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Ms Joanne Reid
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Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
Customs House
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Dear Ms Reid

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Hot Rolled Steel Plate – re submission on behalf of Bisalloy Steels Pty Ltd

I refer to the submission dated 22 March 2013 on behalf of Bisalloy Steels Pty Ltd (“Bisalloy”) requesting BlueScope Steel Limited (“BlueScope”) to withdraw a part of its application that applies to quench and tempered (“Q&T”) Greenfeed alloy steel plate, or alternatively seeking Customs and Border Protection to redefine the goods the subject of BlueScope’s application.

It is contended on behalf of Bisalloy that the Q&T greenfeed product are goods that “*are not ‘like’*” and “*do not exhibit any degree of substitutability*” to goods that are the subject of the application.

BlueScope does not agree with this suggestion.

BlueScope does agree that Q&T greenfeed plate steel falls within the description of the goods covered in BlueScope’s application. The Q&T greenfeed product does include some further value-adding attributes, however, Q&T greenfeed product remains a ‘like’ good to the goods the subject of the application.

Reference has been made to several products the subject of a single application (i.e. pineapple juice concentrate, consumer and FSI pineapple, where separate categories for the goods were accepted). BlueScope would also highlight that in previous linear low density polyethylene inquiries there were three distinct co-monomers of polyethylene of which the Australian industry produced only one co-monomer (i.e. hexene), and all three co-monomers were considered alike for the purposes of the investigation (and separate product categories/market segments was not considered).

In the current steel plate investigation BlueScope considered Q&T greenfield plate steel to be a like good and included in the goods the subject of the application. BlueScope does not consider that it is appropriate to treat Q&T greenfeed plate steel as not alike to the goods the subject of the application as Q&T greenfeed plate steel has characteristics closely resembling the goods the subject of the application. Similarly, BlueScope does not consider that Customs and Border protection should redefine the goods the subject of the application as BlueScope has adequately described the goods and it was intended to include Q&T greenfeed plate steel within the goods coverage.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 4275 3858.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan Gibbs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small dash at the end.

Alan Gibbs
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