

## Concerning REACH, 2nd of February 2010

To whom it may concern

### Background

In December 2006, the new European Chemicals Regulation REACH (Regulation European Community 1907/2006) was adopted and entered into force the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2007. REACH concerns Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals and it affects most industries. The aim of the regulation is to guarantee a high safety level for health and environment. Briefly, REACH means that all substances produced in or imported to the EU, in amounts exceeding 1 tonne annually, require registration at a newly established **European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)** in Helsinki.

### Merox's approach

With this letter we would like to inform that Merox is fully aware of our obligations under REACH. SSAB manufactures several substances that Merox refines and markets, all of which have been pre-registered. Merox also intends to register all substances imported or manufactured and placed on the market. ECHA has assigned pre-registration numbers to the pre-registrations, although this is not required in the REACH regulation. Those numbers serve administrative purposes only between ECHA and the pre-registrant. As pre-registration numbers are generated before the pre-registrations are accepted and since ECHA will not publish a list of pre-registration numbers, there is no mechanism to check whether a pre-registration by a specific legal entity actually has taken place or which substances are included in that pre-registration. Therefore, we have chosen not to give out our pre-registration numbers.

Merox is a downstream user of many constituents of our products. To ensure that our suppliers will continue offering critical products to Merox, the suppliers have been requested, if they intend to pre-register and register all the substances of concern. From the answers we have received, we are confident that our suppliers will fulfil their obligations to comply with the REACH legislation.

None of the substances on the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) for Authorisation, are present in Merox's products in a concentration above 0,1% (w/w). If any of our products will contain substances in future Candidate Lists, we will communicate that to our customers according to the REACH regulation.

We look forward to continuing our cooperation with suppliers and customers regarding use and exposure, to ensure registration of identified uses. If your company uses our products for other applications than those included in our Safety Data Sheets, please do inform us.

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Yours sincerely,



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