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REACH – Pre-registration of BASF Plasticizers and Solvents

Dear Customers,

On 13 December 2006, the European Parliament passed the draft of the new Chemicals regulation, REACH, with a large majority. The EU Environmental Council unanimously approved the draft bill on 18 December 2006, which means that REACH has been adopted and will come into effect on 1 June 2007.

Preparations for REACH have been running within the BASF group for more than two years now. The Regional Business Unit Plasticizers and Solvents Europe has prepared a comprehensive inventory of all substances handled within the unit which is to serve as the basis for all further activities under REACH.

Pre-registration is planned for all substances already on the market. Pre-registration is the prerequisite for utilization of the transitional arrangements for the so-called "phase-in substances". It also serves the purpose of finding partners for joint registration.

We would like to inform you with this letter that the Regional Business Unit Plasticizers and Solvents Europe has made the decision to pre-register all of the products in our portfolio resp. the substances of which these products consist of.

With a view towards later registration of the pre-registered products resp. substances, however, we reserve the right to refrain from registration in certain instances if, after careful calculation of costs, the profitability of a particular product is at risk. It goes without saying that we will notify you without delay in cases of this kind and reach a final decision in close cooperation with you. Unfortunately, it is not yet possible on the basis of the information currently available to us to identify products which might not be available in future due to the costs incurred by the new chemicals legislation.

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The central medium for the flow of information under REACH will be the expanded safety data sheet. In future, suppliers will include so-called exposition scenarios, which will be derived from the intended applications, in this expanded safety data sheet. These scenarios must cover customers' applications. We will require your assistance to prepare the exposition scenarios for the products you procure and we will approach you in this matter in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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