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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON
SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION AND
THE REASON FOR IT**

MALAYSIA

(Hot-Rolled Coils)

The following communication, dated 11 September 2015, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Malaysia.

Pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, Malaysia wishes to notify the Committee on Safeguards that its competent authority has initiated a safeguard investigation on the imports of hot rolled coils.

An application for a safeguard measures was received by the Authority from Megasteel Sdn. Bhd. and after examining the application, the Authority concluded that there was sufficient evidence to justify the initiation of a safeguard investigation.

1. The date of initiation

The investigation was initiated on 11 September 2015.

2. The product subject to the investigation

The products under investigation are flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated, and flat-rolled products of other alloy steel; in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, of a width of 600 mm or more, of a thickness between 1.20mm to 22.00mm.

The products subject to the investigation are classified under the Harmonised System Code (H.S. Code) Number 7208.36 000, 7208.37 000, 7208.38 000, 7208.39 200, 7208.39 900 and 7225.30 000 and ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 7208.36 00 00, 7208.37 00 00, 7208.38 00 00, 7208.39 00 20, 7208.39 00 90 and 7225.30 90 00.

3. The reasons for the initiation of investigation

The investigation has been initiated following an evaluation of a safeguard petition from the domestic industry.

Based on preliminary assessment of the data submitted by the Petitioner and all relevant factors showed that the:

- a. volume of imports of product under investigation has increased by 16% from 694,305MT in 2012 to 807,647MT in 2013 and continued to increase by 11% in 2014 to 898,023MT.
- b. domestic industry has suffered serious injury in terms of production and capacity utilisation as well as profitability.

4. Further information

Any interested party shall identify themselves within 15 days from the date of publication of the notice in the Government *Gazette* of Malaysia. Any importer requesting for a questionnaire shall do so within 15 days from the date of publication of the notice in the Government *Gazette* of Malaysia.

All interested parties are invited to present their views in writing and submit questionnaire responses within 30 days from the date of publication of the notice in the Government *Gazette* of Malaysia if such views and submissions are to be taken into consideration during the investigation, unless otherwise specified.

Any participating interested party may, within 30 days from the date of initiation of the investigation, file a written application for a public hearing to the competent authority.

All submissions, questionnaire responses, correspondences and requests must be made officially in writing and sent by e-mail, post or facsimile and with clear indication of the name, address, e-mail address, telephone and facsimile numbers of the interested parties to:

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