

including high-temperature superconductors, high-temperature metal alloys, evaporated metal films, silicon-germanium quantum dots, soils and geological materials and polymers. The transmission electron microscope will be used to measure the morphology and orientation of grains and particles, as well as the structure, long and short range ordering, number and type of defects and the elemental composition of various phases in the materials.

Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: April 28, 2008.

Docket Number: 08-015. *Applicant:* Texas Children's Hospital, 6621 Fannin St., Houston, TX 77030. *Instrument:* Transmission Electron Microscope. *Manufacturer:* FEI Company, Czech Republic. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to analyze the ultrastructural features and characteristics of biomedical and transgenic research samples. The instrument will be used for tumor classification or evaluation of research protocols for various cancer therapies.

Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: April 24, 2008.

Docket Number: 08-020. *Applicant:* Bergen County Technical Schools/ Bergen County Academics, 200 Hackensack Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601. *Instrument:* Scanning Electron Microscope. *Manufacturer:* FEI Company, Czech Republic. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to explore nanoscale materials and phenomena, to characterize material composition, orientation and interactions in 2 and 3 dimensions, and, in conjunction with lithography, to create material structures unachievable through other means. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* May 2, 2008.

Dated: May 16, 2008.

Faye Robinson,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, as amended by Pub. L. 106-36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are

intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be postmarked on or before June 16, 2008. Address written comments to Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 2104, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Room 2104.

Docket Number: 08-019. *Applicant:* Texas Christian University, 2800 South University Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76129. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2100. *Manufacturer:* JEOL, Inc., Japan. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to study inorganic solid nanostructures and biological materials, in particular their structure and composition. These materials will be structurally characterized using the electron microscope and, depending on their composition, may undergo subsequent analysis for their optical, electrical, or biological activity. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* May 5, 2008.

Docket Number: 08-023. *Applicant:* Washington University in St. Louis, 1 Brookings Drive, University City, MO 63130. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model Tecnai G2 Spirit Twin. *Manufacturer:* FEI Company, Czech Republic. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to analyze the surface morphology, shape, size, size-distribution, uniformity and chemical composition of various materials, including nanostructured metals, metal-oxides, semiconductors, polymers, polymer fibers and biological materials. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* May 14, 2008.

Docket Number: 08-024. *Applicant:* Washington University in St. Louis, 1 Brookings Drive, University City, MO 63130. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model Nova NanoSEM 230. *Manufacturer:* FEI Company, Czech Republic. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to analyze the surface morphology, shape, size, size-distribution, uniformity and chemical composition of various materials, including nanostructured metals, metal-oxides, semiconductors, polymers, polymer fibers and biological materials. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* May 14, 2008.

Dated: May 21, 2008.

Faye Robinson,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

(A-412-801)

Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from the United Kingdom: Preliminary Results of Changed-Circumstances Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is conducting a changed-circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on ball bearings and parts thereof from the United Kingdom pursuant to section 751(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. We preliminarily determine that SKF (UK) Ltd. is the successor-in-interest to SNFA Bearings Ltd. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 27, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristin Case at (202) 482-3174 or Richard Rimlinger at (202) 482-4477, AD/CVD Operations, Office 5, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department of Commerce (the Department) published an antidumping duty order on ball bearings and parts thereof from the United Kingdom on May 15, 1989. See *Antidumping Duty Orders and Amendments to the Final Determinations of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Ball Bearings and Cylindrical Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof From the United Kingdom*, 54 FR 20910 (May 15, 1989). On July 12, 2001, the Department revoked the antidumping duty order on ball bearings and parts thereof from the United Kingdom with respect to SNFA Bearings Ltd. (SNFA UK). See *Antifriction Bearings (Other Than Tapered Roller Bearings) and Parts Thereof From France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Sweden, and the United Kingdom: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews and Revocation of Orders in Part*, 66 FR 36551 (July 12, 2001).

On January 26, 2007, SNFA UK, a subsidiary of SNFA S.A.S.U. (SNFA), and SKF UK Ltd. (SKF UK) notified the Department of a change in ownership of SNFA. Specifically, SNFA UK and SKF UK notified the Department that, on July 4, 2006, through its subsidiary SKF Holding France S.A., AB SKF purchased all outstanding shares of SNFA. On

March 9, 2007, we self-initiated a changed-circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on ball bearings and parts thereof from the United Kingdom. See *Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from Italy and the United Kingdom: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Changed-Circumstances Reviews*, 72 FR 10643 (March 9, 2007).¹ On January 30, 2008, SKF UK and SNFA UK notified the Department that the companies had moved SNFA UK's production facilities to the grounds of SKF UK's Stonehouse operations (Stonehouse)² and that SNFA UK's assets had been legally transferred to SKF UK. SKF UK and SNFA UK also explained that, with the asset transfer, SNFA UK began operating as a part of SKF UK (referred hereinafter as SKF UK's SNFA operations). SKF UK and SNFA UK asserted that, unless the Department determines that an operational merger has occurred between SKF UK's Stonehouse and SNFA operations, the Department should determine that SKF UK and SKF UK's SNFA operations are entitled to separate treatment under the antidumping law.

