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Subject: REACH Compliance

Dear Sirs,

We have been receiving enquires with respect to how ALMECO S.p.A. support its customers to work under REACH.

We wish to thank this opportunity to update you on where ALMECO S.p.A. stands with Regulation (EC) n. 1907/2006 of the European Parliament concerning the **Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)**, establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) n. 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) n. 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC.

ALMECO S.p.A. stands also with Regulation (EC) n. 978/2008 of October 8th 2008, modifying Enclosure IV and V of Regulation (EC) n. 1907/2006 and Regulation (EC) n. 761/2009 of July 23rd 2009 modifying Regulation (EC) n. 440/2008.

As we have previously stated, ALMECO S.p.A. did not perform any pre-registration and will not perform this registration in the future, since, as a leading producer of anodized Aluminium and just *downstream user** of chemicals, ALMECO S.p.A. is not directly involved in REACH.

We got all available and relevant information on substances we are using by the producers, to assist them in identifying hazardous properties, and we are informed about risk management measures which should systematically be conveyed through supply chains, as reasonably necessary, to prevent adverse effects on human health and the environment.

In addition, responsibility for the management of the risks of substances lie with the natural or legal persons that manufacture, import, place on the market these substances and we are sure that they actually meet these obligations.

We wish to make you aware that the articles supplied by ALMECO S.p.A. don't contain any of the substances included in the "candidate list of substances of very high concern for authorization" updated to March 30th 2010, above the 0,1% anticipated concentration in weight. So, at the moment, no need for registration is due to ALMECO S.p.A.

For further requests, we are at your disposal.

Best regards,

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**We remind that substances that are not recorded in conformity to REACH are not available for the downstream user, in the moment in which the supplier is aware of the obligations imposed from REACH and of the pertinent expirations.*