



# Boron Consortium Services Ltd

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(the "Recipient")

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Dear Sirs

## **Letter of Access Agreement for the registration of certain specified Substance(s) under REACH**

The purpose of this Letter Agreement is to set out the terms on which Boron Consortium Services Limited ("**BCSL**") on behalf of the REACH Boron Consortium (the "**Consortium**") and the Lead Registrant(s) for the Substance(s) listed in Appendix 2 will grant access to the Registration Dossier(s) to enable the Recipient to participate in the joint submission of the Registration Dossier ("**Joint Submission**"). By signature hereof the Recipient hereby agrees to the terms contained in this Letter Agreement which shall become effective on signature by BCSL, subject to receipt of full payment on a timely basis.

Please see Appendix 1 for a list of defined terms used in this Letter Agreement.

### **1. GRANT AND DELIVERABLES**

1.1 In consideration for the payment made by the Recipient as set forth in paragraph 2 below, BCSL hereby agrees to grant to the Recipient the following:

- (a) an Access Token and the Joint Submission name, which shall enable the Recipient to participate in the Joint Submission of the Registration Dossier;
- (b) the right to refer to the Core Data in the Registration Dossier (including any updates) for the purpose of registration of the Substance(s) pursuant to REACH;
- (c) a copy of the chemical safety reports for the Substance registered at or above 10 tonnes;

- (d) any necessary information on substance identification for the registration of the Substance(s);
  - (e) to the extent prepared by the Consortium information on guidance for safe use and, a copy of the Safety Data Sheet;
  - (f) agreed classification and labelling; and
  - (g) a full list of uses for the Substance(s) to be covered by the registration.
- 1.2 Any rights or information provided under this Letter Agreement to the Recipient are granted solely in favour of the Recipient and are not transferable to any other entity or person without prior written consent of BCSL.
- 1.3 The Recipient's right to refer to the Registration Dossier and Information and/or Studies contained therein is solely for use in complying with REACH, and the Recipient is not authorised to use such information for any other purpose.
- 1.4 For the avoidance of doubt, this Letter Agreement does not give the Recipient the right to receive any copies of the Registration Dossier nor to inspect or view the Registration Dossier or any related specific document in whole or in part save as specifically required by REACH. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the Recipient from accessing or reviewing the documents that are published on the internet pursuant to Article 119 of REACH.
- 1.5 Nothing in this Letter Agreement shall require the Consortium or the Lead Registrant to provide or to file any additional data with ECHA and/or any other competent authority.
- 1.6 The Recipient shall be entitled to participate in the Joint Submission of the Registration Dossier for the Tonnage Band specified in Appendix 2. Should the Recipient seek to rely on the Registration Dossier for a higher Tonnage Band, the Recipient shall first be required to pay such additional charges as are specified in paragraph 2.6 below..

## 2. **PAYMENT**

- 2.1 The Recipient agrees to pay to BCSL for the benefit of the Consortium an amount which shall relate to the specific Substance(s) and Tonnage Band set out in Appendix 2 and in accordance with the scale of fees as published on the website of the Consortium. An administration fee of €250 for each Letter of Access issued shall be added to such amount.

- 2.2 The Recipient shall not receive the Access Token nor be granted any of the rights referred to in paragraph 1.1 above, until full payment has been received by BCSL. All bank and other charges in connection with such payment shall be paid by the Recipient and the Recipient hereby acknowledges that failure to comply with this provision will result in a delay in provision of the Access Token and granting of the rights referred to in paragraph 1.1 above until such failure is rectified.
- 2.3 The Recipient agrees to pay BCSL for the benefit of the Consortium a pro rata share of the costs of any future updates that are required to be made to the Registration Dossier.
- 2.4 Any funds remaining on conclusion of the Consortium's activities shall be returned to the Members of the Consortium and Letter of Access recipients in a pro rata manner, based on contributions made by each Member of the Consortium and fees paid by Letter of Access recipients.
- 2.5 The Recipient agrees not to request itemisation of any cost in relation to this Letter Agreement in addition to what has already been provided by BCSL to the Recipient at the date of this Letter Agreement.
- 2.6 In the event that the Recipient requires an amendment to a Tonnage Band specified in Appendix 2, it shall notify BCSL of this fact and shall pay such additional fee as is specified on the website of the Consortium based on the difference between the amount previously paid and the cost associated with the higher Tonnage Band.

### 3. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

- 3.1 In the event the Recipient receives or accesses any Studies and/or Information in accordance with this Letter Agreement, the Recipient shall take all reasonable measures to protect the secrecy of and prevent disclosure or unauthorised use of such Studies and/or Information. The Recipient shall prevent the Studies and/or Information from falling into the public domain and protect the Studies and/or Information from falling into the possession of unauthorised third parties. Such measures include, but shall not be limited to, the highest degree of care that the Recipient uses to protect its own confidential information.
- 3.2 In the event of unauthorised disclosure, loss or theft of any documents, items of work in progress, or any work products embodying the Studies and/or Information, the Recipient shall notify immediately BCSL and shall cooperate fully with the requests of the Consortium in remedying the same.
- 3.3 The Recipient shall not be subject to the obligations of this paragraph 3 with respect to the Studies and/or Information which: (a) are or become known publicly through no

wrongful act of the Recipient; (b) were already known to the Recipient at the time of disclosure hereunder as shown by prior written records; (c) are learned by the Recipient from a third party under no obligation to the Consortium; (d) are independently developed by an employee, agent, or consultant of the Recipient with no knowledge of disclosure hereunder; or (e) are approved for release by written authorisation of BCSL pursuant to the provisions of this Letter Agreement.

