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The Iron Platform - the REACH consortium for IRON

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SIEF Facilitation

The Iron Platform is acting on behalf of ArcelorMittal, the Lead Registrant for Iron, Furnace and Iron.

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Iron Platform substance portfolio

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Substance: Iron, furnace

Dear Pre-registrants for Iron, Furnace [Einecs number 265-998-4 CAS number 65996-67-0]:

As very recently announced, we have concluded that there is sufficient sameness between Iron, Furnace [Einecs number 265-998-4 CAS number 65996-67-0] and Iron [Einecs number 231-096-4, CAS number 7439-89-6] to merge these two substances together and create a single REACH registration dossier for both of them. Separate classifications will be made for each major type of iron.

To see our [Updated Statement](#) on this issue, please click on the link in this sentence. This development means that we will not be creating a SIEF for Iron, Furnace, but will be asking all pre-registrants for this substance to join the Iron SIEF. We have prepared a guidance document for this purpose - please click on this link to see [How to Move from the Iron, Furnace pre-SIEF to the Iron SIEF](#).

If you do not agree that Iron and Iron, Furnace are sufficiently similar, then you will have to opt out from the Joint Submission as required by REACH Article 11, paragraph 3 and prepare a technical dossier for Iron, Furnace [for more information see the [Guidance on Data Sharing](#) 8.4.2-3]. If you intend to proceed with a separate registration, the Iron Platform would be willing to discuss with you the terms on which you may access certain data on the substance for read-across purposes.

The [sameness specification for Iron](#) can be found on the home page for the Iron SIEF in the SIEF Members Area of the Iron Platform website www.iron-consortium.org. We would like to run a final check that everyone is comfortable with the sameness specification for Iron. Please follow the above link and advise immediately to sief@iron-consortium.org if you have any issues with the specification - no response will signify that you are in agreement with the specification. It is up to each individual registrant to decide whether its substance meets the criteria for sameness and therefore if it can participate in the Joint Submission.

The Iron SIEF Members Area has been created in order to facilitate communication and exchange of information between the various Iron stakeholders - please be sure to refer to it from time to time to keep up with developments. All relevant information and documents will be posted in this area. In particular the so-called [Roadmap for Iron](#) lists the tasks involved along the route to registration and is updated regularly.

ArcelorMittal has been elected as the Lead Registrant for Iron and will be working in close co-operation with the Iron Platform in preparing the registration dossier. Barring any unforeseen circumstances it is planned to

submit this no later than August 31st 2010, hopefully sooner than that. Once this has been successfully accomplished, SIEF members will be advised accordingly.

All Iron SIEF members who are not already members - either directly or through a trade association - are welcome to join the Iron Platform. The Iron Platform [consortium agreement](#) can be downloaded from the website via the link in this sentence. We ask that those wishing to join the consortium do so as quickly as possible. The alternative to consortium membership is a Letter of Access to the Iron dossier - see below for further information.

A list of Iron SIEF members can be found on the [Documents page of the Iron SIEF area](#). Please check this list to ensure that your company is included and that the information is correct - omissions and corrections should be advised as soon as possible to sief@iron-consortium.org. Please note that this list includes only those companies that responded to the sameness questionnaires - all non-respondents have been treated by default as DORMANT. Status can be changed at any time by emailing us accordingly.

The Joint Submission for Iron

We are pleased to advise that the Joint Submission for Iron has been created in REACH-IT. Please note the following:

Members of the Iron Platform intending to register Iron will now be sent the token issued by ECHA that will enable them to join the Joint Submission. Other SIEF members will have to purchase a Letter of Access in order to receive the token. The [Letter of Access page](#) on the Iron Platform website now has full details of our Letter of Access documents, as well as the [scale of fees](#) and guidance on determining the [tonnage of Fe-contained](#). Letters of Access can be purchased via a portal on our website which can be accessed from the [Letter of Access page](#). A Letter of Access has to be purchased separately for each legal entity [or company represented in the case of an Only Representative].

The Iron Platform has prepared a guidance document on [Joining the Joint Submission](#) as well as a document [Q&A about Joining the Joint Submission](#) which can be viewed by all SIEF members.

The Next Steps - preparing for IUCLID 5

Each registrant is responsible for preparing and submitting its own company-specific details in parts 1, 2 and 3 of its IUCLID 5 registration dossier. It is therefore necessary to [download the IUCLID 5.2](#) software and associated plug ins [such as the TCC tool] and we recommend doing this now in order to have it up and running in due time - it can be a time-consuming process and is not always straight forward.

There are several relevant guidance documents on the [Guidance page](#) of the Iron Platform website. There will soon also be a guidance document on completing sections 1,2 and 3 of the IUCLID 5.2 Iron dossier as well as on the documents and analysis report for sameness compliance needed in part 1.4 of the dossier.

Thanks in advance for your co-operation.

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REACH registration for specified IRON substances

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