**Registration Form**

**For all Interested Parties and contributors**

**Tariff Rate Quota Review**

**Case SM0015: Certain Steel products**

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| **Period of Investigation:** | **2015 to 2019** |
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| **Injury Period:** | **N/A** |
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| **Deadline for response:** | 18 February |
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| **Case Team Contact:** | sm0015@traderemedies.gov.uk |
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| **Completed on behalf of:** | Black Country Consortium Ltd |
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| **Party type (select):**  | ☐  | Contributor |
|  | ☐  | Government of relevant foreign country or territory (*Interested Party*) |
|  | ☐ | Trade or business association representing overseas exporters or UK importers of the good(s) subject to review (*Interested Party*) |
|  | ☐ | Trade or business association representing UK producers of like goods or directly competitive goods (*Interested Party*)☐ UK Producer☐ Importer☐ Overseas Exporter |

When you have completed this form, indicate the **confidentiality** of this document by placing an X in the relevant box below:

**☐** Confidential

**☐** Non-Confidential – will be made publicly available

Please note that you will have to provide **two copies of your response** – a **Confidential** and a **Non-Confidential version.** Both copies should be returned to the TRA using the Trade Remedies Service ([www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk)) by **11 February 2022**.

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# **Instructions**

### I – Who should complete this form?

You should complete this form if you are would like to register your interest in this case.

### II – Note about confidentiality

You will need to submit one confidential version and one non-confidential version of this document. Please ensure that each page of information you provide is clearly marked either “Confidential” or “Non-Confidential” in the header. It is your responsibility to ensure that the non-confidential version does not contain any confidential information.

Please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/an-introduction-to-our-investigations-process#how-we-handle-confidential-information>for further information on what can be considered confidential and how to prepare a non-confidential version of this document.

All information provided to the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) in confidence will be treated accordingly and only used for this investigation (except in limited circumstance as permitted by regulation 17 of the Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019) and will be stored in protected systems.

The non-confidential version of your submission will be placed on the public file, which is available at [www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases).

# **Section A – Your organisation’s interest in the review**

To register your organisation’s interest in this review, please complete the text boxes below. You should use this form if you are an interested party or contributor including foreign government. For a definition of goods subject to review, please refer to the Notice of Initiation.

Please describe your role with regards to the goods subject to review:

Black Country Consortium Ltd provides the strategic and delivery capacity of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), covering the four local authority areas of Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley. We take an industry-led, evidence focused approach to economic development strategy and action, representing local businesses to grasp opportunities and mitigate issues. We also lead the metals and materials sector at the regional (West Midlands Combined Authority) level via a West Midlands Metals and Materials Forum. The Forum brings together businesses, trade associations and universities from what is a critically important sector in the region. The issue of current steel safeguarding measures was raised at the Metals and Materials Forum among other local channels, with businesses raising the need for representation and change.

Please describe your interest in this review:

Given the importance of the metals and materials industry locally, and our role as sector lead at the West Midlands level, part of the LEP / Consortium’s role is to represent the interest of business. This is particularly pertinent when multiple firms report a policy issue, backed up by clear evidence. Our aim as an organisation is to drive economic growth and prosperity in the Black Country, steering the success of key sectors such as manufacturing. Therefore, a key issue such as steel safeguarding is something we must look to address for the good of our business base in order to protect investment, jobs and productivity. We have also worked closely with other representative bodies including Black Country Chamber of Commerce and the Confederation for British Metalforming regarding this case. These efforts so far have involved political engagement locally through a briefing note and letter, and via submission to the TRA’s “reconsideration” (Case TF0006) – including reference to Category 4 steel goods (metallic coated sheets): <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tra-to-reconsider-findings-of-steel-safeguard-transition-review>

# **Section B – Additional information**

Use the box at the end of this section to provide any other relevant information which you think would be useful to help our review.

N/A