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Mr. Robin DeLaBarre U.S. Department of State 2201 C Street, NW Office of Nuclear Energy Affairs, Room 3318 Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. DeLaBarre:

Enclosed is an application for an export license (XCOM1193), from Wah Chang, recently received by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to export Zircaloy-4 Trex tubes to Argentina for ultimate use in the Embalse and Atucha 1 Nuclear Power Plants. Before reaching the ultimate consignees, the tubes will be sent to FAE SA Centro Atomico Ezeiza to make fuel bundles.

Assurances from Argentina that the equipment will be subject to all of the terms and conditions of an agreement for cooperation are required. Your assistance in obtaining the necessary assurances will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stephen Dembek, Branch Chief Export Controls and International Organizations Office of International Programs

Enclosure: Appl. Dtd. 05/24/07 XCOM1193 - Argentina

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