UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20230

In the Matter of:

The Indium Corporation of America 34 Robinson Road Clinton, NY 13323

Respondent

ORDER RELATING TO INDIUM CORPORATION.

The Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce ("BIS") has

notified The Indium Corporation of America of Clinton, New York ("Indium") of its

intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against Indium pursuant to Section

766.3 of the Export Administration Regulations (the "Regulations"),¹ through the

issuance of a Proposed Charging Letter to Indium that alleges that Indium committed 11

violations of the Regulations.² Specifically:

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WHEREAS, Indium admits committing the alleged conduct described in the Proposed Charging Letter; and

WHEREAS, I have approved of the terms of such Settlement Agreement; IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

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This Order, which constitutes the final agency action in this matter, is effective immediately.

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Issued this 0 day of December, 2024.

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WHEREAS, Indium has reviewed the Proposed Charging Letter and is aware of the allegations made against it and the administrative sanctions that could be imposed against it if the allegations are found to be true;

WHEREAS, Indium has reviewed, with the assistance of counsel, the terms of this Agreement, the Order ("Order") that the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement will issue if he approves this Agreement as the final resolution of this matter, and the Proposed Charging Letter, and understands the terms of all three documents;

WHEREAS, Indium enters into this Agreement voluntarily and with full

knowledge of its rights, after having consulted with counsel;

WHEREAS, Indium states that no promises or representations have been made to it other than the agreements and considerations herein expressed;

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Proposed Charging Letter; and

WHEREAS, Indium agrees to be bound by the Order, if issued;

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree, for purposes of this Agreement, as follows:

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7. This Agreement shall become binding on the Parties only if the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement approves it by issuing the Order, which The Indium Corporation of America Settlement Agreement Page 8 of 8

will have the same force and effect as a decision and order issued after a full

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BIS will make the Proposed Charging Letter, this Agreement, and the 8.

Order, if issued, available to the public.

Each signatory affirms that he/she has authority to enter into this 9.

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Date: 12-19-24

Reviewed and approved by:

Kristine Pirnia Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg P.A. Counsel for Indium Corporation

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PROPOSED CHARGING LETTER

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Attention: Kristine Pirnia Esq., Sandler Travis & Rosenberg, P.A. Legal Counsel

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- 1. As described in the attached Schedule of Violations, between on or about April 14, 2022, through on or about March 31, 2023, Indium engaged in conduct prohibited by the Regulations on 11 occasions when it exported solder preforms, solder wires, and solder ribbon, valued at \$96,505.89, to Russia without the requisite license or other authorization from BIS.
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- 3. Supplement no. 5 to Part 746 of the Regulations identifies 'luxury goods' which require a BIS license for export, reexport, or transfer (in-country) to Russia or Belarus. For the purposes of this license requirement, a 'luxury good' is any item identified in Supplement no. 5 to Part 746 of the Regulations. The HTS classifications of the items contained in each of Indium's 11 exports are detailed in the Schedule of Violations below.
- 4. According to information it voluntarily disclosed to BIS, Indium encountered but failed to appropriately address red flags throughout the transactions that are the subject of the charges in this letter. The Regulations define "red flags" as abnormal circumstances in a transaction that indicate that the export may be destined for an inappropriate end-use, end-user, or destination.⁵ Since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, BIS has published several guidance documents, including those authored with interagency partners and allies, which detail common red flags that may arise in transactions and indicate potential violations of BIS's controls.⁶
- 5. Indium was contacted on or about March 16, 2022, by the Head Specialist in Sales of Materials for Microelectronics from Ostec to request a quotation for solder ribbon. The sales specialist's address was listed as Moscow, Russia. According to Indium's data sheet, the properties of the requested solder ribbon allow it to be used in microwave systems and aerospace applications, among other end-uses. After this order was placed on or about April 14, 2022, a logistics specialist from Ostec attempted a last-minute change to route the shipment through Hong Kong. This individual explained to Indium personnel that shipments are easier to send to Russia from Hong Kong, rather than through Germany as originally planned. As later identified in BIS's Russia-specific red

⁵ See Supplement no. 3 to Part 732 of the EAR.

⁶ See, e.g., Department of Commerce, Department of the Treasury, and Department of Justice, *Tri-Seal Compliance Note: Cracking Down on Third-Party Intermediaries Used to Evade Russia-Related Sanctions and Export Controls* (March 2, 2023); FinCEN and U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Industry and *Security, FinCEN and the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security Urge Increased Vigilance for Potential Russian and Belarusian Export Control Evasion Attempts* (June 28, 2022).

flag guidance, Hong Kong is a common location for the transshipment of items to Russia and Belarus, and last minute changes to transactions associated with an originator in Russia are a red flag.⁷

- 6. In all purchase orders for the exports detailed herein, Inter-Trans wrote "all products from this order are intended to be sold to Ostec Integra Ltd., Russian Federation." Nonetheless, all purchase orders established that Inter-Trans would serve as the purchaser, while Inter-Trans and BMA Spedition both served as intermediate consignees, with the orders to be shipped to Germany. Shipments planned for out of the way destinations and payments coming from third-country parties or businesses not on an end-user certificate are red flags.
- 7. On or about March 21, 2023, Inter-Trans requested that Indium delete certain personnel and Russian phone numbers from final shipping documentation to avoid "problems" with the shipment. Indium complied with these instructions. Last minute changes to shipping instructions that appear contrary to customer history or business practices are a red flag.
- 8. In total, from on or about April 14, 2022, through on or about March 31, 2023, Indium engaged in 11 transactions involving the sale of solder wires, solder ribbon, and solder preforms to Ostec Integra Ltd. Each of these transactions involved items classified by an HTS code listed in Supplement no. 5 to Part 746 of the EAR and required a license for export to Russia pursuant to § 746.10(a)(1) of the EAR.
- 9. By engaging in 11 exports to Russia without the requisite license or other authorization from BIS, Indium committed 11 violations of § 764.2(a) of the Regulations.⁸

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Accordingly, Indium is hereby notified that an administrative proceeding is instituted against it pursuant to Part 766 of the Regulations for the purpose of obtaining an order imposing administrative sanctions, including, but not limited to any or all of the following:

⁷ Id.

