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STOCKPILE ACCEPTS FERROMANGANESE OFFERS

Fort Belvoir, VA - The Defense National Stockpile Center today announced the award of 16,000 short tons of high carbon ferromanganese under DLA-FERROMANGANESE-003. Awards were made to BSI Commodities Inc. of Pittsburgh PA and Minerais US LLC of Hillsborough NJ. The awarded material has a provisional estimated market value of \$6 million.

Amendment Number 001 will be issued shortly to change the frequency of sales offerings from monthly to quarterly. The amendment will identify March 25, 2003 as the next offering date with subsequent offerings falling on the fourth Tuesday of the third month of each calendar year quarter.

Requests for copies of the invitation and other inquiries should be directed to Angela Mattox at (703) 767-5515.

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