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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lori Robertson, Bureau of Reclamation, 505 Marquette, NW., Suite 1313, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102; e-mail: ; telephone (505) 248-5326, or Mr. John W. Longworth, New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, Bataan Memorial Building, State Capitol, PO Box 25102, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504; e-mail: jlongworth@ose.nm.us; telephone (505) 827-7847.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal involvement in the Pecos River Basin began in 1905 with authorization of the Carlsbad Project. Reclamation stores and delivers Carlsbad Project water for the benefit of the Carlsbad Irrigation District (CID). Reclamation's Carlsbad Project facilities on the Pecos River now include Sumner Dam, Brantley Dam, and Avalon Dam. The Black River Diversion Dam is also a Carlsbad Project facility. Reclamation and CID are also permitted to store Carlsbad Project water in Santa Rosa Lake provided total storage in all four reservoirs does not exceed 176,500 acre-feet. The Fort Sumner Diversion Dam is owned by Reclamation but it is not associated with the Carlsbad Project. The Fort Sumner Irrigation District operates the facility and holds title to all water rights diverted at the dam.

In 1987, the Pecos bluntnose shiner was listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a threatened species and approximately 101 miles of the Pecos River were designated as critical habitat. Releases from Sumner Dam in 1989 adversely affected the Pecos bluntnose shiner. Reclamation consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and received a biological opinion from them in 1991 indicating that operation of Reclamation's Pecos River facilities was jeopardizing the continued existence of the Pecos bluntnose shiner. In 1992, Reclamation began a cooperative research program aimed at determining how to meet the needs of the Pecos bluntnose shiner and downstream water users. Through a multi-agency collaborative effort, a hydrologic model has been developed and various biological reports have been prepared.

For several years, Reclamation and the NMISC have worked together to

address Pecos River water issues. Recently, the two agencies developed an approach for environmental review of proposed Pecos River Basin activities. One EIS would be prepared for Reclamation's Carlsbad Project water operations and water acquisition (Carlsbad Project Water Operations and Water Supply Conservation EIS which is the subject of this Notice of Intent). Another EIS would be prepared for a miscellaneous purposes contract that would allow the NMISC to use Carlsbad Project water allocated to approximately 6,000 acres of Carlsbad Irrigation District land for purposes other than agriculture (Miscellaneous Purposes Contract EIS). Reclamation and the NMISC plan to conduct both EIS processes concurrently to the extent possible and fully coordinate environmental analyses.

The range of alternatives to be analyzed in this EIS would likely include various operational scenarios for Sumner Dam and various sources and quantities of water for the water acquisition program. Adjustments to the timing, magnitude, frequency, duration, and rate of change of releases from Sumner Dam will likely be addressed. The quantity of water stored in or bypassed through Sumner Reservoir during low-flow periods will be addressed. To the extent that revised operations diminish the Carlsbad Project water supply, the alternatives will include various water acquisition options. Water offsets could be through acquisition of water rights voluntarily offered for sale or lease and other cooperative mitigation efforts. The concept of adaptive management would be incorporated to allow refinement of operations or changes to targets and ranges as new information becomes available, and in response to environmental conditions.

The environmental evaluation will assess potential effects that the proposed action may have on Indian Trust Assets. It will also assess potential disproportionate effects on minority or low-income communities. Currently, there are no known environmental justice or Indian Trust Asset issues related to the proposed action. Operational scenarios and water right acquisitions and other cooperative mitigation efforts have the potential to adversely affect New Mexico's ability to maintain compliance with the Pecos River Compact and Amended Decree. Effects of each alternative on New Mexico's state line deliveries and its Pecos River Compact obligations will be evaluated. With successful mitigation measures, the most significant issues associated with the proposed action are

thought to be economic and social change associated with permanent retirement of irrigated farmland.

Dated: September 17, 2002.

Rick Gold,

Regional Director, Upper Colorado Region.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-1020 (Preliminary)]

Barium Carbonate From China

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of antidumping investigation and scheduling of a preliminary phase investigation.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of an investigation and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigation No. 731-TA-1020 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from China of barium carbonate, provided for in subheading 2836.60.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach a preliminary determination in antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by November 14, 2002. The Commission's views are due at Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by November 21, 2002.

For further information concerning the conduct of this investigation and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 30, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Fischer (202-205-3179 or ffischer@usitc.gov), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain

information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS-ON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol/public>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This investigation is being instituted in response to a petition filed on September 30, 2002, by Chemical Products Corp., Cartersville, GA.

Participation in the Investigation and Public Service List

Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigation as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in sections 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Industrial users and (if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level) representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to this investigation upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

Limited Disclosure of Business Proprietary Information (BPI) Under an Administrative Protective Order (APO) and BPI Service List

Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in this investigation available to authorized applicants representing interested parties (as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9)) who are parties to the investigation under the APO issued in the investigation, provided that the application is made not later than seven days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Conference

The Commission's Director of Operations has scheduled a conference in connection with this investigation for 9:30 a.m. on October 22, 2002, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Fred Fischer (202-205-3179 or ffischer@usitc.gov) not later than October 16, 2002, to arrange for their appearance. Parties in support of the imposition of antidumping duties in this investigation and parties in opposition to the imposition of such duties will each be collectively allocated one hour within which to make an oral presentation at the conference. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the conference.

Written Submissions

As provided in sections 201.8 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before October 25, 2002, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the investigation. Parties may file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the conference no later than three days before the conference. If briefs or written testimony contain BPI, they must conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the investigation must be served on all other parties to the investigation (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Authority: This investigation is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.12 of the Commission's rules.

Issued: October 1, 2002.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-480]

Certain Panel Fasteners, Products Containing Same, and Components Thereof; Notice of Investigation

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on September 4, 2002, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, on behalf of Kason Industries, Inc. of Shenandoah, Georgia. A supplement to the complaint was filed on September 19, 2002. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain panel fasteners, products containing same, and components thereof by reason of infringement of claim 1 of U.S. Letters Patent 6,299,224 and claims 1-4 of U.S. Letters Patent 6,409,235. The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337. The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a permanent exclusion order and a permanent cease and desist order.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <http://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS-ON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol/public>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay Reiziss, Esq., Office of Unfair Import