

Dear pre-registrant,

Genoa, March 30th 2009

SIEF Formation

Our activity has led so far to the formation of a Sief group composed by those Responding legal Entities (30 in total) listed as follows:

LEGAL ENTITY name and country	REFERENCE NUMBER
AM POLAND SA, Poland ,	05-211-5072177-46-0000
ArcelorMittal Atlantique et Lorraine, France,	05-211-5161553-50-0000
ARCELORMITTAL BELGIUM, Belgium,	05-211-5065192-53-0000
ARCELORMITTAL BREMEN GMBH, Germany,	05-211-5066285-45-0000
ARCELORMITTAL EISENHÜTTENSTADT GMBH, Germany,	05-211-5170687-36-0000
ARCELORMITTAL ESPAÑA S.A., Spain,	05-211-5161333-56-0000
ARCELORMITTAL GALATI SA, Romania,	05-211-5220452-62-0000
ARCELORMITTAL LIEGE UPSTREAM, Belgium,	05-211-5066736-38-0000
ArcelorMittal Méditerranée, France,	05-211-5222257-54-0000
ARCELORMITTAL OSTRAVA AS, Czech Republic,	05-211-5221803-56-0000
BEM Plc., Hungary,	05-211-5956522-44-0000
CARSID SA, Belgium,	05-211-6358208-42-0000
Corus Staal BV, The Netherlands,	05-211-4594615-37-0000
Corus UK Ltd United Kingdom,	05-211-4602084-63-0000
DK Recycling und Roheisen GmbH, Germany,	05-211-6403267-52-0000
ILVA SPA, Italy,	05-211-6452541-51-0000
ISD DUNAFERR Rt., Hungary,	05-211-4627908-36-0000
Lucchini S.p.A. Italy,	05-211-8329080-55-0000
Rautarukki Oyj Finland,	05-211-4772185-44-0000
Saint-Gobain PAM, France,	17-211-9379469-19-0000
Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH, Germany,	05-211-4622745-47-0000
ThyssenKrupp Steel AG, Germany,	05-211-4558252-51-0000
TRINECKÉ ELEZÁRNY(MORAVIA STEEL Group),Czech Republic	05-211-4089024-52-0000
U. S. Steel Kosice, s.r.o., Slovakia,	05-211-4645697-33-0000
VIP GmbH Germany,	05-211-6114774-47-0000
Voestalpine Rohstoffbeschaffungs GmbH, Austria	05-211-5396409-32-0000
Voestalpine Stahl Donawitz GmbH & Co KG, Austria,	05-211-5675465-36-0000
Voestalpine Stahl GmbH Austria,	05-211-4561216-52-0000
VWR International B.V, Netherlands,	05-211-5337713-48-0000
Yangzhou Chemical Europe B.V.The Netherlands,	05-211-4343480-57-0000

The remaining pre-registrants which did not respond to our sameness questionnaire are not listed and will be assigned dormant status by default. Dormant members change their status at any time, but it may not be possible to take their specification into account in case it differs from the one below.



Substance Sameness

The starting point for our investigation on sameness was the substance definition given on the EINECS data base through the online information system and the fact that it does NOT provide information such as a molecular formula, presence of impurities and morphology, in our case, grain size and distribution.

(for your reference: <http://ecb.jrc.ec.europa.eu/esis/index.php?PGM=ein>)

Result for:

EC# : 265-997-9

CAS# : 65996-66-9

Substance Name: IRON SINTER

Molecular Formula: not available

Description: "The thermally agglomerated substance formed by heating a variable mixture of finely divided coke, iron ore, blast furnace dust, steelmaking dust, mill scale, other miscellaneous iron-bearing materials, limestone, and dolomite at 1315°C to 1482°C (2400°F to 2700°F)."

Our originally proposed composition has been reviewed in the light of your responses, resulting in the following analysis and description:

Iron Sinter

EC# : 265-997-9

CAS# : 65996-66-9

Typical composition:	(% w/w)
Fe ₂ O ₃ :	>55
FeO :	<22,5
SiO ₂ :	2,5 - 10,5
CaO :	6 - 19,5
MgO	< 4,5
Al ₂ O ₃	< 3
moisture content:	0 - 6
other elements (Zn, Ti, K ₂ O, Cr, Mn):	< 5

Grain size distribution. At least:

16% w/w less than 8 mm,
26% w/w less than 10 mm,
60% w/w less than 20 mm,
75% w/w less than 30 mm,
90% w/w less than 50 mm
and 99% w/w less than 70 mm.

The responses showed that most manufacturers of iron sinter mainly use iron ore as raw material, although some manufacturers use mainly recycled materials as raw material. The above mentioned specification is broad enough to cover both groups.



The impact of the difference in impurities will be considered in the next stage. The different manufacturing processes or raw materials could impact on the results of the Hazard Assessment for iron sinter. Although the proposal is to move forward as one group, additional data could result in a decision to determine more than one classification or to split iron sinter into more than one substance. It could also result in a decision that certain manufacturers should pay for additional tests if clearly related only to their substances.

From Pre-Sief to Sief

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 UK Ltd has, after due preparation, put itself forward as candidate for Lead Registrant and we ILVA, Eurofer and the Iron Platform recommend that you vote in favour of Corus UK Ltd. as Lead Registrant for Iron Sinter. The Iron Platform will support Corus in the fulfilment of it's obligations as Lead Registrant.

Please would you:

[a] confirm your agreement with the above analysis and description of Iron Sinter,

and

[b] confirm your vote in favour of Corus UK Ltd. as Lead Registrant for Iron Sinter [or advise your alternative nomination]

by April 17th 2009 at the latest.

Thanks in advance for your co-operation.

Our best regards,

ILVA SPA

