

Dear SIEF Member,

We are contacting you as the service provider for REACH for the **Rare Earth Consortium** (RE Consortium).

First of all, we wish to inform you about the existence and the activities of the RE Consortium. The Consortium brings together manufacturers and importers of a number of Rare Earth compounds. Currently, the following companies are involved in the consortium:

- Albemarle Europe SPRL
- BASF SE
- Grace GmbH & Co, KG
- Less Common Metals
- MEL Chemicals
- Neo Chemicals and Oxides (Europe) Ltd
- NPM Silmet AS
- Rhodia Operations (Solvay)
- Traxys Europe SA
- Treibacher Industrie AG

You received earlier this year a survey on **Neodymium trichloride** (CAS 10024-93-8, EC 233-031-5), sent by the lead registrant candidate Treibacher Industrie AG. Below you can find an overview of the answers received from the pre-SIEF:

# surveys sent	# answers	Reg Intention	Type of submission dossier			2018 deadline		LR choice		Interested to join RE Consortium	Data owners
			regular	On site isolated intermediate	Transported isolated intermediate	1-10 tpa	10-100 tpa	agree	disagree		
35	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1

Treibacher Industrie AG is officially accepted as lead registrant for this substance.

In the attachment you will find the generic Substance Identification Profile (SIP) for **Neodymium trichloride** (CAS 10024-93-8, EC 233-031-5), for which an **Annex VII** REACH registration dossier will be developed by the Rare Earth Consortium in order to submit it for the 2018 registration deadline.

If you intend to become a co-registrant by buying a Letter of Access, you have now the opportunity to check that the substance you want to register falls within this SIP description.

If your substance does not meet the above specifications, then you will have to justify that the differences do not modify the conclusions of the hazard assessment and do not require a different Classification and Labelling. This information should be reported in the company specific (confidential) part of your co-registration dossier (IUCLID sections 1-3).

The Rare Earth Consortium has developed a public website where all information related to the preparation of the registration dossiers under REACH will be made available. Please take a look at <http://www.rare-earth-consortium.eu/>.

If you would like to provide any feedback on the above communication please contact us at rare-earth-consortium@arcadis.com

If we don't receive a reaction before 06/06/2016 we will assume that you agree with the SIP.

Please keep us informed if your registration intentions would change.

Best regards,

ARCADIS on behalf of the members of the Rare Earth Consortium