Scope of the Order

The products covered by the order are ball bearings and parts thereof. These products include all bearings that employ balls as the rolling element. Imports of these products are classified under the following categories: antifriction balls, ball bearings with integral shafts, ball bearings (including radial ball bearings) and parts thereof, and housed or mounted ball bearing units and parts thereof.

Imports of these products are classified under the following *Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States* (HTSUS) subheadings: 3926.90.45, 4016.93.00, 4016.93.10, 4016.93.50, 6909.19.5010, 8431.20.00, 8431.39.0010, 8482.10.10, 8482.10.50, 8482.80.00, 8482.91.00, 8482.99.05, 8482.99.2580, 8482.99.35, 8482.99.6595, 8483.20.40, 8483.20.80, 8483.50.8040, 8483.50.90, 8483.90.20, 8483.90.30, 8483.90.70, 8708.50.50, 8708.60.50, 8708.60.80, 8708.70.6060, 8708.70.8050, 8708.93.30, 8708.93.5000, 8708.93.6000, 8708.93.75, 8708.99.06, 8708.99.31, 8708.99.4960, 8708.99.50, 8708.99.5800,

8708.99.8080, 8803.10.00, 8803.20.00, 8803.30.00, 8803.90.30, and 8803.90.90.

As a result of recent changes to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule, effective February 2, 2007, the subject merchandise is also classifiable under the following additional HTS item numbers: 8708.30.5090, 8708.40.7500, 8708.50.7900, 8708.50.8900, 8708.50.9150, 8708.50.9900, 8708.80.6590, 8708.94.75, 8708.95.2000, 8708.99.5500, 8708.99.68, and 8708.99.8180.

Although the HTSUS item numbers above are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the order remains dispositive.

Preliminary Results

In conducting this changed-circumstances review pursuant to section 751(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department has conducted a successor-in-interest analysis. In making a successor-in-interest determination, the Department examines several factors including, but not limited to, changes in the following: (1) management; (2) production facilities; (3) supplier relationships; (4) customer base. See *Brake Rotors From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 70 FR 69941 (November 18, 2005) and *Notice of Final Results of Changed-Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Polychloroprene Rubber from Japan*, 67 FR 58 (January 2, 2002). While no single factor or combination of factors will necessarily provide a dispositive indication of a successor-in-interest relationship, the Department will generally consider the new company to be the successor to the previous company if the new company's resulting operation is not materially dissimilar to that of its predecessor. See *Fresh and Chilled Atlantic Salmon from Norway: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 64 FR 9979 (March 1, 1999), and *Industrial Phosphoric Acid from Israel: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 59 FR 6944 (February 4, 1994). Thus, if the evidence demonstrates that, with respect to the production and sale of subject merchandise, the new company operates as the same business entity as the former company, the Department will accord the new company the same antidumping treatment as its predecessor.

We preliminarily find that the asset transfer, relocation of SNFA UK's production facilities, and degree of

management integration demonstrate that SKF UK is the successor-in-interest to pre-acquisition SNFA UK. Due to the business-proprietary nature of this decision, details are provided in Memorandum to Laurie Parkhill, entitled "Preliminary Results of the Changed-Circumstances Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from the United Kingdom," dated May 19, 2008. As a result of our analysis, we also preliminarily determine that SKF UK and SNFA UK are no longer entitled to separate treatment under the antidumping law.

Public Comment

Case briefs from interested parties may be submitted not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice of preliminary results of changed-circumstances review. Rebuttal briefs from interested parties, limited to the issues raised in the case briefs, may be submitted not later than five days after the time limit for filing the case briefs or comments. Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are requested to submit with each argument a statement of the issue, a summary of the arguments not exceeding five pages, and a table of statutes, regulations, and cases cited.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing or to participate in a hearing if a hearing is requested must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.310(c), requests should contain the following information: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the case and rebuttal briefs. If requested, any hearing will be held two days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs.

The Department will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the final results of this changed-circumstances review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any written briefs or at the hearing.

During the course of this changed-circumstances review, we will not change any cash-deposit instructions on the merchandise subject to this changed-circumstances review unless a change is determined to be warranted pursuant to the final results of this review.

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results and notice in accordance with sections 751(b) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216.

¹ On October 26, 2007, we rescinded the changed-circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on ball bearings and parts thereof from Italy. See *Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from France and Italy: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Changed-Circumstances Reviews*, 72 FR 60798 (October 26, 2007).

