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Mr. Robin DeLaBarre
Office of Nuclear Energy Affairs
Bureau of Political-Military Affairs
U.S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. DeLaBarre:

Enclosed is an application for a license (XSOU8760), recently received by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, for the export of 675.0 kilograms of depleted uranium and 825.0 kilograms of thorium to China for recovery of the tantalum and niobium for production of tantalum and niobium powders for sale to USA and other tantalum capacitor manufacturers.

Before taking action on this request, we would appreciate your views regarding the proposed export.

Sincerely,

Ronald D. Hauber, Director
Division of Nonproliferation, Exports
and Multilateral Relations
Office of International Programs

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(XSOU8760-China)

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