UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS: Joseph J. Simons, Chairman

Noah Joshua Phillips

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Rebecca Kelly Slaughter Christine S. Wilson



In the Matter of

Tronox Limited a corporation,

National Industrialization Company (TASNEE) a corporation,

National Titanium Dioxide Company Limited (Cristal) a corporation,

And

Cristal USA Inc. a corporation.

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Docket No. 9377

JOINT MOTION TO WITHDRAW MATTER FROM ADJUDICATION

Pursuant to Rules 3.25(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 C.F.R. § 3.25(b), Complaint Counsel and Respondents Tronox Limited, National Industrialization Company (TASNEE), National Titanium Dioxide Company Limited (Cristal), and Cristal USA Inc. (collectively "the Parties"), hereby jointly move the Commission for an Order withdrawing Docket No. 9377 from adjudication for the purpose of considering the attached consent proposal.

Because the matter is no longer pending before the Administrative Law Judge,¹ the Commission in its discretion may issue an order withdrawing from adjudication those portions of the matter that the proposal would resolve for the purpose of considering a consent proposal under Rule 3.25(d), 16 C.F.R. § 3.25(d).

The attached consent proposal consists of the following documents: (1) Agreement Containing Consent Orders; (2) proposed Decision and Order; and (3) proposed Order to Maintain Assets (collectively the "Consent Proposal"). The Parties have reviewed and agreed to the terms of the Consent Proposal subject to Commission review and approval. The Parties represent that the Consent Proposal details the agreed-upon material terms and that the Consent Proposal would resolve the matter before the Commission in its entirety. Thus, the Parties jointly request that the matter be removed from adjudication so the Commission may consider the Consent Proposal.

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¹ On Friday, December 7, 2018, the Chief Administrative Law Judge issued an Initial Decision and Order. Because the Commission has sought preliminary relief in a federal district court under 15 U.S.C. 53(b), the Commission reviews the Initial Decision without the filing of a notice of appeal pursuant to Rule 3.52(a), 16 C.F.R. § 3.52(a).

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[PROPOSED] ORDER WITHDRAWING MATTER FROM ADJUDICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING A CONSENT PROPOSAL

Complaint Counsel and Respondents having jointly moved that this matter be withdrawn from adjudication for the purpose of considering a Consent Proposal;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Rule 3.25(d) of the Commission Rules of Practice, 16 C.F.R. § 3.25(d), that this matter in its entirety is hereby withdrawn from adjudication and that all proceedings before the Commission are hereby stayed pending a determination by the Commission with respect to the Consent Proposal; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Rule 3.25(b) of the Commission Rules of Practice, that the Consent Proposal shall not be placed on the public record unless and until it is accepted by the Commission.

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CONFIDENTIAL CONSENT PROPOSAL REDACTED IN ENTIRETY

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I certify that the electronic copy sent to the Acting Secretary of the Commission is a true and correct copy of the paper original and that I possess a paper original of the signed document that is available for review by the parties and the adjudicator.

By: <u>/s/ Blake Risenmay</u> Blake Risenmay March 18, 2019