FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

FERROVANADIUM AND NITRIDED VANADIUM FROM RUSSIA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by no later than APRIL 23, 2012

See page 4 of the Instruction Booklet for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its review of the antidumping duty order concerning ferrovanadium and nitrided vanadium from Russia (Inv. No. 731-TA-702 (Third Review)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

Name of fir Address	m					
World Wid	World Wide Web address					
•	n produced or exported ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium (as defined in the instruction ny time since January 1, 2006?					
☐ NO ☐ YES	(Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission) (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission so as to be received by the date indicated above)					

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission.

By means of this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout this proceeding in any other import-injury proceeding conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise.

I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout this proceeding may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of this proceeding or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and proceedings relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements.

Name of Authorized Official	Title of Authorized Official	Date
	Phone:	
Signature		E-mail address
	<i>Fax:</i>	

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 30 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-1a. <u>**OMB statistics.-**</u>-Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.

hours dollars

- I-1b. <u>**OMB feedback.--**We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your response or send them to the above address.</u>
- I-2. **Establishments covered.--**Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see page 3 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

I-3. <u>U.S. importers</u>.--Please provide the names, contacts, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of the <u>FIVE</u> largest U.S. importers of your firm's ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium in 2011.

No.	Importer's name	Contact person	E-mail address	Area code and telephone number	Share of your 2011 exports (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Foreign Producers'/Exporters' Questionnaire - Ferrovanadium and Nitrided Vanadium

PART I.--<u>GENERAL INFORMATION</u>--Continued

	ctionDoes your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or ans to produce ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium in the United States or other
🗌 No	YesPlease name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire (contact Joanna Lo at joanna.lo@usitc.gov for copies of that questionnaire).
	tationDoes your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import um and/or nitrided vanadium into the United States?
🗌 No	YesPlease name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire (contact Joanna Lo at joanna.lo@usitc.gov for copies of that questionnaire).
 Business nl	an In Parts II and III of this questionnaire we request a copy of your company's
business pla documents t	n. Does your company or any related firm have a business plan or any internal hat describe, discuss, or analyze expected future market conditions for ferrovanadium led vanadium?

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PART III.--MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Joanna Lo (202-205-1888, joanna.lo@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a <u>calendar-year</u> basis**.

II-1. <u>Contact information</u>.--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part II.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

II-2. <u>Changes in operations</u>.--Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium since January 1, 2006.

(check as many as appropriate)		(please describe)
\square	plant openings	
	plant closings	
	relocations	
	avnoncions	
	expansions	
	acquisitions	
	consolidations	
	malanced shutdowns on	
	prolonged shutdowns or production curtailments	
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	revised labor agreements	
	other (<i>e.g.</i> , technology)	

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PART III.--<u>MARKET FACTORS</u>--Continued

your operation	<u>changes in operations</u> Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of ons or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of ferrovanadium ed vanadium in the future?
☐ No	Yes-Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue. Include in your response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium (in 1,000 pounds of contained vanadium) for 2012 and 2013.
anticipate an relating to th antidumping	<u>changes in operations in the event the order is revoked</u>Would your firm y changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) he production of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium in the future if the duty order on ferrovanadium and nitrided vanadium from Russia were to be
No	Yes–Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of
	Anticipated anticipate an relating to th antidumping revoked?

PART III.--<u>MARKET FACTORS</u>--Continued

II-5. <u>Same equipment, machinery, and workers</u>.--Has your firm since 2006 produced, or does your firm anticipate producing in the future, other products on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium?

No Yes--List the following information and report your firm's combined production capacity and production of these products and ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium in the periods indicated.

Product	Period	Basis for allocation of capacity data
	. <u> </u>	

	(,000 p	ounas)	<i>Quantity</i> (in 1,000 pounds)					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011			
	2006	2006 2007	2006 2007 2008	2006 2007 2008 2009	2006 2007 2008 2009 2010			

II-6. <u>Constraints on production</u>.--Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your production capacity.

- II-7. **Production shifting.--**Is your firm able to switch production between ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium and other products in response to a relative change in the price of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium vis-a-vis the price of other products, using the same equipment and/or labor?
 - 🗌 No
- Yes---Please identify the other products, the approximate time and cost involved in switching, and the minimum relative price change required for your firm to switch production to or from ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium.

PART III.--<u>MARKET FACTORS</u>--Continued

II-8. **Share of sales.--**What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium?

Percent

II-9. <u>Inventories in the United States</u>.--Has your firm, since 2006, maintained any inventories of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in question I-3)?

