

NOTICE 626 OF 2007

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF
SOUTH AFRICA**

**TERMINATION OF INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED
DUMPING OF WHITE SELF-COPY PAPER ORIGINATING IN OR
IMPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

On 21 July 2006, the Commission formally initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of self-copy paper (SCP) originating in or imported from the United States of America. Notice of the initiation of the investigation was published in Notice No. 867 of *Government Gazette* No. 28975 dated 21 July 2006.

The application was lodged on behalf of the South African Customs Union (SACU) industry by Johan Lambrechts & Associates cc (JLA) on behalf of Mondi South Africa Ltd (the Applicant), claiming that the dumped imports from the USA were causing it material injury. At the time, the Applicant was the sole manufacturer of the like product in the SACU.

The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered that there was *prima facie* evidence to show that the subject product was being imported at dumped prices, causing material injury to the SACU industry.

On initiation of the investigation, the known producers and exporters of the subject products in the USA were sent foreign manufacturers/exporters questionnaires to complete. SACU importers of the subject product were also sent importer's questionnaires to complete.

Appleton Papers Inc, an exporter/manufacturer of the subject products, represented by Xikhova Advisory responded to the Commission's questionnaire.

The following SACU importers also responded to the Commission's questionnaires:

1. Peters Papers
2. Antalis
3. Lithotech Ltd

Xikhova Advisory represented both importers in this matter.

Request to withdraw the Application

On 05 March 2007, the applicant submitted a letter, requesting that the anti-dumping application of self-copy paper from the USA be withdrawn. The applicant stated that it had terminated the production of the product at its Merebank production facility, the only self-copy paper (SCP) production plant in the SACU. It stated that as SCP is no longer produced in the SACU, pursuing the anti-dumping application would serve no purpose.

The Commission, therefore, made a final determination to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the investigation into the alleged dumping of SCP originating in or imported from the USA be terminated.

The Commission's reasons for its decision are set out in Commission Report No.229 (Final report).

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