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**REACH (EU Regulation 1907/2006): Statement on behalf of the VERTEC™ Business**

The VERTEC™ business is an integral part of Johnson Matthey Plc and as such is working with a range of corporate advisers to ensure the business achieves full compliance with REACH. I can confirm that:

- We have pre-registered all substances contained in VERTEC™ products for which under REACH we are considered to be either the manufacturer in or importer into the EU at greater than 1 tpy. It is not Johnson Matthey's policy to issue pre-registration numbers. We do not feel that such action is beneficial to our supply chain partners, and in isolation, a pre-registration number cannot be verified by those outside of a specific Substance Information Exchange Forum (SIEF).
- No product in the VERTEC™ portfolio contains any substance which at the current time is on the candidate list for inclusion in Annex XIV as a substance of very high concern (SHVC) and which will consequently be subject to the requirements of authorisation.
- We have obtained assurances from our suppliers that they are taking the appropriate actions with regard to REACH and that there will be no disruption to our supply of raw materials.

We are now embarking on the work necessary to ensure that the required registrations are put in place in accordance with the appropriate time-scales. Throughout this period, the business will review its full portfolio of products and will determine whether any product rationalisation or substitution is required. At this stage it is not the intent of the VERTEC™ business to withdraw any products from the market - in fact VERTEC™ welcomes the REACH Regulation as it will encourage the development of new products, which remains a core driver for both ourselves, and our customers.

Whilst of course we cannot guarantee the security of supply of all products indefinitely, the VERTEC™ business stands behind its wide portfolio of Ti and Zr products and will continue to both manufacture products and also introduce new products / remove obsolete products on a continuous basis in the future. We welcome open dialogue and if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your VERTEC™ representative

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul. Armitage".

Paul Armitage  
VERTEC™ Business Manager  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2008

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