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STOCKPILE ANNOUNCES ZINC LONG-TERM SALES FOR MAY 2004

Fort Belvoir, VA - The Defense National Stockpile Center today announced the award of approximately 27.4 million pounds of Zinc under Solicitation of Offers, DLA-ZINC-005. The material was sold for a provisional value of \$13 million. Awards were made to:

U.S. Zinc, Houston, TX
Hochschild Partners, New York, NY
Ritchey Metals Company, Inc., Hendersonville, PA
Horsehead Corp., Monaca, PA

For additional information on today's Zinc sale please contact James Greczek at (703) 767-0331.