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STOCKPILE ACCEPTS CRUDE IODINE OFFERS

Ft. Belvoir, VA - The Defense National Stockpile Center today announced the award of approximately 267,000 pounds of crude iodine for an approximate value of \$1.54 million. Offers were received on February 25, 2004 under Solicitation of Offers DLA-IODINE-004. Awards were made to:

Champa Purie-Chem Industries
Vadodara, Gujarat, India

SQM North America
Atlanta, GA

Crude iodine is offered for sale by negotiation on a quarterly basis. The next offering will be announced at a later date.

For copies of the solicitation or Amendment No. 001 please visit our website <https://www.dnsc.dla.mil>. For other inquiries call Sandra Dozier at (703) 767-5480.