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and casting heats were made and evaluated. Excellent chemical quality was established and the casting yields were better than 97 percent. Phase II efforts manufactured 150 GAU-8 penetrators of acceptable quality from the material reclaimed in Phase I. Acceptable commercial products were also cast from the reclaimed DU alloy to demonstrate an additional application for the material.

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