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Dear Sir or Madam,

On December 18, 2006, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union adopted a regulation on chemical substances, titled Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals ("REACH"), EC No. 1907/2006.

Deutsche Nickel GmbH (DN) would like to inform you about our current status:

Deutsche Nickel GmbH is a producer of semi-finished products made out of nickel and nickel alloys. According to the regulation DN is a subsequent user to step one. Alloys are specific preparations and therefore have not to be registered. However this is not the case for the components of the alloys, which have to be registered. For all alloy components which we receive from Europe, each supplier has the responsibility for the proper registration. We will contact all our material suppliers in order to assure their pre-registration and registration intentions including the respective material data safety sheets and the registration numbers. In the process we have to consider the transition period for the registration of existing substances i.e. phase-in substances, which last until the end of 2010 for all high-tonnage substances.

Between June 01, 2008 and November 30, 2008 DN will pre-register all „phase-in substances“ which are imported for production from Non-EU-countries.

For this reason we can assure that you can procure all DN-products as hitherto without any problems.

It is our understanding that in terms of the REACH regulation your utilization of the product doesn't fall under the obligation to register but to administer the information flow along the value chain.

According to our present-day knowledge our processed metals don't have to be registered. Furthermore particular hazardous materials are not used to produce our goods. This is the reason why we see no immediate necessity to update our current security data sheets. Based on all new information we will definitely update our security data sheets when required.

We hope that this information helps to bring some clarity into the whole matter and also assures you that DN will continue to be a reliable partner for your business.

Yours sincerely

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