- 3.4 The Recipient shall not disclose to any third party (including an affiliate of the Recipient) the Access Token.

#### **4. COPYRIGHT AND OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

- 4.1 The Recipient acknowledges that any and all copyright and other intellectual property rights subsisting in or used in connection with the Core Data, Studies, Information or the Registration Dossier are and shall remain the property of BCSL or its licensor, and the Recipient shall not during or after expiry or termination of this Letter Agreement in any way question or dispute the ownership thereof by BCSL or its licensor.

- 4.2 The Recipient acknowledges that such copyright and other intellectual property rights belonging to BCSL or in its legitimate possession may only be used by the Recipient in accordance with this Letter Agreement.

#### **5. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

- 5.1 To the maximum extent permitted by law, BCSL, the Consortium and the Consortium members hereby exclude all liability arising in contract or otherwise for any direct, indirect or consequential loss or damage sustained by the Recipient by exercising its rights under this Letter Agreement including the right to refer to the Studies and/or Information.

- 5.2 To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Lead Registrant, BCSL and the Consortium hereby exclude all liability for, and the Recipient shall indemnify the Lead Registrant, BCSL and the Consortium against and hold harmless from, all liabilities and claims (including reasonable legal fees and expenses in defending against such liabilities and claims) howsoever arising against the Lead Registrant in connection with: (a) the contents of any REACH registration document submitted on behalf of the Recipient; or (b) any import, sale, manufacture or use of the substances in the EEA; other than liabilities attributable to the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the Lead Registrant or Consortium.

6. **CONSORTIUM MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS**

This Letter Agreement does not give any Consortium membership rights to the Recipient or give the Recipient any right to refer to the Consortium vis-à-vis third parties.

7. **AMENDMENTS**

No amendments to or changes or modifications of this Letter Agreement may be made except in writing signed by a duly authorised representative of each of the parties hereto.

8. **GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTES**

8.1 This Letter Agreement is governed by, and all disputes arising under or in connection with this Letter Agreement shall be resolved in accordance with, the laws of England.

8.2 The parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England shall have non-exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim that arises out of or in connection with this Letter Agreement or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).

8.3 The Recipient agrees that relief by way of injunction is an appropriate remedy for any breach by it of the confidentiality provisions in paragraph 3 of this Letter Agreement.

9. **MISCELLANEOUS**

In the event that the United Kingdom’s exit from the European Union (i.e. Brexit) results in a change in the laws applicable to this Letter Agreement and/or the validity of the registration for the Substance(s), the Recipient shall be responsible for making any changes to its own Registration Dossier. BCSL, the Lead Registrant and the Consortium shall bear no responsibility, financial or otherwise, in relation to the Recipient’s rights or obligations under this Agreement.

**Yours faithfully,**

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R.C.A. Barrington, Director, Boron Consortium Services Ltd.

Received and agreed,

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Company	
Name of Signatory	
Date of signature	

This space for Boron Consortium Services Ltd. use only	
Unique reference number	

## APPENDIX 1

### Defined Terms

**"Access Token"** means the token to be provided by BCSL to the Recipient under the terms of this Letter Agreement to enable access to the Recipient to participate in the joint submission of the Registration Dossier;

**"Core Data"** means data to be submitted jointly by registrants pursuant to REACH and which includes:

- (a) classification and labelling of the Substance(s);
- (b) summaries of information derived from the application of REACH Annexes VII to XI;
- (c) robust study summaries derived from the application of REACH Annexes VII to XI, if so required under REACH Annex I;
- (d) testing proposals where required by the application of REACH Annexes IX and X; and
- (e) guidance on safe use.

**"Information"** means Studies, other tests, data and any information in any form whatsoever held by the Consortium on the Substance(s). It also includes all study summaries, robust study summaries, statistics, information, data or conclusions that could be deduced from such Studies, other tests, data and information which might be written, oral or visual information;

**"Lead Registrant"** means the same as that stated in REACH Article 11(1);

**"REACH"** means Regulation EC 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals;

**"Registration Dossier"** means a technical dossier of a Substance which includes the Core Data;

**"Study"** means a report in written or electronic form on tests, or other examinations (including tests on vertebrate animals), which relate to intrinsic Substance properties or to the exposure assessment and risk characterization in the chemical safety report and as such, are of relevance for registration pursuant to REACH; this also includes study summaries and robust study summaries of the report(s);

**"Substance(s)"** means those Substance(s) set out in Appendix 2.

**"Tonnage Band"** means the specified tonnage band of the Substance manufactured in or imported into the EU as set out in Appendix 2.

Any definition specified in Article 3 of REACH shall have the same meaning in this Letter Agreement.



**APPENDIX 2**

**NAMES/EINECS NUMBERS OF THE SUBSTANCES AND TONNAGE BAND**

Name of the Substance	EINECS Number	Lead Registrant	Tick relevant box[es]	Tonnage Band tick relevant box[es]	
<b>Boron</b>	231-151-2	ArcelorMittal		1-10	
				10-100	
				100-1000	
<b>Phosphorus</b>	231-768-7	PCC Rokita		1-10	
				10-100	
				100-1000	