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Dear Partner

Please be aware on June 1st 2007, the EU Regulation 1907/2006 (REACH - Registration, Evaluation, Authorization of CHemicals) has entered into force. This regulation has an enormous impact on all enterprises that produce, import or manufacture any substance in the EU, as such, in preparations or in articles. **Failure to comply will result in exclusion from the EU market** ("No registration, no market" principle).

Without the pretense of providing a complete understanding of such a complex Regulation, we wish to inform you on some of the main aspects which impact every company doing business in the EU.

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN:

Any substance manufactured or imported in quantities ≥ 1 ton per year (including substances in preparations, mixtures, metals in alloys, and under certain circumstances substances in articles) must be registered under the new REACH regulation at the European Chemical Agency (<http://echa.europa.eu/>).

Existing substances benefit from a "pre-registration" window in the period June 1st - November 30th, 2008 and then have a "phase-in" deadline to complete the registration, depending on the tonnage handled per year. Furthermore, Annex XIV of the Regulation will contain a list (yet to be finalized) of "Substances of Very High Concern" (SVHC) subject to authorization from ECHA, and if contained in articles at more than 0.1%, will require Notification to ECHA. Please note, anyone along the supply chain has the right to ask for information on such substances.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR ANYONE DOING BUSINESS IN THE EU:

Importers of substances/preparations from outside the EU must submit a (pre) registration with ECHA. This includes metallic/alloy raw materials (i.e., ingots). If any of the imported substances are included in the list of SVHC (Annex XIV of the Regulation), Authorization from ECHA is required.



Manufacturers and producers of substances in the EU must submit a (pre) registration with ECHA. If any of the produced/manufactured substances are included in the list of SVHCs, Authorization from ECHA is required.

Importers of articles from outside the EU, must determine if the article is meant to "intentionally release" one or more substances, which need to be (pre) registered with ECHA. If any of the articles contain one or more SVHC > 0.1%, Notification to ECHA is required.

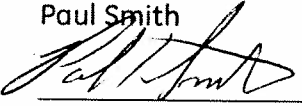
WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU:

As your business partner, we would like to assure you are familiar with and adequately prepared to comply with the new EU REACH regulation. There are many important implications which may impact your. The linked "REACH in Brief" document provides more insight ([http://ecb.jrc.it/documents/REACH/REACH in brief 0207.pdf](http://ecb.jrc.it/documents/REACH/REACH%20in%20brief%200207.pdf)) on obligations. We also strongly suggest you contact your Industry Association, a qualified consultant or your National REACH Helpdesk to obtain compliance assistance.

We will be most grateful for communicating your position on pre-registration and registration processes. Furthermore, we will need a statement from you on the content of SVHCs in the products you supply to GE Oil & Gas as soon as the draft list is published by ECHA.

We will appreciate receiving your feedback through our dedicated REACH survey campaigns.

Best Regards,

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