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The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
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Attention: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0895

Re: Proposed National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Ferroalloys
Production, 76 Fed. Reg. 72508
(Nov. 23, 2011)

Dear Administrator Jackson and Mr. Chin:

On behalf of the Ohio Steel Council, an organization comprised of Ohio's steel manufacturers and suppliers, please regard this letter as the council's support for the efforts of Eramet Marietta, Inc. (EMI) to ensure that future regulation of the ferroalloy industry by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reasonable and attainable, cost-effective, and based on accurate science. Further, the Ohio Steel Council advocates that any such regulations do not negatively impact the ability of EMI and its customers to compete in a global marketplace. It is essential that the United States maintain a competitive domestic source of the manganese alloys produced by EMI, which are critical steelmaking ingredients used by company members of the Ohio Steel Council.

We understand that EMI will be providing you with technical analyses regarding the need for, and feasibility of, the additional controls the U.S. EPA has proposed, as well as the expected costs and affordability of such controls. The Ohio Steel Council asks the U.S. EPA to carefully consider these materials to ensure that future regulation of this important industry is consistent with sound, technical judgment and the continued economic viability of the industry. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sal Miraglia".

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