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Re: Comments in Section 232 National Security Investigation of Steel Products

Dear Director Botwin:

Altos Hornos de Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V. (AHMSA) files this letter in response to the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) invitation for comments on its ongoing Section 232 investigation of U.S. imports of steel.

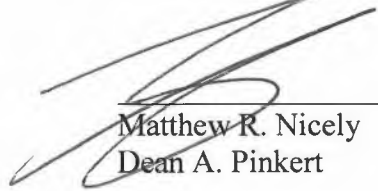
AHMSA is the largest integrated steelworks in Mexico. We have two steel mills in the city of Monclova and a workforce of 19,000. As a national leader in Mexico in the production and marketing of flat-rolled steel products and as a producer of structural shapes for the construction industry, we are strongly committed to an integrated North American steel market in which market forces determine patterns of production and consumption, not industrial policy. As such, we are in complete agreement with the comments being filed today by the Mexican Iron and Steel Industry Chamber (CANACERO).

As explained in the CANACERO submission, the integrated North American market has, just as the NAFTA partner countries intended, provided enormous benefits to the economic welfare and security of the region. The integration of the North American steel sector is a source of strength, not weakness, to the United States. Accordingly, the optimal result of the investigation would be for (1) any relief granted under Section 232 to exclude all NAFTA trade and (2) the United States, Mexico, and Canada to rededicate themselves to working together to confront the challenges arising from industrial policies outside the region.

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Please do not hesitate to call on us to provide additional information that may be relevant to your investigation.

Respectfully submitted,



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