

## FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

### CIRCULAR WELDED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PIPE FROM OMAN, PAKISTAN, THE PHILIPPINES, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, AND VIETNAM

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **November 12, 2015**

*See last page for filing instructions.*

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe ("circular welded pipe") from Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, the United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-549 and 731-TA-1299-1303 (Preliminary)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your firm's possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

Name of firm \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Has your firm produced or exported **circular welded pipe** (as defined on next page) at any time since January 1, 2012?

**NO** (Sign the certification below and promptly return **only** this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)

**YES** (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)

Data reported in this questionnaire relate to (Check one):

**OMAN**     **PAKISTAN**     **PHILIPPINES**     **UAE**     **VIETNAM**

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#### 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 proceedings 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.*

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Name of Authorized Official

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Title of Authorized Official

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Date

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Signature

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Phone:

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Email address

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Fax:

**PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Background.** This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on October 28, 2015, by Bull Moose Tube Company, Chesterfield, MO; EXLTUBE, Kansas City, MO; Wheatland Tube, Chicago, IL; and Western Tube & Conduit, Long Beach, CA. Countervailing and/or antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at [http://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2015/circular\\_welded\\_carbon\\_quality\\_steel\\_pipe\\_oma\\_n/preliminary.htm](http://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2015/circular_welded_carbon_quality_steel_pipe_oma_n/preliminary.htm).

**Circular Welded Pipe** covered by these investigations is . . . welded carbon-quality steel pipes and tube, of circular cross-section, with an outside diameter (“O.D.”) not more than 16 inches (406.4mm), regardless of wall thickness, surface finish (e.g., black, galvanized, or painted), end finish (plain end, beveled end, grooved, threaded, or threaded and coupled), or industry specification (e.g. American Society for Testing and Materials International (“ASTM”), proprietary, or other) generally known as standard pipe, fence pipe and tube, sprinkler pipe, and structural pipe (although subject product may also be referred to as mechanical tubing). Specifically, the term, “carbon quality” includes products in which: (a) iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; (b) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight; and (c) none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity, by weight, as indicated:

- (i) 1.80 percent of manganese;
- (ii) 2.25 percent of silicon;
- (iii) 1.00 percent of copper;
- (iv) 0.50 percent of aluminum;
- (v) 1.25 percent of chromium;
- (vi) 0.30 percent of cobalt;
- (vii) 0.40 percent of lead;
- (viii) 1.25 percent of nickel;
- (ix) 0.30 percent of tungsten;
- (x) 0.15 percent of molybdenum;
- (xi) 0.10 percent of niobium;
- (xii) 0.41 percent of titanium;
- (xiii) 0.15 percent of vanadium;
- (xiv) 0.15 percent of zirconium.

Subject pipe is ordinarily made to ASTM specifications A53, A135, and A795, but can also be made to other specifications. Structural pipe is made primarily to ASTM specifications A252 and A500. Standard and structural pipe may also be produced to proprietary specifications rather than to industry specifications. Fence tubing is included in the scope regardless of certification to a specification listed in the exclusions below, and can also be made to the ASTM A513 specification. Sprinkler pipe is designed for sprinkler fire suppression systems and may be made to industry specifications such as ASTM A53 or to proprietary specifications. These products are generally made to standard O.D. and wall thickness combinations. Pipe multi-stenciled to a standard and/or structural specification and to other specifications, such as American Petroleum Institute (“API”) API-5L specification, is also covered by the scope of these investigations when it meets the physical description set forth above, and also has one or

more of the following characteristics: is 32 feet in length or less; is less than 2.0 inches (50mm) in outside diameter; has a galvanized and/or painted (e.g. polyester coated) surface finish; or has a threaded and/or coupled end finish.

