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APPLICANT: Afrimet-Indusa, Inc. (Formerly African Metals, Inc.)

SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF MATERIALS LICENSE NO. SUC-1211

I. Background

African Metals Inc. (Afrimet) possesses Materials License No. SUC-1211. This license authorizes the possession only of source material in the form of uranium bearing residues resulting from the processing of Belgium Congo pitch blend ores by the Manhattan Engineering District (MED) during World War II. The residues contain, besides uranium, large quantities of Radium 226, and other precious metals which, by contract, remained the property of the Belgium Government. In 1958, Afrimet, acting as agents of the Belgium Government, contracted with the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC/DOE) to store these residues at AEC's facilities near Fernald, Ohio. SUC-1211 was issued to Afrimet for possession of these residues at the Fernald Plant.

II. Discussion

By application dated August 31, 1983, (Enclosure 1) Afrimet informed the Commission that they had reached an agreement with DOE to assume possession of the residues stored at Fernald. Enclosed were copies of letters from DOE to Afrimet and vice versa dated August 26 and 29, 1983, respectively. These letters referenced a Contract of Agreement between the two parties, but the contract itself was not enclosed and there was no confirmation by DOE that DOE had accepted title to the material; however, by letter dated October 31, 1983, (E. L. Keller, DOE-Oak Ridge to W. T. Crow) DOE informed the Commission that Afrimet had transferred title to the residues at Fernald to DOE, effective July 1, 1983 (Enclosure 2).

III. Conclusion

Afrimet no longer possesses the material authorized by SUC-1211; therefore, there are no safety or environmental reasons why the license should not be terminated.

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