

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

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AK STEEL CORPORATION

ASHLAND WORKS

A SUBSIDIARY OF AK STEEL HOLDING CORPORATION
INCLUDING WORKERS WHOSE WAGES WERE REPORTED THROUGH
RMI INTERNATIONAL AND ESM GROUP INC.
INCLUDING ON-SITE LEASED WORKERS FROM MANPOWER, INC.
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

Certification Regarding Eligibility
To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Act"), 19 U.S.C. § 2273, the Department of Labor herein presents the results of an investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance.

The group eligibility requirements for workers of a firm under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. § 2272(a), are satisfied if the following criteria are met:

(1) a significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated; and

(2) (A) (i) the sales or production, or both, of such firm have decreased absolutely; and

(ii) (I) imports of articles or services like or directly competitive with articles produced or services supplied by such firm have increased; and

(iii) the increase in imports described in clause (ii) contributed importantly to such workers' separation or threat of separation and to the decline in the sales or

production of such firm.

The investigation was initiated in response to a petition filed on October 30, 2015 by the United Steelworkers, Local 1865 on behalf of workers of AK Steel Corporation, Ashland Works, a subsidiary of AK Steel Holding Corporation, including workers whose wages were reported through RMI International and ESM Group Inc., including on-site leased workers from Manpower, Inc., Ashland, Kentucky. The workers' firm is engaged in activities related to the production of carbon steel slabs. The subject worker group includes AK Steel Corporation Ashland Works employees, in addition to on-site third party contracted workers supplying services such as security and industrial maintenance and technical services.

During the course of the investigation, information was collected from the petitioner, the workers' firm, and major declining customers of the workers' firm.

Section 222(a)(1) has been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated.

Section 222(a)(2)(A)(i) has been met because the sales and/or production of carbon steel slabs by AK Steel Corporation Ashland Works have decreased absolutely.

Section 222(a)(2)(A)(ii) has been met because customer imports of articles like or directly competitive with the article produced by AK Steel Corporation Ashland Works have increased.

Finally, Section 222(a)(2)(A)(iii) has been met because increased customer imports contributed importantly to the worker group separations and sales/production declines at AK Steel Corporation Ashland Works.

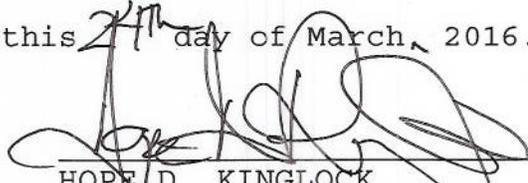
Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I determine that workers of AK Steel Corporation, Ashland Works, a subsidiary of AK Steel Holding Corporation, including workers whose wages were reported through RMI International and ESM Group Inc., including on-site leased workers from Manpower, Inc., Ashland, Kentucky, who are engaged in activities related to the production of carbon steel slabs meet the worker group certification criteria under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. § 2272(a). In accordance with Section 223 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. § 2273, I make the following certification:

"All workers of AK Steel Corporation, Ashland Works, a subsidiary of AK Steel Holding Corporation, including workers whose wages were reported through RMI International and ESM Group Inc., including on-site

leased workers from Manpower, Inc., Ashland, Kentucky, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after October 26, 2014 through two years from the date of certification, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on the date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended."

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 27th day of March, 2016.



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