

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

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VIBRACOUSTIC NORTH AMERICA LP
INCLUDING ON-SITE LEASED WORKER FROM
PEOPLELINK, LEADERS STAFFING, AND ELWOOD STAFFING
LIGONIER, INDIANA

Certification Regarding Eligibility
To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Act"), 19 U.S.C. § 2273, the Department of Labor herein presents the results of an investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance.

The group eligibility requirements for workers of a firm under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. § 2272(a), are satisfied if the following criteria are met:

(1) a significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

(2) (B) (i) (I) there has been a shift by the workers' firm to a foreign country in the production of articles or supply of services like or directly competitive with those produced/supplied by the workers' firm; OR

(II) there has been an acquisition from a foreign country by the workers' firm of articles/services that are like or directly competitive with those produced/supplied by the workers' firm; AND

(ii) the shift/acquisition must have contributed importantly to the workers' separation or threat of separation.

The investigation was initiated in response to a petition filed on July 23, 2020 by a state workforce official on behalf of workers and former workers of Vibracoustic North America LP, including on-site leased worker from Peoplelink, Leaders Staffing, and Elwood Staffing, Ligonier, Indiana (Vibracoustic-Ligonier). Workers of Vibracoustic-Ligonier are engaged in activities related to the production of torsional vibration dampers.

During the course of the investigation, information was collected from the petition and the workers' firm.

Section 222(a)(1) has been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers in Vibracoustic-Ligonier have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated.

Section 222(a)(2)(B) has been met because the workers' firm has shifted to a foreign country the production of a(n) article like or directly competitive with torsional vibration dampers produced by the workers which contributed importantly to worker group separations at Vibracoustic-Ligonier.

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I determine that workers of Vibracoustic-Ligonier, who are engaged in activities related to the

production of torsional vibration dampers, meet the worker group certification criteria under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. § 2272(a). In accordance with Section 223 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. § 2273, I make the following certification:

"All workers of Vibracoustic North America LP, including on-site leased worker from Peoplelink, Leaders Staffing, and Elwood Staffing, Ligonier, Indiana, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after July 22, 2019 through two years from the date of certification, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on the date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended."

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 6th day of November 2020.

/s/Del-Min Amy Chen

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Trade Adjustment Assistance