The scope of these investigations does not include: (a) pipe suitable for use in boilers, superheaters, heat exchangers, refining furnaces and feedwater heaters, whether or not cold drawn; (b) finished electrical conduit; (c) finished scaffolding; (d) tube and pipe hollows for redrawing; (e) oil country tubular goods produced to API specifications; (f) line pipe produced to only API specifications; and (g) mechanical tubing, whether or not cold-drawn. However, products certified to ASTM mechanical tubing specifications are not excluded as mechanical tubing if they otherwise meet the standard sizes (e.g., outside diameter and wall thickness) of standard, structural, fence and sprinkler pipe. Also, products made to the following outside diameter and wall thickness combinations, which are recognized by the industry as typical for fence tubing, would not be excluded from the scope based solely on their being certified to ASTM mechanical tubing specifications:

- 1.315 inch O.D. and 0.035 inch wall thickness (gauge 20);
- 1.315 inch O.D. and 0.047 inch wall thickness (gauge 18);
- 1.315 inch O.D. and 0.055 inch wall thickness (gauge 17);
- 1.315 inch O.D. and 0.065 inch wall thickness (gauge 16);
- 1.315 inch O.D. and 0.072 inch wall thickness (gauge 15);
- 1.315 inch O.D. and 0.083 inch wall thickness (gauge 14);
- 1.315 inch O.D. and 0.095 inch wall thickness (gauge 13);
- 1.660 inch O.D. and 0.047 inch wall thickness (gauge 18);
- 1.660 inch O.D. and 0.055 inch wall thickness (gauge 17);
- 1.660 inch O.D. and 0.065 inch wall thickness (gauge 16);
- 1.660 inch O.D. and 0.072 inch wall thickness (gauge 15);
- 1.660 inch O.D. and 0.083 inch wall thickness (gauge 14);
- 1.660 inch O.D. and 0.095 inch wall thickness (gauge 13);
- 1.660 inch O.D. and 0.109 inch wall thickness (gauge 12);
- 1.900 inch O.D. and 0.047 inch wall thickness (gauge 18);
- 1.900 inch O.D. and 0.055 inch wall thickness (gauge 17);
- 1.900 inch O.D. and 0.065 inch wall thickness (gauge 16);
- 1.900 inch O.D. and 0.072 inch wall thickness (gauge 15);
- 1.900 inch O.D. and 0.095 inch wall thickness (gauge 13);
- 1.900 inch O.D. and 0.109 inch wall thickness (gauge 12);
- 2.375 inch O.D. and 0.047 inch wall thickness (gauge 18);
- 2.375 inch O.D. and 0.055 inch wall thickness (gauge 17);
- 2.375 inch O.D. and 0.065 inch wall thickness (gauge 16);
- 2.375 inch O.D. and 0.072 inch wall thickness (gauge 15);
- 2.375 inch O.D. and 0.095 inch wall thickness (gauge 13);
- 2.375 inch O.D. and 0.109 inch wall thickness (gauge 12);
- 2.375 inch O.D. and 0.120 inch wall thickness (gauge 11);
- 2.875 inch O.D. and 0.109 inch wall thickness (gauge 12);
- 2.875 inch O.D. and 0.134 inch wall thickness (gauge 10);
- 2.875 inch O.D. and 0.165 inch wall thickness (gauge 8);
- 3.500 inch O.D. and 0.109 inch wall thickness (gauge 12);
- 3.500 inch O.D. and 0.148 inch wall thickness (gauge 9);
- 3.500 inch O.D. and 0.165 inch wall thickness (gauge 8);

4.000 inch O.D. and 0.148 inch wall thickness (gauge 9);  
4.000 inch O.D. and 0.165 inch wall thickness (gauge 8);  
4.500 inch O.D. and 0.203 inch wall thickness (gauge 7).

**Reporting of information.**-- If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire (i.e., a producer, importer, purchaser and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

**Confidentiality.**--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to this questionnaire that reveal the individual operations of your firm will be treated as confidential by the Commission to the extent that such data are not otherwise available to the public and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law (see 19 U.S.C. §1677f). Such confidential information will not be published in a manner that will reveal the individual operations of your firm; however, general characterizations of numerical business proprietary information (such as discussion of trends) will be treated as confidential business information only at the request of the submitter for good cause shown.

**Verification.**--The information submitted in this questionnaire is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all files, worksheets, and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

**Release of information.**--The information provided by your firm in response to this questionnaire, as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with this proceeding, may become subject to, and released under, the administrative protective order provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1677f) and section 207.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.7). This means that certain lawyers and other authorized individuals may temporarily be given access to the information for use in connection with this proceeding or other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals.

