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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:

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

In order to get an idea on the **status of the SIEF on Ytterbium (III) oxide** (CAS 1314-37-0, EC 215-234-0) we have prepared a short survey.

Treibacher Industrie AG is a member of the Rare Earth Consortium and is volunteering as lead registrant for **Ytterbium (III) oxide**. Its candidacy is supported by all Consortium Members.

The Rare Earth Consortium will be actively involved in the registration dossier and will support Treibacher Industrie AG with preparing the LR Annex VIII dossier for 2018.

The Consortium is open for new members. You can indicate in the survey whether you would be interested to join the RE Consortium.

Please complete this survey at: [Ytterbium \(III\) oxide survey](#)

We would like to receive your answers no later than **Tuesday 31 March 2015**.

If you receive this e-mail more than once, please complete this survey for **each** different pre-registration number.

If we don't receive anything from your company, we will assume that

- 1) you agree with the candidate LR for this substance;
- 2) you don't have a registration intention for this substance;
- 3) you don't own any data on this substance;
- 4) you are not interested to join the RE Consortium.

As a consequence, no further communication will be sent to you or your company apart from communications sent to the entire SIEF (e.g. related to mandatory data sharing, status of the registration dossier, etc.).

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Best regards,

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