

**To the Chemical Associations  
To the Technical Directors of National  
Federations**

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**Industry SIEF IT system – company founded and contract signed!!!**

Dear all,

We are pleased to inform you that regarding Industry SIEF IT system the following has been achieved:

- In January 2008 a separate company called ReachLink SA (Soci te Anonyme) has been founded with Cefic, the German Chemical Association (VCI), the French Association (UIC), the Italian Association (Federchimica), the British Association (CIA) and the Spanish Association (FEIQUE) as shareholders. We would like to thank these organisations for their participation.
- IBM was selected to develop and operate the SIEF IT System. The contract with IBM was signed on 29 February 2008.

**Project Information:**

The functional requirements were developed in collaboration with key users coming out of the Chemical Industry. The development has already been started by IBM. The next milestone is the delivery of the test system – April 2008 – and we feel confident that we will meet that date.

The awareness of the development of this industry wide SIEF IT system is key to success. We are currently working on the company and brand identity, putting the necessary communication tools in place to create visibility.

We would appreciate if you could inform your members about the progress that has been made for this important initiative.

During the next steps of the project, regular information bulletins will be communicated in order to keep you updated on the progress.

If you would like more information about ReachLink and the SIEF IT system project, feel free to contact Gunter Flies at ReachLink, tel.: +32 2 792 75 11, email [gfl@reachlink.be](mailto:gfl@reachlink.be) or Jack Wille at Cefic, email [jwe@cefic.be](mailto:jwe@cefic.be).

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