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STOCKPILE AWARDS TANTALUM/COLUMBIUM CONCENTRATES

Fort Belvoir, VA—The Defense National Stockpile Center today announced the award of approximately 150,000 pounds of tantalum oxide (120,000 pounds contained Ta) under Solicitation of Offers, DLA-TANTALUM/COLUMBIUM CONCENTRATES-001. The award was made to Sogem USA of Raleigh NC, for an approximate market value of \$5.1 million.

Information about the next offering of tantalum/columbium concentrates will be announced at a later date.

Requests for copies of the solicitation and other inquiries should be directed to K. Watt Lough at (703) 767-5402.