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Dear Customer,

We would like to update you on our progress with REACH.

Eka Chemicals and REACH:

- **Pre-registration.**
As you know from our previous letter 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 still 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 have continued our efforts with preparing the dossiers for the substances where we are Lead Registrants and also work actively in other SIEFs and consortia. All SIEFs where we are Lead Registrants have been activated and our role as Lead Registrant has been confirmed to ECHA. We expect to have the dossiers ready well in time for the registration deadline.¹

¹ Alkyl ketene dimer, Sodium chlorate, Potassium chlorate, Chlorine dioxide and Fumarated rosin.

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- Exposure scenarios and uses.
We have mapped our uses according to the use descriptor system from ECHA and communicated those uses when required.
We have received use information from customers and will be communicating back when the information has been properly handled.
We have already identified the substances that will require exposure scenarios and have started to collect internal available data.
- Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC).
None of Eka Chemicals products contain substance of (very) high concern ("SVHC"), also referred as the "candidate list", above the value set by ECHA of 0,01 kg/T. We are keeping track of the latest updates to the candidate list and will communicate timely as needed.
- 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, 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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