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News Release

Successful registration

Carbon Black Producers REACH Important Milestone

A consortium formed by EVONIK Degussa GmbH, Cabot Corporation, Columbian Chemicals Company, Timcal Belgium S.A., Sid Richardson Carbon & Energy Company, Continental Carbon Company, and Cancarb Limited has successfully submitted the REACH dossier for carbon black to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in Helsinki. After validating the completeness of the dossier, ECHA issued the registration number for carbon black to Evonik Degussa GmbH which acted as lead registrant on behalf of the consortium. The submission included both the technical dossier and the chemical safety report.

Once the remaining consortium members file their supplementary registration documents, all seven companies will be fully registered well ahead of the November 30, 2010 deadline.