

## Concerning REACH, 18th of May 2011

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, Authorization 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 1000 kg 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 registered. All known uses of our Products have been included in Chemical Safety Reports.

None of our Products are subject to Restriction or Authorization at this point. Should that be the case later on, our Customers will be informed. None of the Substances on the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) for Authorization published at ECHA's webpage are present in Merox's Products in a concentration above 0.1 % (w/w). Should any of our Products contain Substances in concentrations above 0.1 % (w/w) in future Candidate Lists, that will be communicated to our Customers.

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.

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Yours sincerely,



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