

(3) Lack of substitute products to petroleum needle coke.

Neither pitch needle coke nor anode coke can neither be mixed with the petroleum needle coke, nor less serve as a complete substitute for petroleum needle coke. It is fully described in paragraphs 12–14, Section IV of the Complaint.

(4) Low-elasticity of demand for the goods, which means that increasing the price for the goods does not entail reducing the demand for it, which in turn is caused by the fact that the volume of demand exceeds the supply of goods on the market.²

All the above indicates that the world petroleum needle coke market is oligopolistic (market of collective dominance), so that each participant of the market, including the Seadrift company, occupies a dominant position and has a large market weight, regardless of the size of its market share.³

This fact in itself is a cause for heightened attention to the behavior of each such entity on the market because abuse by such entity a dominant position leads to serious negative consequences for competition.

In this situation Seadrift—a company with a dominant market position of the petroleum needle coke is acquired by the company, which is the world's largest producer of graphite electrode UHP.

This acquisition creates a situation where the production volume of petroleum needle coke and sales policy of this raw material to the producers of graphite electrodes is determined by another producer of graphite electrodes—their direct competitor. This situation creates a wide field for abuse and may lead to a significant deterioration of competition not only in the petroleum needle coke, but also in the market of graphite electrode UHP.

Section III of the Competitive Impact Statement states: “GrafTech anticipates substantial, merger-specific efficiencies by internal consumption of Seadrift petroleum needle coke, which would allow the elimination of double margins. Should this result in lower GrafTech prices for graphite electrodes downstream, it likely would incentivize other graphite electrodes competitors to reduce prices in response of that competition”.

We do not believe that these conclusions are correct and, on the

contrary, we would like to indicate the following possible ways to abuse by GrafTech and Seadrift companies:

(1) GrafTech may use the control over the supply of petroleum needle coke produced by Seadrift company to reduce the production of petroleum needle coke and higher prices for graphite electrodes.

By limiting the supply of petroleum needle coke GrafTech may interfere other producers of graphite electrodes to deliver the required amount of graphite electrodes to maintain the same level of production in industry.

(2) Prices for needle coke produced by Seadrift for other customers may be raised; so GrafTech may increase its market share at the expense of other producers of graphite electrodes because they couldn't provide consumers as low price for electrodes as GrafTech did.

(3) GrafTech may use the methods of unfair competition, forcing Seadrift waive or deviate without good reason to conclude contracts with particular buyers, to set different prices for coke for different customers, to impose needle coke consumers contract terms not profitable for them. This creates a situation where market players will be in different conditions and products of some may become uncompetitive.

In conclusion, we would like to draw attention to one point.

The market of petroleum needle coke and graphite electrodes UHP market are global and the Russian market is its integral part.

According to Russian law, if the transaction made outside the territory of the Russian Federation may have an impact on the state of competition in the Russian Federation it is subject to agreement with the Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation. To our knowledge, Seadrift and GrafTech companies did not receive such approval, and therefore violated the laws of the Russian Federation.

Summarizing up the above said in its Complaint, the United States represented by Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice do not cover all the negative effects of the acquisition in question, but analyze only one aspect of it. But even in this aspect the measures stipulated by the proposed Final Judgment are not adequate and sufficient to prevent damage by the competition.

Public interests are to create maximum favorable conditions for the functioning of free market economy with there are separate, independent entities. The acquisition of Seadrift by GrafTech is inherently anti-competitive—GrafTech—the largest consumer of petroleum needle coke

acquires the largest producer of petroleum needle coke, which forms the basis for discrimination of all other customers of this raw material in the whole world, which will negatively affect not only producers of graphite electrodes, but also producers of electric steel. In this connection the proposed Final Judgment by definition does not and can not be in the public interest, since the transaction should not be performed and approved under any circumstances, and therefore any proposed measures do not compensate for the damage which will be caused to competition in the petroleum needle coke market as well as and graphite electrodes market UHP that will negatively impact the electric steel market.

Based on the foregoing, ENERGOPROM Group requests Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice to withdraw its consent to the proposed Final Judgment.

Attachments:

- Articles of Association of CJSC “ENERGOPROM MANAGEMENT”;
- Certificate of state registration of CJSC “ENERGOPROM MANAGEMENT”;
- Decision of the sole shareholder on the appointment of the General Director of the company.

All documents are apostilled and translated into English.

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Sincerely yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[OMB Number 1117–0009]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested: Controlled Substances Import/Export Declaration—DEA Form 236

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with

² Reducing the price of petroleum needle coke, and consequently reducing the volume of its sales in 2009 is not indicative, because it is caused by the global financial crisis.

³ The Competitive Impact Statement states that the Seadrift world market share is 19%.

the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until May 17, 2011. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments, especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Cathy A. Gallagher, Acting Chief, Liaison and Policy Section, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, VA 22152; telephone: (202) 307-7297.

Written comments concerning this information collection should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: DOJ Desk Officer. The best way to ensure your comments are received is to email them to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov or fax them to 202-395-7285. All comments should reference the 8 digit OMB number for the collection or the title of the collection. If you have questions concerning the collection, please call Cathy A. Gallagher at 202-307-7297 or the DOJ Desk Officer at 202-395-3176.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Controlled Substances Import/Export Declaration—DEA Form 236.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:*

Form number: DEA Form 236.

Component: Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Primary: Business or other for-profit.
Other: None.

Abstract: DEA-236 provides the DEA with control measures over the importation and exportation of controlled substances as required by United States drug control laws and international treaties.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* It is estimated that there are 313 respondents, 5,709 annual responses, and that each response takes 18 minutes to complete.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 1,712.7 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required, contact: Lynn Murray, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street, NE., Suite 2E-808, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: March 15, 2011.

Lynn Murray,

Department Clearance Officer, PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

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Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested: Reports of Suspicious Orders or Theft/Loss of Listed Chemicals/Machines

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review.

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