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Washington, DC – The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) announced that a Miami-area business owner was sentenced for her role in a scheme to defraud EXIM.

On February 27, 2020, Ada Larrea de Quesada (de Quesada), 75, the owner of Millenium Natural Manufacturing Corp. (Millenium) of Doral, FL was sentenced by Judge Ursula Ungaro in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida in Miami, FL. De Quesada was sentenced to 36 months of probation including six months of home confinement. De Quesada was also ordered to pay \$387,548.46 in restitution as well as a \$100 Special Assessment Fee. De Quesada pled guilty on December 19, 2019, to one count of False, Fictitious or Fraudulent Claims involving a scheme to defraud EXIM.

According to court documents on or about September 17, 2014 in Miami-Dade County, in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere, de Quesada did knowingly make and present, and cause to be made and presented to EXIM, an agency of the United States, a materially false, fictitious and fraudulent claim upon and against EXIM. This claim indicated that one of Millenium’s international customers had defaulted on payments of invoices guaranteed by EXIM, knowing that the claim was false, fictitious, and fraudulent, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 287 and 2.

This case was prosecuted by the Major Crimes Division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Florida. The case was investigated by EXIM OIG in Washington, D.C.

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