- I-1. **OMB statistics.**--Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire.

Hours	Dollars

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 20 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

We welcome comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, suggestions for reducing the burden, and any suggestions for improving this questionnaire. Please attach such comments to your response or send to the Office of Investigations, USITC, 500 E St. SW, Washington, DC 20436.

- I-2. **Establishments covered.**--Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

**“Establishment”**-- Each facility of a firm in Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, the United Arab Emirates, or Vietnam involved in the production or export of circular welded pipe, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities. Firms operating more than one establishment in Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, the United Arab Emirates, or Vietnam should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.

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- I-3. **Related U.S. producers.**--Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce circular welded pipe in the United States or other countries?

No       Yes--Please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire.

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I-4. **Related U.S. importers.**--Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import circular welded pipe into the United States?

- No             Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire.

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I-5. **U.S. importers.**--Please provide the names, street addresses (not P.O. boxes), contacts, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the **FIVE** largest U.S. importers of your firm's circular welded pipe in 2014.

	Importer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	Street address (not P.O. box), city, state, and zip code	Share of your firm's 2014 U.S. exports (%)
<b>1</b>					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
<b>2</b>					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
<b>3</b>					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
<b>4</b>					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
<b>5</b>					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	

**PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION**

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Justin Enck (202-205-3363, Justin.enck@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.**

- II-1. **Contact information.**-- 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. **Changes in operations.**--Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of circular welded pipe since January 1, 2012.

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>		<i>(please describe)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	plant openings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	plant closings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	relocations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	expansions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	acquisitions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	consolidations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	prolonged shutdowns or production curtailments	
<input type="checkbox"/>	revised labor agreements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	other ( <i>e.g.</i> , technology)	

II-3. **Anticipated changes in operations.**--Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of its operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of circular welded pipe 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 the response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce circular welded pipe (in short tons) for 2015 and 2016.**

II-4a. **Production using same machinery.**-- Please report your firm's production of products made on the same equipment and machinery used to produce circular welded pipe, and the combined production capacity on this shared equipment and machinery.

**"Overall production capacity" or "capacity"** --The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods for all products manufactured in that establishment using the same manufacturing equipment. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup).

**"Production"** --All production in your establishment(s) in Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, the United Arab Emirates, or Vietnam, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Item	Quantity (in short tons)				
	Calendar years			January-September	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
<b>Overall production capacity</b>					
<b>Production of:</b>					
<b>Circular welded pipe<sup>1</sup></b>	0	0	0	0	0
Other products <sup>2</sup>					
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Data entered for production of circular welded pipe will populate here once reported in question II-7. <sup>2</sup> Please identify these products: _____.					

II-4b. **Operating parameters.**--The production capacity reported in II-4a is based on operating \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week, \_\_\_\_\_ weeks per year.



II-4c. **Capacity calculation.**--Please describe the methodology used to calculate overall production capacity reported in II-4a, and explain any changes in reported capacity.

II-4d. **Production constraints.**--Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's production capacity.

II-4e. **Product shifting.**—

(i). Is your firm able to switch production (capacity) between circular welded pipe and other products using the same equipment and/or labor?

No

Yes-- (i.e., have produced other products or are able to produce other products). Please identify other actual or potential products: \_\_\_\_\_.

(ii). Please describe the factors that affect your firm's ability to shift production capacity between products (e.g., time, cost, relative price change, etc.), and the degree to which these factors enhance or constrain such shifts.

II-5. **Share of sales.**--What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of circular welded pipe? \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

II-6. **Firm's estimated share of production in Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, the United Arab Emirates, or Vietnam.**--Please estimate the percentage of total production of circular welded pipe in the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's production in 2014. \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

II-7. **Firm's estimated share of country's exports.**--Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of circular welded pipe from the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's exports in 2014. \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

II-8. **Inventories in the United States.**--Has your firm, since 2012, maintained any inventories of circular welded pipe in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in question I-3)?

