ADC No. 48/2016/NTC/Rebars National Tariff Commission Government of Pakistan

Preliminary Determination in Antidumping Investigation on Dumped Imports of Deformed Concrete Reinforcing Steel Bars into Pakistan Originating in and/ or Exported from the People's Republic of China

National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") initiated an antidumping investigation on November 26, 2016 under Section 23 of the of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") concerning dumping of deformed concrete reinforcing steel bars ("Rebars") from People's Republic of China ("China") into Pakistan and material injury caused by such dumped imports to the domestic industry manufacturing Rebars. The application for this investigation was lodged by M/s Amreli Steels Limited Karachi, M/s Agha Steel Industries, Ltd. Karachi and M/s Abbas Engineering Ltd. Karachi (the "Applicants"). The Applicants are producers of Rebars. The Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2001 (the "Rules"), has determined the following on a preliminary basis:

Product under Investigation: The investigated product is deformed steel concrete reinforcing bars ("Rebar") in straight lengths, U-bends or coils. Such deformed steel concrete reinforcing bars are in various diameters upto and including 40 MM, in various finishes including indentation, ribs, groves or other deformations <u>excluding plain round bars</u>. It is falling under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") Heading Nos. 7214.2010, 7214.2090, 7214.3010, 7214.3090, 7214.9910, 7214.9990, 7215.1010, 7215.1090, 7215.5010, 7215.5090, 7215.9010, 7215.9090, 7228.2090, 7228.3090, 7228.1000, 7228.4000, 7228.5000, 7228.6000. Rebars are most commonly used to reinforce concrete and masonry structures.

Period of Investigation ("POI"):

For determination of dumping: From July 01, 2015 to June 30, 2016 For determination of injury: From July 01, 2013 to June 30, 2016

Determination of Dumping: The Commission has not received any information from any of the exporter/ foreign producer in this investigation. Therefore, dumping margin for all exporters of investigated product imported from China is determined on the basis of best information available in terms of Section 32 of the Act. The dumping margin expressed as percentage of weighted average adjusted export price works out 52.52 percent.

Injury to the Domestic Industry: The Commission has on preliminary basis established that the domestic industry suffered material injury on account of volume of dumped imports, price undercutting, decline in market share, decline in productivity and magnitude of the dumping margin.

Non-Imposition of Provisional Anti-dumping Duty: In accordance with provisions of Section 43 of the Act and keeping in view the analysis of all relevant factors the Commission has decided that no provisional measures be imposed in this case.

Hearing: Any party registered as an interested party in this case may request a hearing, if it so wishes, in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules within 30 days of the publication of this notice by contacting Secretary, National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad. Telephone No. +92-51-9202839, Fax No.+92-51-9221205.

Final Determination: In terms of Section 39 of the Act, the Commission is required to make final determination within 180 days of publication of notice of Preliminary Determination

Further Information: A non-confidential version of the detailed report on preliminary determination has been placed on public file established and maintained by the Commission. It has also been posted on the Commission's website: www.ntc.gov.pk. The public file shall be available to the interested parties, registered with the Commission for the purposes of this investigation, for review and copying at the offices of the Commission, from Monday to Thursday (except public holidays) between 1100 hrs to 1300 hrs.

Authority under Law: This notice is published pursuant to Section 37 of the Act by order of the Commission.

(Syed Ali Muhammad Shah) Secretary May 23, 2017