

## **REACH TASK FORCE**

### **What does it do?**

The CDI REACH Task Force was set up at the bequest of the CDI Full member companies to advise the Board of Directors on specific implementation issues with regard to the role of the CDI in the upcoming REACH regulation. The mandate includes looking at implementation issues such as registration consortia, how many consortia there should be, who should manage them and how duties should be divided up between the CDI and the individual member companies.

At the first face-to-face meeting of the Task Force (May 2006, Marrakech), some of these issues began to be discussed. However, it was decided that such decisions on the number of consortia and the running thereof, could not be made until the CDI fully understood the number (and nature) of the substances which CDI members were planning to register under REACH.

A programme was created to address this lack of data in two parts. Firstly, the “Substance Information Project” is to take place followed by a uses questionnaire to generate data on the amount of work which will have to be carried out for each substances registration.

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REACH TIMELINE																													
REACH INTO FORCE																													
PRE-REGISTRATION																													
REGISTRATION 1000 TONNES, CMR, R50/53>100T, SENSITISERS																													
CDI TIMELINE																													
SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION																													
INTERIM REPORT ON SUBSTANCE ID																													
DOWNSTREAM USES OF SUBSTANCES																													
MEETING OF REACH TASK FORCE (BRUSSELS)																													
REPORT ON DOWNSTREAM USE																													
CONSORTIA BOARD MEETING																													
CONSORTIA POSITION FINALISATION																													
CDI OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON CONSORTIA AND CDI INVOLVEMENT THEREIN																													
PRESENTATION OF INVOLVEMENT TO CDI CONFERENCE																													

The aim is to finalise the CDI position on the best way to organise and run consortia for the Cobalt industry at the Board of Directors, May 2007 – Shanghai meeting.

As can be seen from the timeline, even waiting until May 2007 to make such a decision leaves the industry with 11 months to prepare for pre-registration and 17 months before consortia technically need to be formed after the pre-registration period. The CDI REACH Task Force believes starting to organise this work within the commodity trade association will lead to a more efficient, practical and company friendly way of dealing with consortia issues which will arise under this legislation.