, Greece, Indonesia, Korea, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan and Thailand (EX0070, EX0071 and EX0072) and the questionnaire responses in respect of those inquiries by Liberty OneSteel (Newcastle) Pty Ltd, OneSteel NSW Pty Limited and The Australian Steel Company (Operations) Pty Ltd (collectively, **Liberty Steel**) provided to the Commission on 15 April 2019.

To further assist the Commission in these exemption inquiries, the Commission requests clarification from Liberty Steel on the following issues:

EX0070 and EX0071

1. In Part D.2 of its response, Liberty Steel submits that deformed bar in straight lengths, grade 500N with nominal diameters of 28mm and 40mm produced in Australia is considered to be directly competitive to the exemption goods.

In Part E.2 of its response, Liberty Steel states it produces rebar in grade 500N with a continuous thread rib profile in both 25mm and 32mm diameters, which the Commission understands is known as REIDbar.

Can Liberty Steel advise whether it considers that REIDbar at 25mm and 32mm diameters are also directly competitive to the goods?

2. In Part E.2 of its response, Liberty Steel states that all that is required to make the exemption goods in 28mm and 40mm diameters is:

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- a modification to the rolls at its mill; and
- an order to supply the exemption goods.

We ask that Liberty Steel provide more information on:

- a) what modifications would be required to the rolls at its mill;
 - b) whether it already has the necessary tools and equipment to make the exemption goods;
 - c) how long it would take to make such modifications (including any delays in ordering any necessary tools and equipment);
 - d) the extent of any capital expenditure required to make such modifications; and
 - e) the approximate timeframe after receiving an order to supply the exemption goods (after making such modifications).
3. The Commission notes that Liberty Steel does not hold ACRS certification for the exemption goods in 28mm and 40mm diameters. Would Liberty Steel obtain such certification if it received an order to make the exemption goods, and if so, how long would such certification likely take?
 4. In Part E.4 of its response, Liberty Steel states that like goods would be offered on the same terms and conditions of sale as non-standard products requiring a minimum order quantity of 100 tonnes and would be produced according to the mills rolling cycle.

We ask that Liberty Steel provide a sample of examples of offers for non-standard products, or alternatively, further detail on the terms and conditions of such offers.

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5. In Part E.1 of its response, Liberty Steel states it is capable of producing like goods to the exemption goods, in respect of diameters other than 15mm and 20mm (which it already produces).

We ask that Liberty Steel provide more information on:

- a) what modifications would be required to its plant (if any) to produce the exemption goods at diameters >20mm to <50mm;
- b) how long it would take to make such modifications (including any delays in ordering any necessary tools and equipment); and
- c) the extent of any capital expenditure required to make such modifications; and

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d) the approximate timeframe after receiving an order to supply the exemption goods to supply the goods (after making such modifications).

6. The Commission notes that Liberty Steel does not hold ACRS certification for the exemption goods. Would Liberty Steel obtain such certification if it received an order to make the exemption goods, and if so, how long would such certification likely take?

Please provide your response to the Commission by close of business **Monday 13 May 2019**. After this time, the Commission will use the information it has available to make its assessment as to whether exemptions from dumping duties may be recommended to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology.

Please note, a public version of this letter will be placed on the Commission's electronic public record for these inquiries.

Should Liberty Steel wish to provide a confidential response, please ensure a public version suitable for publication is also provided to the Commission.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me on 03 8539 2527, or by email Investigations3@adcommission.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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