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Dear Partner,

Please find below the latest information about the REACH Pre-registration activities carried out by Azelis.

Considering pre-registration as the first, fundamental step towards REACH compliance, Azelis recognises the need to confirm the current status of products supplied.

Azelis sources and distributes

- around 25,000 chemical products
- more than 2,000 principals
- more than 30,000 customers
- within a broad range of industries

Pre-registration activities have involved more than 10,000 substances, marketed in the EU by Azelis.

We are consolidating data coming from the pre-registrations submitted in the name of more than 20 Azelis group legal entities situated in the EU, as well as data regarding the pre-registration carried out by our suppliers.

The European Chemical Agency IT tool will be available from the second week of January, 2009 to provide those few pre-registration evidences which have not yet been released.

At our present knowledge, we do not foresee sudden changes or disruptions in our current supplies.

Azelis is confident that the REACH compliance of substances we supply in the EU is secured either by our own pre-registration activity or by our suppliers'.

However, we might not be able to provide you with a REACH compliance certificate for each one of the products we sell.

At this regards, please be aware that our pre-registrations do not cover substance volumes that our customers purchase from an Azelis company outside the EU and subsequently export into the EU.

In fact, customers of Azelis products, who ultimately export them to the EU, will need to register the substances through an Only Representative or have to verify that their importers have pre-registered.

If you need further information, please refer to your usual business contact, which is constantly supported by the Azelis REACH Unit or check our webpage at www.azelis.com

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Hans Udo Wenzel
Chief Executive Officer

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Stefano Colicchia
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