No Yes--Report the quantity of such end-of-period inventories below.

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds of contained vanadium)						
Item	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Inventory						

II-10. Barriers.--

(a) Are your firm's exports of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium subject to tariff or non-tariff barriers to trade (for example, antidumping or countervailing duty findings or remedies, tariffs, quotas, or regulatory barriers) in any countries other than the United States?

No Yes--List the products(s), country(ies), the year each such barrier was imposed, and the type of barrier.

Product	Country	Year imposed	Barrier (if tariff, give rate)

(b) Are your firm's exports of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium subject to current proceedings in any countries other than the United States that might result in tariff or non-tariff barriers to trade?

No Yes--List the products(s), country(ies), and type of proceeding.

Product	Country	Type of proceeding

PART III.--<u>MARKET FACTORS</u>--Continued

II-11. <u>Other export markets</u>.--Identify export markets (other than the United States) that you have developed or where you have increased your sales of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium since 2006. Please identify and discuss below.

II-12. <u>Significance of antidumping duty order</u>.--Describe the significance of the existing antidumping duty order covering imports of ferrovanadium and nitrided vanadium from Russia in terms of its effect on your firm's production capacity, production, home market shipments, exports to the United States and other markets, and inventories. You may wish to compare your firm's operations before and after the imposition of the order.

- II-13. <u>Anticipated changes if order revoked</u>.--Would your firm anticipate any changes in its production capacity, production, home market shipments, exports to the United States and other markets, or inventories relating to the production of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium in the future if the antidumping duty order on ferrovanadium and nitrided vanadium from Russia were to be revoked?
 - 🗌 No
- Yes–Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation for any trends or projections you may provide.

PART III.--<u>MARKET FACTORS</u>--Continued

II-14. <u>Trade data (Russia)</u>.-- Report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium produced by your firm in Russia during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

Russia

	Calendar year					
Item	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Average production capacity ¹ (A)						
Beginning-of-period inventories (B)						
Production ² (C)						
Home market shipments: Internal consumption/transfers quantity (D)						
Commercial shipments quantity (E)						
value (F)						
Export shipments: to the United States: ³ <i>quantity</i> (G)						
value (H)						
to the European Union: ⁴ <i>quantity</i> (I)						
value (J)						
to Asia: ⁵ quantity (K)						
value (L)						
to all other markets: ⁶ <i>quantity</i> (M)						
value (N)						
Total exports (quantity) (O)						
Total shipments (quantity) (P)						
End-of-period inventories (Q)						
¹ The production capacity (see definitio weeks per year. Please describe th reported capacity.	ns in instructione methodolog	on booklet) re gy used to cal	ported is base culate product	d on operating ion capacity, a	hours nd explain any	per week, / changes
² Please estimate the percentage of to by your firm's production in 2011: p ³ Please estimate the percentage of to Russia accounted for by your firm's export ⁴ Identify your principal <i>European Unic</i> ⁵ Identify your principal <i>Asian</i> export m	percent tal exports to s in 2011: n export mark	the United Sta				

Identify your principal other export markets:

PART III.--<u>MARKET FACTORS</u>--Continued

II-15. Reconciliation of trade data.—

(a) The quantities reported in question II-14 should reconcile as follows in each period (*i.e.*, in each column):

Reconciliation B + C - D - E - G - I - K - M = Q Do these data reconcile? \Box Yes \Box No--Please explain:

(b) Further, the quantities reported for end-of-period inventories should equal the beginningof-period inventories reported in the subsequent calendar year (*i.e.*, line Q of year 2006 should equal line B of year 2007). Do these data reconcile for each adjacent calendar year?

Yes.	NoPlease explain:
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II-16. <u>Total production of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium</u>.--Indicate the share of your total production in 2011 of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium accounted for by each of the following items:

Item	Share (percent)
Grade 40-60 percent ferrovanadium	%
Grade 75-85 percent ferrovanadium	%
Nitrided vanadium	%
Other vanadium-containing product (specify):	%
Total	

PART III.--<u>MARKET FACTORS</u>--Continued

- Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from John Benedetto (202-205-3270, John.Benedetto@usitc.gov).
- III-1. <u>Contact information</u>.-- Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

III-2. <u>Contract versus spot</u>.--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium to U.S. customers in 2011 was on a (1) long-term contract basis, (2) short-term contract basis, and (3) spot sales basis?

Share of

Type of sale	<u>2011 sales</u>
Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)	%
Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries up to and including 12 months)	%
Spot sales (for a single delivery)	%
Total	100 %

III-3. Please fill out the table with respect to provisions of your typical sales contracts with U.S. customers for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a long term and/or short term contract basis).

