DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Working Group on Fee and Related Disclosures to Participants, Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Notice of Meeting

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The session will take place in Room N3437 A–C, U.S. Department of Labor Building, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. The purpose of the meeting, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break at noon, is for the working group to hear from select witnesses on the issue.

Organizations or members of the public wishing to submit a written statement pertaining to the topic may do so by submitting 20 copies on or before September 14, 2004 to Debra Golding, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–5656, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Statements received on or before September 14, 2004 will be included in the record of the meeting. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to Debra Golding at the above address or via telephone at (202) 693–8664. Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, time permitting, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record.

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Dated: Signed at Washington, DC this 24th day of August, 2004.

Bradford P. Campbell,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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Working Group on Plan Fees and Reporting on Form 5500; Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Notice of Meeting

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment and Training Administration
[TA–W–55,363]
A–N Inc. d/b/a Caraway Décor Center, Marion, North Carolina; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on August 3, 2004 in response to a worker petition which was filed by a company official on behalf of workers at A–N Inc., d/b/a Caraway Décor Center, Marion, North Carolina.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC this 17th day of August, 2004.
Richard Church,
Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment and Training Administration
[TA–W–55,420]
Lanier Clothes, Greenville, Georgia; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on August 11, 2004 in response to a worker petition which was filed by a company official on behalf of workers at Lanier Clothes, Greenville, Georgia.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC this 17th day of August, 2004.
Richard Church,
Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment and Training Administration
[TA–W–54,629]
Motorola, Inc., Information Technology Semiconductor Products Sector Tempe, Arizona; Notice of Negative Determination on Reconsideration

On July 22, 2004, the Department of Labor issued a Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for the workers and former workers of the subject firm. The Notice of determination was published in the Federal Register on August 4, 2004 (69 FR 47182).

The Department issued the initial denial for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) because the investigation revealed that workers provided software and systems design, development, implementation and maintenance in support of hundreds of Semiconductor Products Sector’s global automated manufacturing and business applications. The investigation also revealed that maintenance and development functions were shifting to India and that Semiconductor Products Sector (SPS) revenue increased during the relevant time period.

Service workers could be certified for TAA if they directly support an affiliated facility whose workers independently qualify for TAA or are determined to be TAA certifiable.

The petitioners allege in the request for reconsideration that the subject company’s semiconductor sales decreased, that semiconductor production was shifted to Taiwan, and that software development functions were shifted to India.

On reconsideration, the Department investigated whether the subject company’s semiconductor sales decreased during the relevant time periods (2002, 2003, January-March 2003 and January-March 2004). A review of the additional information revealed increased sales in the Semiconductor Product Sector during the investigation period.

Under Section 113 of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002 (Pub. L 107–210), workers who are laid off as a result of a shift in production to a country that is party to a free trade agreement with the United States, or a country that is named as a beneficiary under the Andean Trade Preference Act, the African Growth and Opportunity Act or the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, may be qualified for TAA certification.

Taiwan is not party to a free trade agreement with the United States or named as a beneficiary under any of the above referenced Acts. Therefore, even if the petitioner’s allegation was true, a production shift to Taiwan absent increased imports by the subject company of like or directly competitive products, is not a basis for TAA certification. Further, the TAA program does not recognize the shift of service functions abroad as a basis for certification.

Conclusion

After reconsideration, I affirm the original notice of negative determination of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance for workers and former workers of Motorola, Inc., Information Technology, Semiconductor Products Sector, Tempe, Arizona.