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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign–Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1658]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status,

Excalibar Minerals LLC (Barite Milling),

New Iberia, Louisiana

Pursuant to its authority under the

Foreign–Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as

amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), the Foreign–

Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the

following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign–Trade Zones Act

provides for "...the establishment... of

foreign–trade zones in ports of entry of

the United States, to expedite and

encourage foreign commerce, and for other

purposes," and authorizes the

Foreign–Trade Zones Board to grant to

qualified corporations the privilege of

establishing foreign–trade zones in or

adjacent to U.S. Customs and Border

Protection ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board’s regulations (15

CFR Part 400) provide for the

establishment of special–purpose

subzones when existing zone facilities

cannot serve the specific use involved,

and when the activity results in a

significant public benefit and is in the

public interest;

Whereas, the Port of South Louisiana,

grantee of Foreign–Trade Zone 124, has

made application to the Board for

authority to establish a special purpose

subzone at the barite manufacturing and

distribution facility of Excalibar

Minerals LLC, located in New Iberia,

Louisiana, (FTZ Docket 21–2009, filed 5/6/09);

Whereas, notice inviting public

comment has been given in the Federal

Register (74 FR 23394, 5/19/09) and the

application has been processed

pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board’s

regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the

findings and recommendations of the

examiner’s report, and finds that the

requirements of the FTZ Act and