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Subject: IMPORTANT! SIEF agreement and Status of REACH dossier for sodium hydrogen carbonate (EC 205-633-8, also called sodium bicarbonate)

THIS IS A MESSAGE FROM THE LEAD REGISTRANT FOR SODIUM HYDROGEN CARBONATE (EC 205-633-8, also called Sodium Bicarbonate) THIS INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT FOR COMPANIES INTENDING TO FILE A REGISTRATION DOSSIER FOR SODIUM HYDROGEN CARBONATE (EC 205-633-8, also called Sodium Bicarbonate) IN 2010.

IF YOU DO NOT INTEND TO REGISTER *IN 2010* YOU CAN DISREGARD THIS MESSAGE

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE SODIUM CARBONATE AND SODIUM HYDROGEN CARBONATE CONSORTIUM YOU CAN DISREGARD THIS MESSAGE

IMPORTANT Information on SODIUM HYDROGEN CARBONATE dossier creation status and data sharing (SIEF agreement, LoA)

Dear Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate SIEF members,

Many of you may already be waiting for SIEF communications from the Lead Registrant for Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate.

As Lead registrant and on behalf of the SIEF leadership team (i.e. the Sodium Carbonate and Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate consortium) we would like to inform you about the current status of work and some important steps and activities YOU will have to take if you intend to submit a dossier.

1) Status of work

The consortium is still working on the preparation of the Joint Submission Dossier, including the Chemical Safety Report as part of the Joint Submission dossier.

It is our current plan to submit the Joint Submission Dossier in July 2010 or earlier if possible. This will allow all co-registrants sufficient time to prepare and submit their dossiers before the submission deadline November 30th, 2010.

Regular update about the content of the dossier is posted on the consortium's website.

(<http://www.reachcentrum.eu/EN/consortium-management/consortia-under-reach/soda-ash-reach-consortium.aspx>)

Soon recommendations about the analytical information to be submitted in the individual dossier will be posted.

2) Data sharing / SIEF agreement

The consortium has prepared the data sharing regime based on the CEFIC SIEF agreement template to meet the needs for Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate.

Every company that wants to buy a Letter of Access (LoA) will need to sign and return a SIEF agreement first, before the deadline of May 21st, 2010

The SIEF agreement will be available from the Sodium Carbonate and Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate consortium website as of April 21st, 2010.

The consortium manager of REACHcentrum will manage the SIEF agreements and the LoAs. The Sodium Carbonate and Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate consortium website can be accessed via the attached link,
to pick up the SIEF agreement and further important information as of April 21st, 2010:

<http://www.reachcentrum.eu/EN/consortium-management/consortia-under-reach/soda-ash-reach-consortium.aspx>

3) Cost of the letter of access

You will find in the SIEF agreement the description of the principles of the cost sharing. It is difficult at this stage, to give a figure about the cost of the Letter of Access, because we still ignore the exact cost of the dossier and the number of companies who will ask a Letter of Access.

However we give you here an indicative estimation.

The SIEF agreement foresees an equal sharing of the dossier "2010 cost" between all "2010 registering" companies.

The current estimation of the dossier cost is about 500 kEUR.

The current estimation of the number of companies registering in 2010 is from 40 to 80.

The current estimation of the cost of a Letter of Access is therefore from about 6 to 12,5 kEUR.

Any further clarification can be obtained from us (Sodiumbcarbonate.LR-SIEF@solvay.com) or from the consortium manager (ybi@reachcentrum.eu)

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