

Ansonia Specialty Metals LLC Employees Eligible to Apply for Trade Act Benefits

WETHERSFIELD, July 23, 2013 – Former employees of Ansonia Specialty Metals LLC in Waterbury, a subsidiary of BMW Metals, LLC who provided seamless copper-nickel tubing, were certified on June 28, 2013 as eligible to apply for federal Trade Adjustment Assistance.

The Connecticut Labor Department is mailing an eligibility notice regarding the benefits to all affected employees and is providing information on how to apply for benefits. Employees eligible to apply for federal benefits are those who are or will be totally or partially separated from employment due to lack of work on or after May 9, 2012, and on or before June 28, 2015.

Available assistance may include: training; income support in the form of Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA); job search and relocation allowances for qualified workers who seek or obtain employment outside their normal commuting areas; and participation in the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) program, covering a portion of qualified health insurance premiums. Individuals 50 years of age and older who return to lower-paying work may be eligible to receive Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA) wage subsidies. Adversely affected incumbent workers, individually threatened with total or partial separation as of the date of certification and through June 28, 2015 may access reemployment services, including TAA training, prior to layoff.

Workers who qualify yet do not receive eligibility information are urged to contact their nearest Labor Department *CTWorks* Career Center for information and assistance. Those who need to apply for unemployment benefits are reminded that claims can now be filed via the Internet or by telephone. Information can be found on the Department of Labor's Web site at www.ct.gov/dol.

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