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SUBJECT: BULLETIN NO. 9 - LEAD IN GASOLINE

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEAD INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION, INC.

There has been a temporary "slow" period in the lead in gasoline situation. The following brief discussions of a number of points are intended to bring you up-to-date.

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1. HOUSE BILL OF THE FEDERAL CONGRESS, HR 17255, has come from sub-committee and voted upon, passing 374 votes "pro" to 1 vote "con".

This Bill in effect gives the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare authority to control and to limit additives in gasoline, but is more favorable to lead's interest than an earlier version since it requires the Secretary to justify any action he may wish to take on economic and medically scientific evidence of need. It is not entirely clear to whom he must justify action to be taken.

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2. THE POSITION IN THE SENATE IS NOT YET CLEAR. Under Senator Muskie's direction, his sub-committee is considering its own version of a parallel bill with the same objectives as that from the House, but such has not come from the sub-committee. It is reported, however, that it will be tougher on lead than the House version.

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3. PRESIDENT NIXON PROPOSED EARLIER THAT A TAX be levied promptly amounting to \$4.25 per lb. of lead used in additives. It would appear that nothing is ever certain in Washington, but the following quotation from the "Oil Daily" of Tuesday, July 7, would cover our understanding of the present status of the President's tax proposal:

"Meanwhile, the only apparent good news for refiners and the lead industry on the gasoline-lead issue involves the tacit agreement by the White House to let its lead-tax proposal die a quiet death on Capitol Hill.

"President Nixon's proposal for a 2.3 cent per gallon tax on lead used in gasoline has received a cold shoulder from members of both political parties in this election year, as an unnecessary irritant to millions of motorists who are also voters.

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Pigment Report # 27

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Thick Lead Indent

DOMESTIC SHIPMENTS OF LEAD PIGMENTS (In Short Tons of Total Weight Shipped)

1970	White Lead	Litharge	Red Lead	Storage Battery Oxides	Total Pigments
Jan.	466	5,483	601	9,236	15,786
Feb.	479	5,154	723	9,939	16,295
Mar.	513	5,417	803	9,645	16,378
Apr.	459	4,818	668	8,474	14,419
May	768	4,634	744	8,614	14,760
1970 Total to Date	2,685	25,506	3,539	45,908	77,638
AVERAGE 5 MONTHS	537	5,101	708	9,181	15,527

IMPORTS OF LEAD PIGMENTS (In Short Tons of Total Weight Shipped)

1970	White Lead	Litharge	Red Lead	Suboxide of Lead	Total Pigments
Jan.	53	605	663	---	1,321
Feb.	107	819	522	---	1,448
Mar.	70	1,074	690	---	1,834
Apr.	35	999	620	---	1,654
May*					
1970 Total to date	265	3,497	2,495	---	6,257
AVERAGE 4 MONTHS	66	874	623	---	1,564

* May Figures not yet available.

COMPANIES REPORTING DOMESTIC SHIPMENTS

Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc.
Mac Gregor Lead Company

Hammond Lead Products, Inc.

National Lead Company
Western Lead Products

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PRODUCTS	TOTAL FOR 1969		APRIL 1970		TOTAL FOR 1970 4 MONTHS	
	AMT.	LEAD CONT.	AMT.	LEAD CONT.	AMT.	LEAD CONT.
<u>Red Lead*</u>						
Canada	2	2	--	--	--	--
Italy	25	23	--	--	--	--
Belgium	60	55	--	--	--	--
France	865	787	40	36	349	317
Mexico	4,155	3,781	560	510	2,096	1,908
Netherlands.	33	29	--	--	--	--
Poland	9	7	--	--	--	--
West Germany	372	337	20	18	50	45
TOTAL	5,521	5,021	620	564	2,495	2,270
<u>White Lead*</u>						
Belgium	20	15	--	--	--	--
Canada	213	160	3	2	16	12
Japan	67	51	2	2	13	10
Netherlands	640	482	20	15	176	132
United Kingdom	30	22	--	--	--	--
West Germany	626	470	10	7	60	45
TOTAL	1,596	1,200	35	26	265	199
<u>Chrome Yellow*</u>						
Canada	23	14	3	2	25	17
Japan	3,413	2,185	317	203	1,645	1,053
West Germany	126	80	15	10	95	61
TOTAL	3,562	2,279	335	215	1,765	1,131
GRAND TOTAL	50,012	44,806	3,451	2,970	8,743	7,447

(a) Source: U.S. Bureau of Census

* Actual lead content of the compounds is not by the Bureau of the Census, but for our purposes we are estimating lead content as follows:

Litharge - 93%
 Red Lead - 91%
 White Lead - 75%
 Chrome Lead - 64%

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