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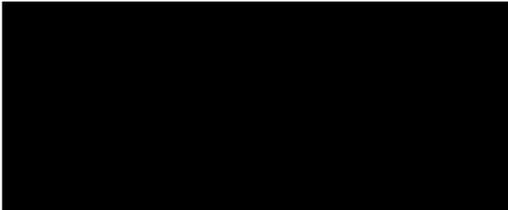
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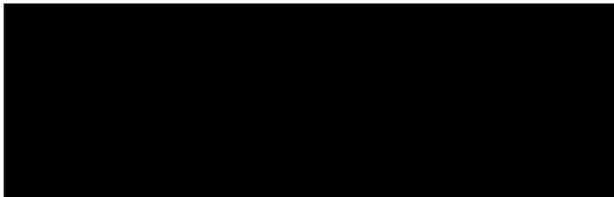
FILE: EAC 07 232 50425 Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER Date: **SEP 20 2007**

IN RE: Petitioner:  
Beneficiaries:



PETITION: Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

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Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The nonimmigrant visa petition was approved by the Director, Vermont Service Center, and certified to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) for review as required by 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(9)(iii)(B)(2)(ii). The decision of the director will be affirmed and the petition will be approved.

The petitioner is a fully integrated service company offering oil field construction services in pipeline, diving, fabrication and construction, both inland and offshore. It desires to continue to employ the beneficiaries as welder helpers for ten months. The Department of Labor (DOL) determined that unique, complex, and persistent circumstances generated in the Gulf Region by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita made it impossible to determine whether a temporary labor certification should be issued in the present case.

The director determined that sufficient countervailing evidence has been submitted to show that qualified persons in the United States are not available, that the employment policies of the Department of Labor have been observed and that the need for the services to be performed is temporary.

Upon review of the evidence contained in the record, the decision of the director is found to be correct. It is supported by the totality of evidence, including the evidence presented with the petition about Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the petitioner's need to employ the beneficiaries since the petitioner is behind in its committed schedules for oil field construction, and service and repair of rigs, vessels, ports and other related facilities following these storms. The record establishes a one-time occurrence. The Vermont Service Center will issue the appropriate approval notice.

**ORDER:** The decision of the director is affirmed. The nonimmigrant visa petition is approved.