



To: All Vydine® Customers

Subject: **REACH Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)**

**Compliance Declaration** – Ascend Performance Materials is dedicated to ensuring that its products are compliant to worldwide regulatory systems. Ascend’s Vydine® resins are fully compliant with the Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) restrictions with the European Union’s Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) law. The SVHC are not intentionally added or used in the manufacture of Vydine® products except for Vydine® M344 (Natural and Black) and Vydine® 909 (Natural and Black). These products contain Dodecachloropentacyclo[12.2.1.16.9.02,13.05,10]octadeca-7,15-diene (“Dechlorane Plus”™).

**Background Information** – An integral part of REACH is the development of a “Candidate List” of substances for Authorization. Substances that are included in the List have been nominated by Member State Competent Authorities, or by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), and have been identified as SVHC. These substances could have very serious and often irreversible effects on humans and the environment, and may subsequently become subject to authorisation by decision of the European Commission. Substances are formally added to the List by ECHA. The inclusion of a substance in the List may impose legal obligations on companies who manufacture, import or use the listed substances on their own, in mixtures or in articles.

On January 23, 2024, ECHA officially added 5 additional substances to the Candidate List for a total of 240 substances. The Candidate List table may be found at:

<https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>

*This assessment is based on information obtained from raw material suppliers, vendor Safety Data Sheets (SDSs), and our knowledge of Ascend manufacturing processes.*

*The product information presented above is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

Thank you for your business,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ancuta Rusu'.

Ancuta Rusu  
Sr. Product Steward

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