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Dominion Colour Corporation Position on the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (GAELP)

The Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (GAELP) is a cooperative initiative jointly led by the World Health Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme. GAELP works to engage national governments, industry and non-governmental organizations in establishing restrictions on lead use in paints particularly those that pose public health and environmental risks, especially to children.

As a company and a long-standing active member of the Canadian Paint and Coatings Association (CPCA), which in turn is a member of International Paint and Printing Ink Association (IPPIC), Dominion Colour Corporation (DCC) supports:

- GAELP's current business plan, which encourages all countries to adopt restrictions on lead use in decorative paints, similar to the restrictions already in place in most developed countries, and
- IPPIC's commitment on other coatings to align proposed restrictions with existing limitations that are based on valid risk assessments, occupational health and environmental controls and technical requirements of paint

In the long run, we support the broad GAELP objective to eliminate lead from all paint where technically feasible. In our support of these international initiatives, we collaborate with industry partners to continue to evaluate alternative solutions to the use lead chromate based pigments, namely Pigment Yellow 34 (PY.34) and Pigment Red 104 (PR.104).

DCC offers a wide range of organic and inorganic pigment products for numerous applications. However, currently there are no adequate lead chromate free alternatives for PY.34 and PR.104 in several specialized industrial and professional coatings. The significance of these two lead chromate based pigments in specialty applications has been evaluated by European Chemical Agency. As such, PY.34 and PR.104 have recently been recommended for continued use in specialized non-consumer applications in the EU under the REACH program.

Safety and environmental protection are among Dominion Colour's core values. The appropriate occupational health, safety and environmental controls are enforced at all DCC manufacturing facilities. The specialized industrial and professional uses for PY.34 and PR.104 can and must be used safely, without posing health and environmental risks to children. As part of our commitment to ensure the safe use of PY.34 and PR.104 products, our staff, customers and end-users are educated in safe handling and appropriate use of these pigments.

For more information on the GAELP and efforts to seek restrictions on decorative paints:

<http://www.unep.org/chemicalsandwaste/LeadCadmium/PrioritiesforAction/LeadPaints/PotentialPartners/LeadLimits/tabid/1036889/Default.aspx>

For more information about IPPIC: www.ippic.org