



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Ms. Janice Dunn Lee  
Director, International Programs  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Rockville, Maryland

Dear Ms. Lee:

I refer to the letter from your office dated February 22, 2001 requesting the views of the Executive Branch as to whether issuance of an export license in accordance with the application hereinafter described meets the applicable criteria of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended:

NRC No. XSOU8785 – KEMET Electronics Corporation has applied for a license to authorize the export to China and Thailand of up to 500,000 kilograms of tantalite ore concentrates containing approximately 2,125 kilograms of thorium and 1,610 kilograms of uranium. The tantalite will be distributed to the below-listed ultimate consignees in China and Thailand for production of capacitor-grade tantalum powder. The thorium and uranium will not be separated from other waste products in the tantalum recovery process and will not be utilized.

CHINA:

1. Zhuzhou Cemented Carbide Import/Export Works Co., Ahuzhou, Hunan;
2. Hengyang Kingxing-Lifeng New Materials Co. Ltd., Hengyang City, Hunan;
3. Conghua Tantalum & Niobium Smelter, Conghua, Guangdong;
4. Limu Nonferrous Co. Ltd., Limu, Guangxi;
5. Douloshan Sapphire Rare Metal Co. Ltd.;
6. Jiujiang Nontemet Factory (806), Jiujiang, Jiangxi;
7. Ningxia Non-Ferrous Metals Smeltery, Shizuishan City, Ningxia 753000.

THAILAND: A.C. Starck Co., Ltd., 5, 1-3A Road, Map ta phut Industrial Estate, Rayong 21150.

It is the judgment of the Executive Branch that the proposed export of this material for non-nuclear use would not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States, and is consistent with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Executive Branch recommends issuance of the requested license.

Sincerely,

Richard J. K. Stratford  
Director  
Nuclear Energy Affairs