December 27, 2004

Via Certified Mail

Federal Trade Commission
Bureau of Competition, Room 394
6th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Re: American-European Soda Ash Shipping Association, Inc.: 2004 Annual Report

Dear Sirs:


Very truly yours,

Charles H. Critchlow

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Enclosure
AMERICAN-EUROPEAN SODA ASH SHIPPING ASSOCIATION, INC.

Annual Report to the Federal Trade Commission
for the Year Ending December 31, 2004

In accordance with Section 5 of the Export Trade Act of April 10, 1918 (15 U.S.C. § 65) and Section 1.42 of the Federal Trade Commission Procedures and Rules of Practice (16 C.F.R. § 1.42), AMERICAN-EUROPEAN SODA ASH SHIPPING ASSOCIATION, INC. (the "Association"), a non-stock non-profit membership corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, hereby files this Annual Report. The Association, which may be known or referred to as "AESSA," is engaged solely in transportation, storage, and other related logistical and technical support activities in order to promote and further its members' individual commerce in Soda Ash (defined as that alkali product designated by the chemical formula Na₂CO₃) and such other products as the Board by resolution may deem appropriate being shipped to the European Economic Community in Export Trade as defined in the Webb-Pomerene Act.

LOCATION OF OFFICES OR PLACES OF BUSINESS

The statutory office of the Association is at Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

The Association currently has no other offices or places of business.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF STOCKHOLDERS OR MEMBERS

The Association is a non-stock corporation and has no stockholders.
The names and addresses of the Association's current Members are:

AG Soda Corporation
2201 Water Ridge Parkway, Suite 400
Charlotte, North Carolina 28217

FMC Wyoming Corporation
1735 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

General Chemical (Soda Ash) Partners
120 Eagle Rock Avenue, 3rd Floor
East Hanover, New Jersey 07936

Searles Valley Minerals
9401 Indian Creek Parkway
Suite 1000
Overland Park, Kansas 66210

OCI Chemical Corp.
Two Corporate Drive, Box 902
Shelton, Connecticut 06484

Solvay Chemicals, Inc.
P.O. Box 27328
Houston, Texas 77227

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OFFICERS

The names and addresses of the Association's Officers and Directors are:

Chairman: R. S. Steffl
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1735 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Vice-Chairman: C. J. Berry
Solvay Chemicals, Inc.
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Houston, Texas 77227
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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION,
BY-LAWS, AND ARTICLES OR
CONTRACT OF ASSOCIATION

The Certificate of Incorporation, Membership Agreement and By-Laws, and applicable amendments, have been previously filed as Exhibits to prior Annual Reports which exhibits are hereby incorporated by reference. Since the Association's Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2003, there have been no changes.

AMERICAN-EUROPEAN SODA ASH
SHIPPING ASSOCIATION, INC.

By

Charles H. Critchlow
Acting Secretary
VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK  )
COUNTY OF NEW YORK    ) ss:

CHARLES H. CRITCHLOW, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that
he is an officer, to wit, Acting Secretary, of AMERICAN-EUROPEAN SODA ASH SHIPPING
ASSOCIATION, INC., that he has read the foregoing report for the year ending December 31, 2004
and that it is in all respects true and correct.

[Signature]
Charles H. Critchlow

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 7141 day of December, 2004

[Signature]
Ellen Chernick
Notary Public

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Notary Public, State Of New York
No. 01CH770692
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Commission Expires Feb 28, 2007