⁸ Additionally, each time Indium exported items to Ostec, Indium submitted or caused to be submitted misleading Electronic Export Information ("EEI") through the Automated Export System, as Ostec was not declared as the ultimate consignee of these items, nor was Russia declared as the ultimate destination. False or misleading EEI filings frustrate BIS's ability to monitor the compliance of parties exporting items from the United States. Here, BIS has chosen not to separately charge these violations.

- The maximum civil penalty allowed by law of up to the greater of \$364,992 per violation,⁹ or twice the value of the transaction that is the basis of the violation;¹⁰
- Denial of export privileges;
- Exclusion from practice before BIS; and/or
- Any other liability, sanction, or penalty available under law.

If Indium fails to answer the charges contained in this letter within 30 days after being served with notice of issuance of this letter, that failure will be treated as a default. *See* 15 C.F.R. §§ 766.6 and 766.7. If Indium defaults, the Administrative Law Judge may find the charges alleged in this letter are true without a hearing or further notice to Indium. The Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security may then impose up to the maximum penalty for the charges in this letter.

Indium is further notified that it is entitled to an agency hearing on the record if it files a written demand for one with their answer. *See* 15 C.F.R. § 766.6. Indium is also entitled to be represented by counsel or other authorized representative who has power of attorney to represent them. *See* 15 C.F.R. §§ 766.3(a) and 766.4.

The Regulations provide for settlement without a hearing. *See* 15 C.F.R. § 766.18. Should Indium have a proposal to settle this case, Indium should transmit it to the attorneys representing BIS named below.

Indium is further notified that under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Flexibility Act, Indium may be eligible for assistance from the Office of the National Ombudsman of the Small Business Administration in this matter. To determine eligibility and get more information, please see: <u>http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman/</u>.

The U.S. Coast Guard is providing administrative law judge services in connection with the matters set forth in this letter. Accordingly, Indium' answer must be filed in accordance with the instructions in Section 766.5(a) of the Regulations with:

U.S. Coast Guard ALJ Docketing Center 40 S. Gay Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202-4022

In addition, a copy of Indium's answer must be served on BIS at the following address:

⁹ See 15 C.F.R. § 6.3(c)(6). This amount is subject to annual increases pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, Sec. 701 of Public Law 114-74, enacted on November 2, 2015. See 88 Fed. Reg. 89,300 (Dec. 27, 2023) (adjusting for inflation the maximum civil monetary penalty under ECRA from \$353,534 to \$364,992, effective January 15, 2024).

¹⁰ See Export Control Reform Act of 2018, 50 U.S.C. § 4819(c)(1)(A) (2019).

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> Chief Counsel for Industry and Security Attention: Michael Goldstein Esq. and Emily Burton Esq. Room H-3839 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20230

Michael Goldstein and Emily Burton are the attorneys representing BIS in this case; any communications that Indium may wish to have concerning this matter should occur through them. Mr. Goldstein may be contacted by phone at (202) 482-6424. Ms. Burton may be reached at (240) 981-2728.

Sincerely,

John D. Sonderman Director Office of Export Enforcement

Schedule of Violations								
Charge No.	Date	Item(s) Description	HTS/HS Code	Violation	Value			
1	May 17, 2022 ¹¹	80% Gold 20% Tin Solder Ribbon	7108.13.5000	§ 764.2(a)	\$2,553.00			
2	June 27, 2022	80% Gold 20% Tin Solder Ribbon	7108.13.5000	§ 764.2(a)	\$2,015.10			
3	July 12, 2022	80% Gold 20% Tin Solder Ribbon	7108.13.5000	§ 764.2(a)	\$11,010.78			
4	August 25, 2022	63% Tin 37% Lead Solder Wire	7106.92.0000	§ 764.2(a)	\$5,214.59			
5	October 7, 2022	62% Tin 36% Lead 2% Silver	7106.92.0000	§ 764.2(a)	\$1,146.30			

¹¹ Ordered April 14, 2022.

		Solder Preform			
6	October 31, 2022	62% Tin 36% Lead 2% Silver Solder Preform	7106.92.0000	§ 764.2(a)	\$1,097.55
7	December 15, 2022	62% Tin 36% Lead 2% Silver Solder Wire	7106.92.0000	§ 764.2(a)	\$6,114.40
8	December 20, 2022	62% Tin 36% Lead 2% Silver Solder Wire	7106.92.0000	§ 764.2(a)	\$10,213.20
9	December 20, 2022	80% Gold 20% Tin Solder Ribbon	7108.13.5000	§ 764.2(a)	\$47,367.27
10	January 9, 2023	63% Tin 37% Lead Solder Wire	7106.92.0000	§ 764.2(a)	\$3,698.25
11	March 15, 2023 ¹²	62% Tin 36% 2% Silver Lead Solder Wire	7106.92.0000	§ 764.2(a)	\$6,075.45
Total	Value of Shipments:				\$96,505.89

¹² Exported March 31, 2023.