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EU REACH Cabot Aerogel Products

Cabot Corporation's Aerogel products include Aerogel Particles, Opacified Aerogel Particles, Aerogel Calcined Particles, Enova™ Aerogel, Lumira™ Aerogel, which include the P, IC, LA, AX, and MT grades.

The Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of December 18, 2006 on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals (REACH) requires manufacturers and/or importers of chemicals to pre-register and/or register those substances in accordance with the procedures and timelines prescribed within the Regulation. Cabot Corporation is committed to continuing to supply our EU customers with our Aerogel products. In addition, we are working with our suppliers of the raw materials for the above products to ensure continuity of supply.

To assist our customers, we provide the following information:

The Aerogel products are chemically surface treated substances. The European Chemicals Agency has provided guidance on the status of chemically surface treated substances in their "Frequently Asked Questions on REACH by Industry". For further information, please see the link below; FAQ 6.3.8.

http://echa.europa.eu/reach/faq_en.asp

As a result of this guidance, to pre-register the Aerogel products, it is necessary to pre-register the base particle (e.g., synthetic amorphous silica) and the surface treatment substance.

Cabot certifies it has completed the pre-registrations required to cover all Aerogel products produced or imported by Cabot into the European Union. The pre-registration numbers are not substance specific; in addition, Cabot considers the pre-registration numbers to be confidential business information. Therefore, these numbers can not be provided. **Please accept this statement as certification of pre-registration of Aerogel products.**

Cabot has successfully registered the base particle, synthetic amorphous silica. Cabot is working with the supplier(s) of the surface treatment substance to leverage their registration.

Because Cabot Aerogel products are manufactured within the EU, **it is not necessary for Cabot to appoint an Only Representative (OR) to cover importation of the Aerogel products into the EU by our customers.** Importation of Aerogel products by our

customers is considered re-importation under EU REACH. Re-importation by our customers is covered under Cabot's pre-registration/registration of the Aerogel products.

The European authorities continue to compile a provisional list (Candidate List) of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) which should be documented under the REACH Regulation, if present at a concentration greater than 0.1% in a chemical. A new list of Substances of Very High Concern has been published by ECHA on December 19, 2011.

To the best of our knowledge, Cabot's Aerogel products do not contain any of the substances mentioned on this Candidate List above the threshold concentration.

In addition, we confirm that currently, Cabot's Aerogel products are not classified as a dangerous substance by the EU authorities under the European Directive 67/548/EEC, its amendments and the European Regulation 1272/2008/EC (CLP). To the best of our knowledge, we do not expect any Cabot's Aerogel products to be classified under the REACH Regulation.

According to Article 31.1 of the REACH Regulation, a Material Safety Data Sheet must be provided for hazardous substances or preparations. Updated, expanded MSDSs for hazardous substances (i.e., with substance classified according to the Classification, Labeling and Packaging Regulation (CLP) and with exposure scenario and Risk Management measures for all identified uses) must be provided by December 1, 2010. Updated MSDSs for mixtures is due by June 1st, 2015. Cabot intends to update its Aerogel product MSDSs to make them compliant with CLP requirements, however, as any Aerogel product is neither classified according to the European Directive 67/548/EEC nor CLP Regulation, no exposure scenario will be developed. The most current version of Cabot's product MSDSs can be found on our website.

This information is being provided as of the date hereof. Please refer to Cabot's website – www.cabot-corp.com - for any updates to this information.

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