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Dear Customer,

Subject: REACH

On June 1st, 2007 REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals), the new European Chemical regulation which objective is to establish a responsible handling of chemical substances, ensured by preventive health and environment reviews, has entered into force. REACH covers the registration of both new and old chemical substances.

Starting from June 1st, 2008, any chemical substance manufactured or imported into the European Union (EU) in quantities over one ton per year has to be registered, unless exempted, to comply with REACH. Those substances already produced or imported can be pre-registered from June 1st to December 1st, 2008, to benefit of the transitional periods in which production and/or imports are allowed while the relevant dossiers are being prepared for final registration before the appropriate dead-lines which are related to the product quantity and/or the hazard of substance (year 2010, or 2013, or 2018).

Understandably, there is a growing demand for information regarding REACH status from all parties in the supply chain, and through this letter, we want to provide you with some information and answers with respect to REACH as it affects products supplied by Dansk Kvarts Industri A/S:

- Dansk Kvarts Industri A/S will comply with REACH as we do with all other chemical regulations relevant to our business.
- We are aware of the requirements of the REACH regulations and are taking all the necessary steps to comply with REACH.
- Dansk Kvarts Industri A/S is a downstream user of chemicals. As a user, we have sought information from our suppliers on their REACH status.
- Substances used for the production of our coatings, which we source from EU based companies, have to be pre-registered and registered by their manufacturer or importer. At present, all our suppliers subject to REACH have indicated that they will complete pre-registration by 1st December 2008, as required. Though this does not offer us any guarantee that they will complete registration by 2018, it does give us confidence in supply continuity for the medium term.
- It is difficult at this stage to provide more precise statements regarding the registration and long-term availability of individual substances, since some of the Technical Guidance Documents (which will describe the technical details of REACH registration) have not yet been issued by the European Commission. In addition, the process of registration is long and as yet untested. Nevertheless we are confident that we have taken all possible steps to ensure supply continuity.

- Some information both we and our suppliers treat as commercially confidential like e.g. the exact chemical composition. In line with standard industry practice, neither Dansk Kvarts Industri A/S or its suppliers disclose information on REACH registration deadlines or priorities since this could allow commercially sensitive conclusions to be drawn.

We hope this information has been helpful and provides confidence that Dansk Kvarts Industri A/S are and will continue to do everything necessary to ensure compliance with legislation and maintain supply continuity. If you have any further questions concerning REACH please do not hesitate to contact Dansk Kvarts Industri A/S phone +45 – 86 52 07 00

