

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF
SOUTH AFRICAAPPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY FROM 10% *AD VALOREM* TO 15% *AD VALOREM* ON:

Medium- density Fibreboard (“MDF”) classifiable under tariff heading 44.11

Applicant:**PG Bison (Pty) Ltd**
Brakpan and Lonie Roads
Boksburg
Gauteng
1459**Note:** Comments must be provided in the format of a questionnaire obtainable on ITAC’s website at www.itac.org.za, link: **Services - Tariff investigations - Government Gazette Notices – Other publication notices****Reasons for application:**

As motivation for the application, the Applicant submitted, amongst others, the following reasons:

- *The growth of local industries like PG Bison is threatened by increasing imports, particularly from China. From 2021 to 2023, Chinese imports increased by 114%, with China accounting for 32% of total imports. The competitive pricing of these imports, significantly lower than local production costs, suggests a likelihood of under-declaration and underscores the necessity for stricter enforcement of duties at ports to protect local industries.*
- *The proposed duty increase aims to bolster PG Bison's competitive position and safeguard its substantial investments by curbing these undervalued imports. Protecting local manufacturing is vital for achieving the increased production targets and anticipated job creation from the Mkhondo plant expansion. By enhancing production capacity, PG Bison aims to serve the entire Southern African Customs Union (“SACU”) and key markets within the African Continental Free Trade Area (“AfCFTA”), which will serve as a significant enabler for exports and a crucial component for realising the objectives of local industrialisation and investment enhancement.*

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Representation should be submitted to the above ITAC officials within **four (4) weeks** of the date of this notice.