**"Inventories"**--Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work in progress.

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

Quantity ( <i>in short tons</i> )			
Item	Calendar year		
	2012	2013	2014
<b>Inventory</b>			

II-9. **Third country trade actions.**--Is the circular welded pipe exported by your firm subject to antidumping/countervailing duty/safeguard findings, remedies, or proceedings?

No             Yes--List the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies/proceedings.

- II-10. **Trade data.**--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of circular welded pipe in your establishment(s) in Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, the United Arab Emirates, or Vietnam during the specified periods.

Do not submit data by manufacturing facility if they are in the same country. If your firm has multiple manufacturing establishments within one country, you are required to combine data for those establishments within one foreign producer questionnaire response.

Do not submit data on multiple countries combined. The establishments reported here should all be located in the country of the firm's address reported on the certification page. Multinational companies with production in multiple subject countries should submit separate foreign producer questionnaire responses for each subject country.

**"Average production capacity" or "capacity"** --The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods for all products manufactured in that establishment using the same manufacturing equipment. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix).

**"Production"** --All production in your establishment(s) in Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, the United Arab Emirates, or Vietnam, including production consumed internally within your firm.

**"Shipments"**--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, the United Arab Emirates, or Vietnam. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

**"Home market commercial shipments"**--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, the United Arab Emirates, or Vietnam.

**"Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms"**--Shipments made to related firms in Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, the United Arab Emirates, or Vietnam, including product consumed internally by your firm.

**"Export shipments"**--Shipments to destinations outside Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, the United Arab Emirates, or Vietnam, including shipments to related firms.

**"Inventories"**--Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work-in-progress.

*Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the trade data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the trade data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (such as production and sales schedules, inventory records, etc.) used to compile these data.*

II-10. **Trade data**--Continued.

Quantity (in short tons)							
Item	Actual experience					Projections <sup>1</sup>	
	Calendar year			January-September		Calendar year	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016
Average production capacity <sup>2</sup> (A)							
Beginning-of-period inventories (B)							
Production (C)							
Home market shipments: Internal consumption/ transfers (D)							
Commercial shipments (E)							
Exports to the United States (F)							
Exports to all other markets <sup>3</sup> (G)							
Total exports (H) (should equal F+G)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total shipments (I) (should equal D+E+F+G)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
End-of-period inventories (J)							

<sup>1</sup> Please explain the basis for your firm's projections. \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>2</sup> The production capacity reported is based on operating \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week, \_\_\_\_\_ weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity. \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>3</sup> Identify principal other export markets. \_\_\_\_\_.

II-10. **Trade data.**—*Continued.*

*RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line J) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line B), plus production (i.e., line C), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, E, F, and G). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.*

Item	Actual experience					Projections	
	Calendar year			January-September		Calendar year	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016
B + C – D – E – F – G – J = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate.							

II-11. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II that did not provide a narrative box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.

## HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

This questionnaire is available as a “fillable” form in MS Word format on the Commission’s website

at: [http://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2015/circular\\_welded\\_carbon\\_quality\\_steel\\_pipe\\_oman/preliminary.htm](http://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2015/circular_welded_carbon_quality_steel_pipe_oman/preliminary.htm)

***Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document.*** Please submit the completed questionnaire using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word questionnaire or cannot use one of the electronic methods of submission, please contact the Commission for further instructions.

- **Upload via Secure Drop Box.**—Upload the MS Word questionnaire along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission’s secure upload facility:

**Web address:** <https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/>      **Pin:** CWP

- **E-mail.**—E-mail your questionnaire to [Justin.enck@usitc.gov](mailto:Justin.enck@usitc.gov); include a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1). *Please note that submitting your questionnaire by e-mail may subject your firm’s business proprietary information to transmission over an unsecure environment and to possible disclosure. If you choose this option, the Commission warns you that any risk involving possible disclosure of such information is assumed by the submitter and not by the Commission.*

**If your firm did not produce or export this product,** please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

***Parties to this proceeding.***—If your firm is a party to this proceeding, you are required to serve a copy of the completed questionnaire on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties may be obtained from the Commission’s Secretary (202-205-1803). A certificate of service must accompany the completed questionnaire you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.