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To Whom it May Concern

REACH – Use Descriptors
ION – Ion Exchange Resins (Lewatit[®], Ionac[®])

Ladies and gentlemen,

With regard to your recent inquiry, we would like to inform you about the activities of our Ion Exchange Resins (ION) business unit related to the new EC chemicals regulation REACH.

Having successfully completed the pre-registration of our substances by Nov 2008, LANXESS is now involved with the next REACH stages towards registration.

Based on the current Use Descriptor System recommended by the REACH guidelines, the business unit has been checking the above mentioned products. The entire guidance document is available via:

http://guidance.echa.europa.eu/docs/guidance_document/information_requirements_r12_en.pdf?vers=20_08_08
http://guidance.echa.europa.eu/docs/guidance_document/Inforeq_CSR_R12_en.pdf (Draft version 2.0 - 2009)

ION products, such as the Lewatit[®] and Ionac[®] series^{*)}, represent polymers. Since polymers in general are exempt from the obligation to register with REACH, exposure assessment for making risk characterization is not required. Further details regarding this topic you can find at:

http://guidance.echa.europa.eu/docs/guidance_document/information_requirements_part_d_en.pdf?vers=20_08_08

Descriptor assignment according to

- Sectors of use (SU)
- Product categories (PC)
- Process categories (PROC)
- Environmental release classes (ERC) *and*
- Article categories (AC)

therefore has not been required for the above ION products.

The major uses only need to be mentioned with each safety data sheet / MSDS.

Comprehensive information on REACH please find at www.lanxess.com under *Portfolio / Brands & Products / REACH*.

*) Lewatit[®] VP OC 1026 is excepted. If a specific statement is required, please contact us.

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