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Subject: Development of restriction proposal for PFAS - Questionnaires and interviews

Dear Lance Keziah,

The Swedish Chemicals Agency, KEMI, is a supervisory authority under the Government of Sweden and is responsible for ensuring that companies and society at large control chemicals in an acceptable manner. KEMI is the REACH competent authority in Sweden.

KEMI together with the REACH competent authorities in the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, and Norway are currently preparing a proposal for a broad fluorochemicals restriction under the REACH regulation¹. The exact scope of the restriction proposal is not decided yet. In terms of the restriction process, the default outcome is a broad restriction, however data and information may arise from companies in the process that forms the basis/definition of an exemption.

We are writing to ask for your input into the ongoing uses of fluorochemicals (i.e. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, PFASs) and their substitutes, in the context of a possible EU-level restriction on these substances. KEMI are responsible for proposing a restriction of fluorochemicals (i.e. PFASs) in textiles, upholstery, leather, apparel and carpets (TULAC).

This survey is a key step in the data gathering process of these projects. It is vital for us to collect the relevant data and opinions (on chemistry, function, market data, substitutes and emissions), covering the full range of stakeholders involved in the production and use of fluorochemicals.

Our consultant Wood previously contacted a colleague of yours towards the end of 2020 but had no response so are taking this opportunity to follow up and ensure we capture your views. Since attempting to contact your colleague, please note that the study is now at a more advanced stage, meaning the opportunity to engage before completion has narrow time constraints. **We therefore ask for inputs to this project to be made within the next two weeks (by the 3rd February) if possible.**

¹ The joint restriction proposal initiative was announced and initiated with the call for evidence that closed on 31 July 2020: <https://echa.europa.eu/-/five-european-states-call-for-evidence-on-broad-pfas-restriction#:~:text=Helsinki%2C%2011%20May%202020%20%E2%80%93%20The,the%20end%20of%20July%202020>. The present study is part of the next step towards the restriction proposal.

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We rely on you as a company to provide relevant data and information to ensure that the possible options for, and implications of, potential regulatory risk management measures for your sector, are taken into account by the aforementioned competent authorities that are responsible for the restriction.

Your data, information and knowledge are critical to the process of drafting a restriction proposal.

KEMI is aware that some of the data or information you provide could be commercially sensitive. While it is preferable that we gain access to your actual data, however, if you would not like this data to become public, please indicate which data you regard as public and which data you regard as confidential. We will not disclose any information marked as confidential without your permission.

Please let us know if you are willing to provide data for this project and participate in an interview by responding to me Jenny Ivarsson ([REDACTED][@kemi.se](mailto:[REDACTED]@kemi.se)) and c.c. Nikul Pandya ([REDACTED][@woodplc.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@woodplc.com)) and Liz Nicol ([REDACTED][@woodplc.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@woodplc.com)). We can send a more detailed list of specific questions and arrange a convenient time to contact you for an interview if suitable.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



Jenny Ivarsson

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