

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board****Docket 19-2008****Foreign-Trade Zone 26 Atlanta, GA, Application for Subzone Status, KIA Motors Manufacturing Georgia, Inc. (Motor Vehicles)**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 26, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the motor vehicle manufacturing plant of Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia, Inc. (KMMG), located in West Point, Georgia. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on March 28, 2008.

The KMMG plant (635 acres/2.4 million sq.ft.) is to be located at 700 Kia Parkway in West Point (Troup County), Georgia. The facility, currently under construction, will be used to produce light-duty passenger vehicles (sedans, sport utility vehicles, minivans) for export and the domestic market. At full capacity, the facility (about 2,500 employees) will manufacture up to approximately 350,000 vehicles annually. Components to be purchased from abroad (representing approximately 25% of total material inputs, by value) would include: oils, hydraulic fluids, pipe/tube of plastics, paint, plastic knobs, flexible rubber tubes/hoses, self-adhesive plastic or polyurethane sheets/foil/film, labels, tape, rubber belts, tires, gaskets, seals, floor mats, safety glass, mirrors, pipe fittings, stranded wire of steel and copper, pins, hangers, brake cables, body parts, trim parts, articles of base metals, doors, fasteners, cotter pins, helical springs, catalytic converters, locks and keys, spark-ignition and diesel engines, engine parts, pumps, compressors, air conditioner components, filters, valves, parts of steering systems, steering wheels, hubs and flanges, universal joints, clutches, half/drive shafts, transmissions and parts of transmissions, torque converters, differentials, bearings and parts thereof, compasses, thermostats, motors, batteries, ignition parts, electrical parts, lighting equipment, horns, windshield wipers, audio/video components, speakers, antennas, wiring harnesses, carpet sets, seats, seat belts, airbag modules/inflators, brake components, wheels, wheel locks, lug nuts, lug wrenches, suspension components, radiators, exhaust systems,

hinges, pneumatic dampeners, speedometers, tachometers, voltmeters, flow meters, regulators/controllers, windshields, glass windows, resistors, relays, starters, clocks, spark plugs, and switches (duty rate range: free 9.0%).

FTZ procedures would exempt KMMG from customs duty payments on foreign components used in export production (estimated to be 10% of plant shipments). On its domestic sales, KMMG would be able to choose the duty rate that applies to finished passenger vehicles (2.5%) for the foreign inputs noted above that have higher rates. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Pierre Duy of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is June 16, 2008. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to June 30, 2008.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations: U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 75 Fifth Street, N.W., Suite 1055, Atlanta, Georgia 30308; and, Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230-0002. For further information, contact Pierre Duy at pierre_duy@ita.doc.gov, or (202) 482-1378.

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Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board****[Docket 23-2008]****Foreign-Trade Zone 26 Atlanta, Georgia, Application for Subzone, Noramco, Inc. (Pharmaceutical Intermediate Manufacturing), Athens, Georgia**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 26, requesting special-purpose subzone status with manufacturing authority at the pharmaceutical intermediate manufacturing facility of Noramco, Inc. (Noramco), located in Athens, Georgia. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on April 3, 2008.

Noramco, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, Inc., produces intermediates for prescription and over-the-counter pharmaceutical products. Noramco has requested authority to manufacture under zone procedures an active ingredient (Tapentadol Hydrochloride) for a new prescription analgesic product at the facility (170 employees). The proposed subzone facility (130 acres, 121,300 sq. ft. within 3 buildings for the proposed activity) is located at 1440 Olympic Drive, Athens, Georgia.

Foreign-origin chemical ingredient inputs to be used in the manufacturing process (about half of finished product value) have duty rates ranging from 3.7 percent to 6.5 percent, ad valorem. The applicant is also requesting to import polyethylene bags and poly drums, duty rates 3 percent and 5.3 percent respectively, for use in processing of the active ingredient. FTZ procedures would exempt Noramco from customs duty payments on foreign materials used in export production. At this time, the final product will only be marketed in the United States; however, the plant may in the future support export of the final product to Canada and Japan. On its domestic shipments, Noramco could defer duty until the product is entered for consumption, and choose the duty-free rate that applies to the finished active ingredient for the foreign inputs used in production. The company may also realize certain logistical/procedural savings related to weekly entry and direct delivery procedures, as well as savings on materials that become scrap/waste during manufacturing. The application indicates that FTZ

procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Diane Finver of the FTZ staff is designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is June 16, 2008. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 30, 2008).

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations: U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 75 Fifth Street, N.W., Suite 1055, Atlanta, Georgia 30308; and, Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230-0002. For further information, contact Diane Finver at Diane_Finver@ita.doc.gov or (202) 482-1367.

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Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

(Docket 21-2008)

Foreign-Trade Zone 87 Lake Charles, Louisiana, Application for Subzone, Haliburton Energy Services, Inc. (Barite Grinding and Milling) Westlake, Louisiana

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 87, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the barite grinding and milling facility of Haliburton Energy Services, Inc. (HESI) located in Westlake, Louisiana. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on April 1, 2008.

The HESI facility (17 acres, 48 employees) is located at 3500 Bayou D'Inde Road, in Westlake. The facility is used for the manufacturing,

warehousing and distribution activities related to the processing of raw barite (HTSUS 2511.10.50) into ground barite (HTSUS 2511.10.10) (up to 540,000 tons annually). Ground barite is used in the production of drilling fluids (drilling mud) and various specialty chemicals for use by the oil and natural gas exploration industry. HESI sources the majority of its raw barite from abroad. The duty rate on the imported raw barite is \$1.25 per metric ton.

This application requests authority for HESI to conduct the activity under FTZ procedures, which would exempt the company from customs duty payments on the imported barite used in export production. Less than one percent of production is exported. On domestic sales, the company could choose the duty rate (duty-free) for the imported raw barite used in manufacturing that applies to the finished product. The majority of FTZ-related savings will come from the elimination of the duty on the finished product. HESI will also realize additional savings on the elimination of duties on materials that become scrap/waste during manufacturing. The application indicates that the FTZ-related savings would improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Christopher Kemp of the FTZ staff is designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address listed below. The closing period for their receipt is June 16, 2008. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 30, 2008).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available at each of the following addresses: Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District, 150 Marine Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601; and, Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230. For further information contact Christopher Kemp at christopher_kemp@ita.doc.gov or (202) 482-0862.

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Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee (SITAC) will meet on April 29, 2008, 9:30 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to sensors and instrumentation equipment and technology.

Agenda

Public Session

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Remarks from Bureau of Industry and Security Management.
3. Industry Presentations.
4. New Business.

Closed Session

5. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

The open session will be accessible via teleconference to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at Yspringer@bis.doc.gov no later than April 22, 2008.

A limited number of seats will be available during the public session of the meeting. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that the materials be forwarded before the meeting to Ms. Springer.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on April 8, 2008, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 10(d)), that the portion of this meeting dealing with pre-decisional changes to the Commerce Control List and U.S. export control policies shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app.