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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD) SUPPLIERS

SUBJECT: Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of Chemicals (REACH)

As a DoD supplier, you may be aware that the Department of Defense may use some of your products in European Union (EU) Member States, and that a new EU regulation called the "REACH" regulation may affect the ability of customers to import your products into, or use them in, EU Member States.

"REACH" is an acronym describing the EU regulation for the Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of Chemicals. REACH standardizes the regulation of chemical substances, including those contained in products, and their uses throughout the EU. REACH has been adopted by the 27 EU Member States plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. Your company may have direct responsibilities under REACH if you are an EU-based supplier. Non-EU-based companies may also have direct REACH compliance responsibilities if you furnish supplies to a customer within the EU. Of particular near-term importance is your determination as to how you wish to proceed with respect to "pre-registering" one or more chemicals (either as a product or as a part of a formulated product) in accordance with the REACH regulation. The regulation includes a November 30, 2008 date by which pre-registration must be accomplished.

It is in DoD's interest for its suppliers to effectively adapt to any REACH requirements that affect the products they sell to DoD. Doing so should avoid issues regarding deliveries under current contracts, as well as continuity-of-supply problems that might otherwise arise with EU interfaces in your global supply chains. Therefore, DoD encourages you, as one of our suppliers, to evaluate your product lines and determine if you produce in the EU, or import into the EU, chemical substances that may be regulated under REACH.

The European Chemical Agency (ECHA) implements and coordinates REACH, and compliance is overseen by each EU Member State. Information on REACH compliance, including pre-registration details, is available on ECHA's website at: http://echa.europa.eu/home_en.asp.

The DoD is not able to provide legal advice to you regarding your compliance with REACH requirements. DoD recommends that you consult with your legal advisors

to obtain appropriate guidance regarding the REACH regulation as it pertains to your dealings with the DoD.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting: Mr. Marvin Williams at (703) 767-3620 or DSN 427-3620.

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