



**Australian Government**  
**Australian Customs and  
Border Protection Service**

## INVESTIGATION INTO HOT ROLLED PLATE STEEL EXPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND TAIWAN

### RECORD OF MEETING

#### *CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AND BLUESCOPE STEEL LIMITED*

**Date:** Thursday, 6 June 2013

**Attendees:**

BlueScope Steel Ltd

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Chad Uphill  
*Senior Finance Analyst*

Representative for BlueScope Steel Ltd  
John O'Connor  
*John O'Connor & Associates Pty Ltd*

Customs and Border Protection

Joanne Reid  
*Director, Operations 2*

Michelle Gibson  
*Manager, Operations 2*

Sanjay Sharma  
*Manager, Operations 2*

**Discussed:**

1. Submission by Bisalloy Steels Pty Ltd of 30 May 2013

- BlueScope Steel Ltd (BlueScope) reiterated that it considers Q&T green feed to be like goods to other types of plate steel.
- Customs and Border Protection confirmed that its position had not changed from that stated in its letter to Bisalloy dated 1 May 2013, document number 87 on the Electronic Public File.

2. Minter Ellison submission on behalf of JFE Steel Corporation, Kobe Steel Ltd, Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation and Nisshin Steel Co., Ltd dated 23 May 2013

- BlueScope rebutted the statements made in the submission about it refusing to supply to customers and noted that the supply issues faced prior to the Global Financial Crisis were experienced across the steel industry due to unprecedented levels of demand.
3. BlueScope's submission regarding average costing of coil plate and pattern plate (plate made via the plate mill)
- Customs and Border Protection confirmed that the submission had been received and passed on to exporter visit teams for consideration.
4. Allegations of Market situation in China
- Customs and Border Protection discussed the requirement to determine whether the cooperating Chinese exporter's costs reflect competitive market costs if a finding of market situation is made. BlueScope undertook to provide Customs and Border Protection additional information regarding breakdown of plate steel manufacture costs.
5. Dumping margin for Japanese exporters
- BlueScope enquired how Customs and Border Protection would calculate a dumping margin for Japanese exporters given it had not received any cooperation. Customs and Border Protection advised that it would use all relevant information, including information obtained from importers and in the application.
6. Forms of duty
- Discussion around the options for forms of dumping and countervailing measures in light of recent changes to the relevant legislation.