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Dear Customer,

Now that the pre-registration period has ended we would like to update you on our progress with REACH.

#### **Eka Chemicals and REACH:**

- **Pre-registration.**  
We have pre-registered all the substances that we manufacture or import into the EU that falls under the scope of REACH. All of our suppliers have confirmed their pre-registration or their intention to pre-register. We will confirm and follow up with our suppliers as needed.
- **Registration.**  
We intend to register all the substances that we manufacture in the EU and are falling under the scope of REACH. Should we decide not to register some of our European manufactured products or imported products, then we will inform affected customers timely in order to ensure a smooth transition to another product. In case of imported substances, we will make the registration in selected cases, when there is no guaranty from our non-EU supplier that their Only Representative will submit a dossier.
- **Consortium work and dossier preparation.**  
We are already working actively in several consortia to develop the data required for the hazard and risk assessments, particularly for the substances produced above 1000 Tn.
- **Exposure scenarios and uses.**  
We have already identified the substances that will require exposure scenarios and have started to collect internal available data. Industry is still working on suitable information standards for the most workable manners along the supply chain to avoid unmanageable amounts of communication. It is expected that these standards will be ready during 2009 and that they will be used by industry to describe uses and exposures scenarios.



**AkzoNobel**

Tomorrow's Answers Today

- Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC).  
None of Eka Chemicals products contain substance of Annex I or any substance of (very) high concern ("SVHC"), also referred as the "candidate list", above the value set by ECHA of 0,01 kg/T.
- Polymers.  
Polymers are exempt from registration. Our suppliers have confirmed their pre-registration of the relevant monomers/reactants. As a precaution we have pre-registered through our EU manufacturing legal entity relevant monomers/reactants supplied within the EU.
- Pre-registration numbers.  
We have in some cases received pre-registration numbers. Pre-registration numbers are not required under REACH cannot be used to confirm the pre-registration with ECHA. Following company policy pre-registration numbers are not disclosed. This letter or other Eka statements forms the confirmation that the necessary pre-registrations have been made.

Should you require more information you can contact us at [reach.eka@akzonobel.com](mailto:reach.eka@akzonobel.com), however since we are now reassuring you about our progress in REACH, we kindly request you not to send us individual enquires about the products that we supply to you. When contacting us, please state clearly the relevant Eka materials reference (complete Eka commercial name).

Yours sincerely,

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