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GENERAL NOTICE

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA

TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF WHEAT FLOUR ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM INDIA

On 3 November 2004, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (the Commission) formally initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of wheat flour (subject product) originating in or imported from India. Notice of the initiation of the investigation was published in Notice No. 2486 of *Government Gazette* No.26962 dated 12 November 2004.

The application was lodged on behalf of the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) industry by the National Chamber of Milling (NCM), on behalf of its members, which include Tiger Milling, Pioneer Sasko and Premier Foods, being the major domestic manufacturers of the domestic product in SACU, which alleged that the dumped imports were threatening to cause material injury to the SACU industry.

The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered that there was prima facie evidence to show that the subject product was being imported at dumped prices, threatening to cause material injury to the SACU industry, should the imports from India increase further.

On initiation of the investigation, the known producers and exporters of the subject products in India were sent foreign manufacturers/exporters questionnaires to complete. An importer of the subject product was also sent a questionnaire to complete. No full and complete response was received from any interested party within the time frame allowed.

On 9 February 2005, the Commission made a preliminary determination that the subject product was being dumped on the SACU market. However, it did not find evidence of threat of material injury, as the imports from India did not increase subsequent to the period of investigation and it was found that the market share taken by the dumped imports was negligibly small.

The Commission, therefore, made a preliminary determination to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the investigation into the alleged dumping of wheat flour originating in or imported from India, be terminated.

The Commission's detailed reasons for its decision are set out in Commission Report No. 101 (Preliminary Report).

Enquiries may be directed to the investigating officers, Mr Jeffrey Maphagela at telephone (012) 394 3639 and Mr Albert Strydom at (012) 394 3597, or at fax (012) 394 0518.

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