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## The Iron Platform - the REACH consortium for IRON

An initiative of the International Pig Iron Association & others

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### Pre-SIEF Facilitation

The Iron Platform is acting for Rio Tinto plc as the Pre-SIEF Facilitator for this substance. In the SIEF an Iron Platform member is prepared to act as Lead Registrant.

### Background information

You can find information about the Pre-SIEF for and an introductory letter on the Iron Platform website - follow the link below.

[Iron Platform Pre-SIEF web page for](#)

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### Iron Platform substance portfolio

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### Substance:

Dear REACH Pre-Registrant

Further to our email of February 18th, you have received this email because you REACH pre-registered with ECHA for . The Iron Platform is acting as REACH Pre-SIEF Facilitator for this substance. The purpose of the Pre-SIEF phase is to agree 'sameness of substance' prior to the formation of the SIEF (Substance Information Exchange Forum).

The Irish company Chemical Inspection and Regulation Service Ltd. [CIRS] had originally ticked the SFF box at the pre-registration stage, but after discussions between CIRS and the Iron Platform it was agreed that in the best interests of the iron industries, CIRS would cede the SFF role to Rio Tinto, a member of the Iron Platform.

The Iron Platform and Eurofer have considered the case for "sameness" of Iron and Iron, Furnace [Einecs number 265-998-4], but have concluded that for the time being, these two substances cannot be considered as the same for REACH purposes - [view the joint statement by Eurofer and The Iron Platform on this issue](#).

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### What to do NOW: Substance Sameness Survey

Your participation in the REACH Pre-SIEF phase is to complete and submit a brief 'Substance Sameness Survey'.

[Please click here to complete the Survey for](#)

The first section of the Survey further explains its purpose. You can move backwards and forwards within the Questionnaire as you answer the twelve questions.

The deadline for submission of Surveys is **10 April 2009**.

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### The next step

The content of the individual surveys will be kept confidential by the Pre-SIEF Facilitator who will evaluate and group the responses as follows:

**Pre-Registrants that can agree that they have the same substance** will then pass into the Substance Information Exchange Forum (SIEF) for this substance, where the data-sharing dialogue begins.

**Pre-registrants that consider they do not have the same substance** will be grouped together by the Pre-SIEF Facilitator for further discussion and

potential entry into sub-SIEFs or another SIEF.

We look forward to your prompt completion and submission of the Survey, in order to proceed as soon as possible with the SIEF formation, which is where the main data-sharing, dossier preparation and classification discussions will take place in order to achieve timely REACH Registration which starts in 2010 (depending upon your tonnage band).

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### **REACH registration for specified IRON substances**

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