

the Cobalt Development Institute

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Dear

Re: Substance Information Project – Uses Questionnaire

Thank you and your company for your response to the SIP questionnaire.

The response received was better than we had hoped and has been invaluable in preparing the Institute's plans for REACH. An informal report on the results of this project will be made available to those who replied in the near future.

As explained on the SIP website (www.thecdi.com/sip) the next step, having identified the substances which are important to our members, is to ascertain the uses of these substances which the consortia may take into account when writing the Registration Dossier. To this end, please find attached an electronic questionnaire aimed at identifying the uses of your substances which are important for your company. You will notice that this questionnaire does not ask your company to be identified, ask who you sell to, or the tonnage which goes into that use. All we wish to know is those uses which you are happy to identify to the CDI as uses you would like to see covered in each substance.

Within REACH it is possible for companies to keep proprietary uses of their substances secret from the rest of the industry by registering those uses directly with the European Chemicals Agency. If you feel one or some of your uses are proprietary please do not reveal them to us. However, this will mean that your company has to perform the registration work (including the chemical safety assessment and report linked to the specific use) required for this use on their own.

Please respond to this questionnaire by January 31st 2007. Responses received after this date will not be taken into account in the CDI's planning. Once again, all correspondence will be kept confidential.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ryan (rwelton@thecdi.com) or myself (david.weight@thecdi.com) with any questions on this project.

Yours sincerely

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