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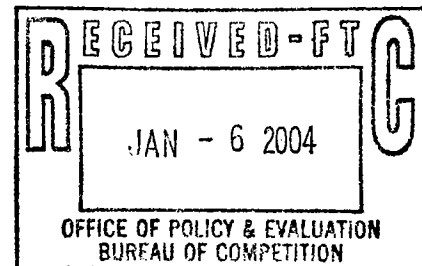
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ASSOCIATED OFFICES
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December 27, 2004

Via Certified Mail

Federal Trade Commission
Bureau of Competition, Room 394
6th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580



Re: American-European Soda Ash Shinning Association Inc. 2004 Annual Report

**Annual Report to the Federal Trade Commission
for the Year Ending December 31, 2004**

In accordance with Section 5 of the Export Trade Act of April 10, 1918 (15 U.S.C. § 65) and Section 1.42 of the Federal Trade Commission Procedures and Rules of Practice (16 C.F.R. § 1.42), AMERICAN-EUROPEAN SODA ASH SHIPPING ASSOCIATION, INC. (the "Association"), a non-stock non-profit membership corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, hereby files this Annual Report. The Association, which may be known or referred to as "AESSA," is engaged solely in transportation, storage, and other related logistical and technical support activities in order to promote and further its members' individual commerce in

The names and addresses of the Association's current Members are:

AG Soda Corporation
2201 Water Ridge Parkway, Suite 400
Charlotte, North Carolina 28217

FMC Wyoming Corporation
1735 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

General Chemical (Soda Ash) Partners
120 Eagle Rock Avenue, 3rd Floor
East Hanover, New Jersey 07936

Searles Valley Minerals
9401 Indian Creek Parkway
Suite 1000
Overland Park, Kansas 66210

OCI Chemical Corp.
Two Corporate Drive, Box 902
Shelton, Connecticut 06484

Solvay Chemicals, Inc.
P.O. Box 27328
Houston, Texas 77227

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OFFICERS

The names and addresses of the Association's Officers and Directors are:

Chairman: R. S. Steffl
FMC Wyoming Corporation
1735 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Vice-Chairman: C. J. Berry
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**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION,
BY-LAWS, AND ARTICLES OR
CONTRACT OF ASSOCIATION**

The Certificate of Incorporation, Membership Agreement and By-Laws, and applicable amendments, have been previously filed as Exhibits to prior Annual Reports which

exhibits are hereby incorporated by reference. Since the Association's Annual Report for the year

ended December 31, 2003 there have been no changes

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF NEW YORK) ss.:

CHARLES H. CRITCHLOW, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that he is an officer, to wit, Acting Secretary, of AMERICAN-EUROPEAN SODA ASH SHIPPING ASSOCIATION, INC., that he has read the foregoing report for the year ending December 31, 2004 and that it is in all respects true and correct.



Charles H. Critchlow

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 27th day of December, 2004



Notary Public

ELLEN CHERNICK
Notary Public, State Of New York
No. 01CH4770592
Qualified In Queens County
Certificate Filed In New York County
Commission Expires Feb 28, 2007