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Re: Rebuttal Comment on the Status of the Russian Federation as a Non-Market Economy Under the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws

Dear Secretary Evans:

On behalf of Nucor Corporation and the Committee for Fair Beam Imports, and its individual members, and pursuant to the request for comments,¹ we submit these rebuttal comments in opposition to possible revocation by the Department of Commerce (“the Department”) of the Non-Market Economy (“NME”) status of the Russian Federation. Application of the six factor test, as stated in 19 U.S.C. § 1677 (18)(B), conclusively demonstrates that Russia continues to merit NME treatment.

¹ Notice of Initiation of Inquiry Into the Status of the Russian Federation as a Non-Market Economy Country Under the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws, 66 Fed. Reg. 54197 (October 26, 2001).

Accordingly, the Department should not alter Russia's designation as a nonmarket economy at this time.

Please find attached an original and five copies of our comments. Additionally and as per the Department's request, we hereby submit an electronic copy of the text of our comments on a 3.5 inch diskette.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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