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Dear Andy

## Supply and Potential Tariff Situation on C4 Panels

We are aware that the Trade Remedy Authority are investigating supply of aluminium extrusions from China.

We ask that you make the authority aware of the situation that JR Industries Ltd face on our main running product, namely C4 panels – GPM18896 which we purchase painted, from PMI in China (Drawing attached).

This die is outside of the press size and range in the UK to produce, so we are forced to import.

The situation in Europe is such that the lead time on the mills able to produce such extrusion is in excess of 9 months. The market we understand was saturated after a trade remedy against China was applied there.

Therefore, our only sensible option is supply from China via yourself in Bilston.

It can make no sense to apply a trade remedy on a product that cannot be made in the country that is supposed to be protected. Indeed, using the market as a whole and not just focussing on a limited number of UK extruders, as a user of the material it could seriously damage our competitiveness both at home and to our substantial export market.

Please can you confirm that the TRA fully understand our position and that we can obtain reassurances that no trade remedy will be applied to our extrusion supply as we look to tender for more substantial export opportunities.

Yours sincerely



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