² SKF UK produces ball bearings only at its Stonehouse operations.

Dated: May 19, 2008.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No: 080411556-8593-01]

Construction Grant Program Notice of Availability of Funds

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), United States Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Funds; Request for Proposals.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), United States Department of Commerce (DoC), is soliciting grant proposals for construction of research science buildings. Grant funding is available to institutions of higher education and non-profit organizations on a competitive basis.

DATES: Proposals must be received no later than 3 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday, July 21, 2008. Review, selection, and grant award processing is expected to be completed by the end of September 2008.

ADDRESSES: Proposals must be submitted to NIST as follows:

Paper submission: Send to National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 4701, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4701.

Electronic submission: <http://www.grants.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Lambis via e-mail at barbara.lambis@nist.gov or telephone (301) 975-4447.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Additional Information.* The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Pub. L. 110-161) (the "Act") appropriated "\$30,080,000 * * * for a competitive construction grant program for research buildings" to NIST. Additional information on the program was provided in an explanatory statement that under Section 4 of the Act has the same effect as a Conference Report: "The research buildings should span all the applicable sciences, as they relate to the Department of Commerce. These grants shall be awarded to colleges, universities, and other non-profit science research organizations on a competitive basis." 153 Congressional

Record H15790 (Dec. 17, 2007). The Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement for this request for proposals is available at <http://www.grants.gov>.

Statutory Authority. Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Pub. L. 110-161).

CFDA. 11.615 Construction Grant Program.

Program Description. The goals and objectives of the program are to provide competitively awarded grant funds for research science buildings through the construction of new buildings or expansion of existing buildings. For purposes of this program, "research science building" means a building or facility whose purpose is to conduct scientific research, including laboratories, test facilities, measurement facilities, and/or observatories.

Funding Availability. Approximately \$29 million is available for construction of research science buildings. We expect to issue awards with Federal shares in the \$10 million-\$15 million range.

Eligibility Criteria: Institutions of higher education and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for awards under this Program.

Evaluation Criteria. The evaluation criteria that will be used in evaluating proposals are as follows:

1. Scientific and technical merit of the proposed use and need for Federal funding (50 percent).

(Addresses the science and technology activities the building/facility will support and why the research infrastructure is needed to meet those science and technology activities; the building's/facility's targeted impact on the science and technology knowledge and infrastructure base; and the need for Federal funding, due to a lack of alternative funding sources.)

2. The quality of the design of the research science building (25 percent).

(Addresses the quality of design information for the building/facility to establish that the design of the building/facility has the ability to meet the safety, physical, environmental and experimental/operational requirements of the science and technology activities the building/facility is expected to support.);

3. Adequacy of the detailed Project Execution Plan (PEP) for construction of the research science building (25 percent). The PEP must address:

a. Project Scope and Requirements (Addresses the type of Work/task Breakdown Structure (WBS) approach and the work/task elements used to organize and define the total scope of the project by tasks; the descriptions of

each work/task breakdown element; the organization and documentation of the task components in a way that aggregates the subtasks into unified task descriptions; and enables their use throughout project management life-cycle to identify and monitor project progress, as well as link tasks to budget and schedule plans.);

b. Adequacy of the Proposed Project Schedule and Budget (Although cost sharing is not required it is encouraged for a proposal to be competitive and will be considered as a selection factor.)

(Addresses the task schedule and budget descriptions associated with the Work/task Breakdown Structure being utilized. Addresses the sources and levels of cost sharing if proposed.);

c. Capability to Manage the Project; and

(Addresses the approach for project management tracking and control, from kick-off through close-out, which may consist of: tools and techniques (manual and automated systems) used to gather, integrate and disseminate the outputs of project management processes during the life of the award; an analysis of risks and how they may be mitigated; and cost control mechanisms. Addresses the management plan for direction and implementation of the project, including capability descriptions of the performing organizations and associated key personnel.); and

d. Financial Commitments to Implement the PEP.

(Addresses the current and any pending commitments required for the building/facility to be established and become fully operational, by the organizational name/contact that has the fiduciary authority over the funds).

Selection Factors. The Selecting Official shall recommend proposals for award based upon the Evaluation Board's rank order of the proposals and the following selecting factors:

1. Degree to which project complements DoC science and technology program priorities (see Program Priorities below), including the amount and quality of experience that the institution that will use the facility has had with novel research.

2. Experience promoting national impacts through research outcomes, training, cooperation with Federal programs, opportunities for visiting researchers.

3. Assuring a balance/distribution among the program priorities (see Program Priorities below).

4. Availability of funds.

5. Credibility of plans to transition to operational status (i.e., staffing and equipping the building, and operational readiness).