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The Commissioner  
Anti-Dumping Commission  
55 Collins Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

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Dear Commissioner

## **Application seeking an exemption from anti-dumping duties**

We would like to seek an exemption from anti-dumping duties for prestressing steel bar (referred herein as threadbar) produced in Thailand and China.

## **Details of applicant**

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## **Applicant's interest as an affected party**

International Drilling Equipment would like to import fully threaded prestressing steel threadbar that is used for pre-stressing of concrete and post-tensioning of rock anchors to name a few applications.

We are considering diameters ranging from 15 to 75mm. The typical guaranteed minimum yield strength range from 885 to 1100MPa. The typical guaranteed minimum ultimate strengths range from 1080 to 1230MPa. Refer to table 6.1 and 6.2 of AS/NZS4672 for common strengths and diameters and as mentioned in the notes below the table, those are for information only as other values exist.

IDE would like to import this product because design engineers specify and insist on using prestressing steel threadbar for the construction of bridges, building and ground support systems in geotechnical designs. Since prestressing steel threadbar has double the strength of reinforcing bar, has stringent mechanical properties (elongation, ductility and relaxation), it allows for effective and sufficient stressing against concrete and rock. Also, prestressing threadbar has continuously rolled coarse threads onto which steel nuts and couplers can be screwed anywhere along the entire length of the threadbar. As a result, the length of the threadbar can be readily increased on site by installing couplers/joiners and end anchorage such as nuts and plates can be installed at any position along the threadbar. This is impossible with standard stock reinforcing bars as they are not threaded.

Based on the significantly higher strength, stringent mechanical properties and continuous thread of prestressing threadbar, design engineers would not allow to substitute it with grade 500MPa reinforcing bars.

**Details of other parties likely to have an interest in this exemption application and what their interests may be**

LibertyOnesteel produces reinforcing steel grade 500MPa threadbar called Reidbar in 16, 20, 25 & 32mm diameters. LibertyOnesteel does not hold an ACRS certificate for prestressing steel threadbar. None of the brochures and commercial information from OneSteel show that they prestressing threadbar and I have never come across OneSteel pre-stressing steel threadbar on construction projects.

Commonwealth Steel (Comsteel) produces grade 500MPa reinforcing steel bars as shown on their company brochure. Comsteel does not produce prestressing grade steel threadbar and does not hold a ACRS certificate for prestressing steel threadbar.

**Grounds on which the exemption is being sought**

Exemption One – Like or directly competitive goods are not offered for sale in Australia to all purchasers on equal terms under like conditions having regard to the custom and usage of trade.

**Evidence that all known Australian producers have been contacted in writing and asked whether or not they manufacture and can supply thread bar.**

Refer to attached confidential correspondences from Australia reinforcing steel bar producers confirming that they do not produce prestressing steel grade threadbar.

**Details of anti-dumping and countervailing measures applying to steel reinforcing bar**

The goods subject to measures are:

- Hot-rolled deformed steel reinforcing bar whether or not in coil form;
- Commonly identified as rebar or debar;
- In various diameters up to and including 50 millimetres;
- Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process; and
- Regardless of the particular grade or alloy content or coating.

**Detailed statement setting out reasons for seeking an exemption**

The Australian steel bar producers do not manufacture prestressing grade steel threadbar equivalent to those that we are considering importing and we should therefore not have to pay anti-dumping duty.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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