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SIEF Formation Facilitator

The Iron Platform is acting on behalf of Rio Tinto which is the SFF for Iron Ores, Agglomerates [iron oxide pellets]

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Substance:

Our thanks to all those who completed our online sameness questionnaire for Iron Ores, Agglomerates [iron oxide pellets, Einecs number 265-996-3, CAS number 65996-65-8]. After analysing the results of this survey, we have made some revisions to the "sameness" specification which we believe will satisfy the requirements of all stakeholders. Please click here to see the [revised specification for Iron Ores, Agglomerates](#) and let us know if you have any objection to this specification - which will otherwise be the basis on which we will proceed towards preparation of the registration dossier for this substance.

The next step is to consider the Hazard Assessment of pellets - it is felt that consideration in this respect should be given to Fe₂O₃ and SiO₂. As far as SiO₂ is concerned, the key issue is the form in which it is present in the pellets - the presence of **free** crystalline silica in excess of 0.1% could constitute a hazard. **We therefore request all pellet producers to provide information about the form of the silica in their pellets and the content of free crystalline silica.**

Some companies have advised through the survey that they intend to register pellets as an intermediate. This issue has been addressed by Corus Staal in a discussion document - click here to see the position paper [Is limited registration of Iron Ore Pellets under REACH an option?](#) The strong recommendation is that pellets should be registered as a substance, not an intermediate.

Part of the REACH process is to identify the different uses of each substance in order to assess the risk profile of that application. **If your use for pellets is other than as feedstock for blast furnaces or direct reduction plants, please provide details - if you do not provide this information, we cannot guarantee that your use will be covered in the risk assessment process.**

In order to simplify the response to this email we have created a short online questionnaire - see the link in the next section.

Nomination of Lead Registrant for pellets

We believe that it is now the appropriate time to proceed with the election of the Lead Registrant which will take on the responsibility for preparation of the registration dossier, as required by REACH Regulation.

Corus Staal BV has, after due preparation, put itself forward as candidate for Lead Registrant and we recommend that you vote in favour of Corus Staal BV as Lead Registrant for iron oxide pellets. The Iron Platform will support Corus in the fulfilment of it's obligations as Lead Registrant.

Please would you therefore confirm your vote in favour of Corus Staal BV as Lead Registrant for pellets [Iron Ores, Agglomerates] or advise your alternative nomination.

In order to simplify the response to this email we have created a short online questionnaire - please follow the link to [the Iron Ore Agglomerates follow-up survey](#). Please do so no later than June 19th 2009.

The Next Step

Once we have all responses to this email, hopefully agreeing the sameness specification and approving the nomination of Corus Staal as Lead Registrant, we will move forward to the creation of the SIEF proper. At that point it will be assumed that all those who have not completed our sameness questionnaire for pellets wish to be considered as DORMANT as far as pellets are concerned. It will be possible to change your status at any time by letting us know your wishes and it will be possible to follow progress via the relevant page of our website.

REACH registration for specified IRON substances

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