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European Commission Releases Decision Authorising the Continued Use of PY. 34 and PR. 104 Pigments for Seven Years through to May 2022

Dear Customer and Downstream User,

We are pleased to inform you of the draft decision released on the 16th June 2016 by the European Commission (EC) pertaining to the authorisation for the continued use of DCC C.I. Pigment Yellow 34 and C.I. Pigment Red 104 for industrial and professional coatings, plastics applications and road markings. Thank you to our customers for collaborating with us throughout this process.

We look forward to a favourable outcome from the upcoming REACH Member States Committee meeting scheduled for the 6/7th July 2016 to finalise the Commission's decision, so that we can work together to fully implement the conditions of the authorisation without further delay. In addition, we look forward to the finalised decision being published in the Official Journal of the European Union, authorising use of DCC pigments in specified industrial and professional applications for seven years through to 21st May 2022.

This is a positive development for our EU coatings and plastics customers who continue to require these two pigments for limited and controlled uses. The EC decision confirms and supports the positive opinions previously issued by ECHA (European Chemical Agency) on the basis of the reports by the Committees for Risk Assessment (RAC) and Socio Economic Analysis (SEAC) including:

- The risk management measures (RMM) and operational controls (OC) described in the application are appropriate and effective in limiting the risk.
- The socio-economic benefits arising from the uses applied for outweigh the risks to human health or the environment arising from those uses.
- There are no suitable alternative substances or technologies in terms of their technical and economic feasibility.

This is a landmark step by the EC because DCC and our customers are small and medium-sized and we believe this is the first full producer application to earn the Commission's approval.

The Commission's decision also aligns with DCC's Responsible Use Policy for the safe handling and use of these products, and DCC's support for the worldwide elimination of lead-based paint for consumer and decorative purposes stating, that authorisation of these pigments is *"not incompatible with the primary goal of the GAELP [Lead Paint Alliance] because the uses applied for do not concern consumers and therefore should not lead to their exposure to the substances. Furthermore, proper control of occupational risks will be ensured via the authorisation conditions."*



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The authorisation decision includes understandable conditions to ensure that risks are controlled and uses are restricted to those in DCC's application. DCC will work with its EU customers to ensure these conditions are all met, including continuing to offer our own alternatives for uses where viable.

Thank you again for your support. We will be in contact with you soon to discuss next steps. Should you have any questions in the meantime please feel free to contact your DCC Sales Representative or either of the two undersigned.

With kind regards,

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