

To all Almatis Customers

Getting ready for REACH

Dear customer,

On 30 December 2006, the EU published the Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) which came into force on 1 June 2007. REACH will transform the regulation of chemicals in the EU, introducing a regime for the registration, evaluation, authorization and restriction of chemicals and places responsibility for the safety of human health and the environment with the chemical manufacturers, importers and downstream users.

REACH will have significant implications for manufacturers, importers and downstream users of a wide range of chemicals used in industrial, commercial and household applications. After 1 June 2008, an estimated 30,000 existing chemicals handled in the EU will require registration to comply with the REACH regime. The registration requirements are being phased-in gradually over several years.

As the leading global premium alumina supplier, Almatis is committed to ensuring the reliable supply of our broad range of Premium Alumina products to our customers. To ensure full compliance with the requirements of the new legislation, we have established the project "Getting Ready for REACH". Experts from various departments of Almatis are working together to coordinate all required efforts internally as well as with suppliers, customers and associations. The timely and proper implementation of the new legislation will secure the continuous and dependable supply of products to our customers.

It is our objective to pre-register all of our Premium Alumina products in cooperation with our suppliers as soon as the European Chemicals Agency based in Helsinki becomes operational in July 2008. Of course, we will keep our business partners informed on the path to a smooth implementation of REACH.

For more information on Almatis' "Getting Ready for REACH" project please contact your regular Almatis contact or email to info@almatis.com.