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Thursday, May 11, 2017

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Jeff Merkley for Oregon
United States Senator
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Dear Senator,

As the export administrator at ATI Specialty Alloys & Components, I am writing this letter to seek your assistance regarding an export license that has been stalled for approval through the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

Application reference is: XCOM1284 - Initial application May 2014, Amendment in Jan 2016.

ATI Specialty Alloys & Components is a business unit of Allegheny Technologies Inc. At this Albany, Oregon headquartered business unit we specialize in manufacturing a variety of specialty metals such as zirconium, hafnium, titanium and niobium. These metals are also produced into a variety of intermediate wrought products and final components sold into a variety of applications both domestically and to international markets.

This license is for an order initially placed in 2014. The material was promptly produced to the unique specification of this customer. The material has no practical use for any other customer. In 2014, the application was held awaiting assurances from the China Atomic Energy Authority (CAEA). Working with our Chinese customer, the contract was amended in an effort that was believed to aid in the approval of the export license and completion of the sale. The amended contract and application was filed in January 2016. Value of the export license: 36,300 kgs / \$3,352,052.00 USD

The current situation as explained by NRC, is that the assurances required for license approval have been received from the China Atomic Energy Authority (CAEA) and submitted to the NRC. We have been told by NRC that the approval has been delayed due to direct communication between the Executive Branch (EB) affiliated with the NRC and the Chinese Foreign Ministry (CFM). ATI has been advised that the CFM typically does not get involved, but given the large volume of material for this application the EB may have reached out to CFM for more information.

After several phone calls and inquiries to the NRC, we have not been able to get any additional information and the situation simply drags on. Oregon jobs and tax revenue are at risk as this material ages on our shipping dock as it has since 2014. Our contract customer is now threatening to source the material elsewhere, likely Russia or France.

ATI respectfully requests your involvement and inquiry into the status and reason for delay of the export license application and the expected decision and/or approval. Thank you for your kind consideration in advocating for results.

Sincerely,

Sheila Pershall

cc Ron Wyden, U.S. Senator
Lee Weber, President, ATI SAC
Greg Bartley, V.P. Marketing and Sales, ATI SAC

JEFF MERKLEY

UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR OREGON

INFORMATION RELEASE FORM

Federal agencies are prohibited from releasing information concerning an individual to a third party under the Privacy Act of 1974. Please complete and sign this form, which will allow information regarding your concern to be released to the office of Senator Merkley.

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Case Details

Federal Agency Involved:

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Contacted another congressional office?

No

Your Request

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I authorize the Office of Senator Jeff Merkley to address the matter described above on my behalf and to receive any relevant information the Senator and his staff may need in their efforts to provide assistance to me:

Signature: Sheila Pershall date: **May 11, 2017**
(Required)

Please complete and mail this form to:

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