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IN REPLY TO

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From: Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command
To: Distribution

Subj: SUSPENSION OF BRISTOL ALLOY, INC., NOTIFICATION OF

1. This letter provides notification that Bristol Alloy, Inc. (Cage 30RA3), located in Fairless Hills Pennsylvania, and its two principals, James and Robert Bullick, were temporarily suspended from Government contracting on 12 January 2010 and have been added to the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS). Investigations and surveys by the Department of the Navy, Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding Corporation (NGSB), General Dynamics Electric Boat (GDEB), have resulted in a reasonable basis to conclude that Bristol has falsified test certifications and engaged in product substitution by supplying material that did not conform to contract specification requirements.

2. Bristol Alloys is a metals distributor which carries a wide range of ferrous and non-ferrous raw metal products that have many uses in Navy applications. It has been in business since 2002. At this time, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) is not aware of any instance where this company has done direct business with the Navy or any of its Prime Shipbuilders.

3. As of the date of this letter, three issues are under continuing investigation:

a. Material substitutions that have been discovered and confirmed by independent testing include substitution of 410SS for 17-4PH, Inconel 601 for Monel 400, and 316SS for 304SS. Other material substitutions may have been made but not yet discovered.

b. Original mill reports have been modified as confirmed by the original mill. These modifications include changing the size and material condition found on the mill reports and obscuring data on the reports.

c. Heat treatment records have been falsified or modified as confirmed by the heat treatment facilities. In some cases information was added to indicate that full physical (tensile,

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yield, elongation) testing had been accomplished when such testing had not been completed.

4. Certifications that passed through Bristol Alloys can be identified in some cases where the "Ship to/Sold to" block of the material certifications has been masked. In addition, some of the certifications identify Bristol Alloys in the fax header.

Note: Obscuring any information on an original mill report or laboratory test report is unacceptable and is considered to be an indicator of possible fraud.

5. It is recommended that the Prime Shipbuilders provide this notification to their subcontractors and suppliers at all tiers. If any additional material substitutions or falsified certifications are discovered please notify the point of contact below.

6. The NAVSEA point of contact is Ross Baker, NAVSEA 04P1, (202) 781-1320, lawrence.r.baker@navy.mil.


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