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The Honorable Joe Knollenberg
Chairman, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and
Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
2129 Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2358
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Knollenberg:

As you know, section 645 of Public Law 108-199, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, provides the annual reporting requirements for the *Buy American Act* and requires each Federal agency to submit a report to Congress on the amount of acquisitions made by the agency from entities that manufacture the articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States each fiscal year. In compliance with the requirement stated above, Chairman Cox has asked me to respond on behalf the Securities and Exchange Commission. As such the Commission provides the following information for FY 2005:

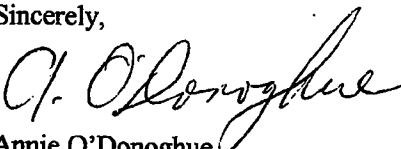
To the best of our knowledge, the SEC procures no supplies from entities that manufacture the articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States. We are also taking steps to ensure that the report is posted to the SEC public at www.sec.gov.

The SEC purchases most of its goods and services through the General Service Administration's (GSA's) Federal Supply Schedules, in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 8, "Required Sources of Supplies and Services." Because vendors make their Buy American Act certifications directly to GSA under their Federal Supply Schedule contracts, it is GSA rather than the SEC that has the section 645 information with respect to SEC purchases from those vendors.

Approximately \$2.4 million of supplies purchases were outside of these GSA procurement vehicles. For these acquisitions, as required by FAR 25.1101, the SEC incorporates the provisions and clauses of the Buy American Act in solicitations and contracts for supplies and services involving the furnishing of supplies. During fiscal year 2005, vendors submitted no exceptions to the use of domestic end products under their Buy American Certificates. Thus, to the best of our knowledge, all supplies were obtained from domestic sources.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Joanie F. Newhart, CPCM, Chief, Procurement and Contracting, via e-mail at newhartj@sec.gov or via telephone at 202-551-7303.

Sincerely,



Annie O'Donoghue
Senior Procurement Executive

Attachment:

(1) U.S. Securities and Exchange Buy American Report for Fiscal Year 2005

U.S. Securities and Exchange Buy American Report for Fiscal Year 2005

I. The Dollar Value of Any Articles, Materials, or Supplies Purchased that were Manufactured Outside of the United States: \$0

II. An Itemized List of All Waivers Granted with Respect to Such Articles, Materials, or Supplies under the Buy American Act: No waivers were granted

III. A Summary of the Total Procurement Funds Spent on Goods Manufactured in the United States versus Funds Spent on Goods Manufactured Outside the United States: All SEC procurement funds attributable to the purchase of supplies, \$2.4 million, were spent on goods manufactured in the United States. As required by FAR 25.1101, the SEC incorporates Buy American Act clauses in all solicitations and contracts for supplies and for services involving the furnishing of supplies. During Fiscal Year 2005, SEC contractors submitted no exceptions to the use of domestic end products under their Buy American Act Certificates.