Typical sales contract provisions	ltem	Short term contracts (multiple deliveries up to and including 12 months)	Long term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)
Average contract duration	Number of days		
Price renegotiation (during the	Yes		
contract period)	No		
	Quantity		
Fixed quantity and/or price	Price		
	Both		
Maat ar ralaada provision	Yes		
Meet or release provision	No		
Not applicable			

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PART III.--<u>MARKET FACTORS</u>--Continued

III-4. <u>Lead times</u>.--What is the average lead time for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium to U.S. customers between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium?

Source	<u>Share of</u> 2011 sales	Lead time (days)
From inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total	100 %	

III-5. <u>**Raw materials.--**</u>To what extent have changes in the prices of raw materials affected your firm's selling prices for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium since 2006? Also discuss any anticipated changes in your raw material costs.

III-6. <u>Changes in factors affecting supply</u>.--Have any changes occurred in any other factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of energy or labor; transportation conditions; production capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternative production opportunities) that affected the availability of Russian-produced ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium in the U.S. market since 2006?

No

Yes-- Please describe.

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PART III.--<u>MARKET FACTORS</u>--Continued

III-7. Availability of SUBJECT import supply.--

- (a) Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the availability of Russian-produced ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium in the U.S. market in the future?
 - ☐ Increase ☐ No change
- Decrease
- (b) If you anticipate changes in supply, please identify the changes, including the time period and the impact of such changes on shipment volumes and prices.
- III-8. <u>Product shifting</u>.--Describe how easily your firm can shift its sales of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium between the U.S. market and alternative country markets. In your discussion, please describe any contracts, other sales arrangements, or other constraints (including any third-country trade barriers such as tariffs, quotas, or other non-tariff barriers) that would prevent or retard your firm from shifting ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium between the U.S. and alternative country markets within a 12-month period.

III-9.	<u>Product range</u> Is the product range, product mix, or marketing of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium in your home market different from that of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium for export to the United States or to third-country markets?

No No

PART III.--<u>MARKET FACTORS</u>--Continued

III-10. **Product changes.**--Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium in your home market, for export to the United States, or for export to third-country markets since 2006? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in product range, product mix, or marketing	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since 2006			
Anticipated changes			

III-11. Substitutes.—

(a) Can ferrovanadium be substituted for nitrided vanadium in all end uses?

No—Please explain.	Yes
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(b) Can other products be substituted for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium?

No

Yes--Please fill out the table.

		End use in which this	Have changes in the prices of this substitute affected the price for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium?			
Substitute		substitute is used	No	Yes	Explanation	
1.						
2.						
3.						

PART III.--<u>MARKET FACTORS</u>--Continued

III-12. <u>Changes in substitutes</u>.-- Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium since 2006? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in substitutes	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since 2006			
Anticipated changes			

III-13. **Interchangeability.--**Is the ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium produced by your firm and sold in its home market interchangeable (*i.e.*, can be used in the same applications) with your firm's ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium sold to the United States and/or to third-country markets?

Yes No--Identify the market(s) and any differences in the products.

III-14. <u>End uses</u>.--Describe the end uses of the ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium that you manufacture and sell to your home market. If these end uses differ from those of the ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium you sell to the U.S. market or to third-country markets, explain.

III-15. <u>Changes in end uses</u>.-- Have there been any changes in the end uses of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium since 2006? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in end uses	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since 2006			
Anticipated changes			

PART III.--<u>MARKET FACTORS</u>--Continued

III-16. <u>Demand trends</u>.-- Indicate how demand for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium in the following markets <u>has changed</u> since January 1, 2006, and why (factors). In addition, indicate how you anticipate demand for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium in these markets <u>will change</u> in the future, and why (factors).

Market	Increase	No change	Decrease	Fluctuate	Factors
	Demand since 2006				
Your home market					
United States					
Other markets					
	Anticipated future demand				
Your home market					
United States					
Other markets					

III-17. **Price differences.--**Please compare market prices of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium in your home market, the United States, and third-country markets.

III-18. **Description of home market.--**Describe briefly your home market for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium, including the number of, and competition between, producers.

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PART III.--<u>MARKET FACTORS</u>--Continued

No

III-19.	Import competitionDo you face competition from imports of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided
	vanadium in your home market?

Yes--Please identify the country sources of any imports of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium into your home market.

III-20. <u>Market studies</u>.--Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including Russia, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 2006 to the present and forecasts for the future.