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SUBJECT: Meeting with John D. Rogers of American Fireworks Standards Laboratory (AFSL)

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Commissioner Thomas H. Moore and Michael Gougisha, Counselor to Commissioner Thomas H. Moore

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: John D. Rogers, Executive Director of AFSL

SUMMARY OF MEETING: After some initial courtesy conversational remarks, John Rogers began with an overview of AFSL and its testing and certification program. He first touched upon AFSL's performance and labeling voluntary standards for all categories of consumer fireworks, indicating that each standard incorporates existing CPSC and U.S. Department of Transportation requirements, as well as additional provisions developed by AFSL.

AFSL's testing and certification program was then discussed in detail with Mr. Rogers pointing out that 80% of the total annual volume of fireworks imports are currently imported by program participants. Mr. Rogers also indicated that, in 2005, 95% of fireworks tested and certified by AFSL complied with CPSC's standards. Mr. Gougisha pointed out that CPSC's staff compliance figure for tested and certified fireworks for 2005 was 83%. Mr. Rogers then explained that the 95% figure included 12% where violations were found but that such violations were not actionable and the shipments were still allowed into the market with the requirement that there will be corrections of future shipments.

Mr. Rogers then spoke some about AFSL's relationship with Intertek Testing Services, Ltd. He outlined how the fireworks testing technicians in China are trained and re-certified annually by AFSL.

In conclusion, Mr. Rogers pointed out that the relationship between CPSC and AFSL has mutual benefits and that working together has produced a much safer consumer fireworks market than that which existed prior to AFSL's existence. Mr. Roger shared written materials prepared for the meeting with the Commissioner and the meeting was then concluded.