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ITAC grants a 20% duty increase on certain rock drilling equipment parts

Derry Engineering (Pty) Ltd applied for an increase in the general rate of customs duty on certain rock drilling equipment parts, from free of duty to the WTO bound rate of 20% *ad valorem*. The applicant specialises in the manufacture and supply of valve gear and consumable spares for rock drills, and it operates in Wadeville, Germiston, Gauteng Province.

The Commission considered the following factors amongst others, to arrive at its decision:

- The increase in imports of the subject products into the domestic market, with most imports originating in Asia;
- The price disadvantages experienced by the domestic manufacturing industry against imports of similar products;
- The subject product forms part of the domestic steel industry value chain. The South African Steel and Metal Fabrication Masterplan identify the decline in production volumes, increased imports, rising prices of electricity, and high prices of raw materials to be amongst the long-standing problems facing the domestic primary steel manufacturing industry and the entire value chain.

The Commission then recommended an increase in the general rate of customs duty on certain rock drilling equipment parts, classifiable under tariff subheading 8467.99.90, from free of duty to the WTO bound rate of 20% *ad valorem*.

Furthermore, the Commission recommended that the proposed duty on the subject products be reviewed after a period of 3 years following implementation of the tariff support (unless otherwise determined by the Commission) to assess the performance of the domestic industry.

Full details of the final determinations and recommendations are on [Report 774](#).

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