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International Trade Remedies Branch
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#### Statement of Essential Facts No 159C

# Clear Float Glass Exported to Australia from China, Indonesia and Thailand

Dear Sir.

Muliaglass thanks you for the opportunity to respond to the SEF published on 9th August 2011 and offer our comments as follows:

- (1) We note that the findings in the resumed investigation do not differ from the findings in the original investigation which was terminated in December 2010.
- (2) In which case we assume the resumed investigation will also be terminated.
- (3) We also note that in the event that the delegate may decide for whatever reason to recommend otherwise, a non-injurious price can be established by reference to the Australian industries selling prices at a time unaffected by dumping and indexed to its CTMS, less postexportation cost.
- (4) If the circumstances in (3) above were to eventuate then our only comment would be to reconsider using YEM costs in 2010 which may have been adversely distorted by the ongoing extraordinary costs associated with the business reorganisation, including plant closures and redundancies.

In addition to the above we would like you to consider as follows: -

- (1) Australia must import CFG to meet the needs of the industry.
  - (a) Because Viridian do not have sufficient capacity to supply the overall market requirements.
  - (b)Because some processors prefer never to buy CFG from their main downstream competitor.

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- (2) CFG is the Australian industries raw material; consequently the imposition of any additional duties or price controls will adversely affect the competitiveness of all Australian processors of CFG with imports of processed product.
- (3) CFG is now just a commodity, which can and is produced more economically by less developed and lower cost economies with whom Viridian simply cannot expect to compete.
- (4)The Australian flat glass industry is already experiencing reduced demand and any additional cost of their basic raw materials will adversely impact their performance and further alienate their customers should they decide to try and pass on any additional costs.

Yours Faithfully

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Director

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