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Subject: LAS/ABS HPVC SUBMISSION

Attached please find the LAS/ABS Consortium's submission to the U.S. EPA's High Production Volume Chemical Challenge Program. Please note that although this assessment is incomplete, additional data, specifically those currently under assessment as part of the LAS and LAB sulfonic acid categories, will be incorporated once those assessment have been completed. In the interim, the LAS/ABS Consortium believed that the submission of this iteration of the assessment demonstrates the Consortium's continuing commitment to provide all available data related to the sponsored HPV chemicals.

Thank you for your attention. Please contact me if you have any questions.

(See attached file: LAS-ABS Submission Letter 30DEC02.pdf) (See attached file: LAS-ABS Assessment Plan Submission 30DEC02.pdf)

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Honorable Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
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Attn: EPA HPVC Challenge Program

Dear Administrator Whitman:

Enclosed please find the Hazard Data and Availability Assessment Report for LAS/ABS, submitted on behalf of the LAS/ABS Consortium to the U.S. EPA's High Production Volume Chemical Challenge Program.

Please note that this report is an interim step towards the identification and submission of all data related to the LAS/ABS chemical category. This iteration of the assessment focuses on available publicly and privately held data for the six sponsored chemicals. However, the data availability analysis (and corresponding data gap analysis and final assessment plan) are not complete at this time as additional information that can be utilized to support the category is currently under preparation by other HPV consortia. These additional data sources include: (1) the Linear Alkylbenzene Sulfonate (LAS) Category sponsored by the Industry Coalition for the SIDS Assessment of LAS (in accordance with the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) High Production Volume Chemical Initiative), and (2) the Linear Alkylbenzene (LAB) Sulfonic Acid Category sponsored by the LAB Sulfonic Acid Coalition (in accordance with the U.S. HPV Challenge Program). Once the assessments for the LAS and LAB Sulfonic Acid categories are complete, some of their data will be used to further support the six chemicals in this assessment. This will be accomplished by revising this assessment to incorporate additional data and descriptions, where appropriate.

The Consortium appreciates EPA's understanding and patience in this matter. Thank you for your attention. Please contact me if I you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alvaro J. DeCarvalho
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