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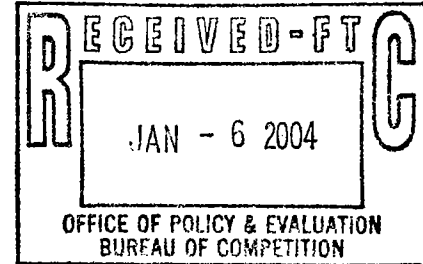
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December 27, 2004

**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:

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Webb-Pomerene Act and applicable FTC procedures and rules of practice, enclosed please find the Annual Report to the Federal Trade Commission of American-European Soda Ash Shipping Association, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2004.

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  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) 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  
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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  
FMC Wyoming Corporation  
1735 Market Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Vice-Chairman: C. J. Berry  
Solvay Chemicals, Inc.  
P.O. Box 27328  
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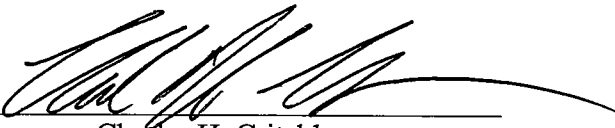
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**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION,  
BY-LAWS, AND ARTICLES OR  
CONTRACT OF ASSOCIATION**

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.



Charles H. Critchlow

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004



Notary Public

**ELLEN CHERNICK**  
Notary Public, State Of New York  
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