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Lysmeral[®] Extra (CAS No.: 80-54-6)

Dear ,

Lysmeral[®] (CAS: 80-54-6) is a product with a long marketing history and numerous studies on its toxicological properties are available.

Within the context of the toxicological findings of Lysmeral[®] (see also customer letter of 5th November, 2008) BASF conducted further toxicological studies with m-Lysmeral (CAS: 62518-65-4) which is an impurity in our current Lysmeral[®] product of about 1%.

Unfortunately, m-Lysmeral showed adverse effects regarding developmental toxicity in an enhanced one-generation reproduction toxicity study in rats. Based on those findings BASF Corporation submitted a TSCA 8(e) notification to the US EPA (Environmental Protection Agency, USA).

The final results, as well as the study report, are expected in June 2010 at the earliest.

Although the report of the study is not yet finalized, BASF made the pro-active decision to reduce the content of m-Lysmeral in Lysmeral[®] from around 1% to below 0,1%.

To reflect the adjustment of the m-Lysmeral content the name of Lysmeral[®] will be changed to Lysmeral[®] Extra. The product code (PRD) and article numbers will change to:

PRD: 30506710
Article bulk: 50146751
Article 900 kg: 50148339
Article 190 kg: 50146752
Article sample 20 g: 50146754
Article sample 500 g: 50146755

With the change to Lysmeral[®] Extra we are introducing a new filling quantity of 900 kg in the existing IBC. This packaging will replace our 800 kg IBC.

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We expect our new product "Lysmeral[®] Extra" to be available by the beginning of May 2010.

The transition time to achieve the global availability of Lysmeral[®] Extra will take approximately 60 days. Customers located in Europe will start to receive Lysmeral[®] Extra from May onwards; the customers overseas will start to receive the new quality from June 2010. From this time on no further quantities of the old quality of Lysmeral[®] will be available from BASF.

With regard to olfactive properties several trials were conducted. It was concluded that Lysmeral[®] Extra and Lysmeral[®] have a virtually identical odor profile. Therefore, Lysmeral[®] Extra is considered a 1:1 (one to one) substitute to Lysmeral[®] without any change in quality and performance.

Samples of Lysmeral[®] Extra are available, if required.

For further information, please, do not hesitate to contact your respective counterpart within our global sales team.

We thank you for your support to help us have a smooth transition as we make these adjustments.

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