



**EUROPEAN PRECIOUS METALS FEDERATION
PRECIOUS METALS CONSORTIUM**

RE: Condensed request for precious metals data:

1. Any an all available information on Silver
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3. List of PM-containing alloys
4. Technical specifications for PM substances and intermediates

15th October 2007

Dear Member,

RE: Condensed request for precious metals data.

On behalf of the Management Committee, I am pleased to inform you that to date, 25 companies have signed the Precious Metals Consortium Agreement and have become Founding Members of the Consortium.

Furthermore, many of you have responded actively to the request for technical specifications which was sent on the 25th of July. A preliminary assessment of these specifications indicates that:

- **some companies have not submitted any technical specification to date:** this significantly inhibits the discussions on substance identity and substance sameness;
- **no technical specifications have been received for intermediates:** intermediates are also subject to the OSOR principle and should be subject to a technical profiling, in parallel with substances;
- there is an important **deficiency in “granulometry” data (for particle size):** granulometry data is important to classify the ranges of powder and massive forms of precious metals and to foretell the potential routes of exposure to human.

I subsequently take this opportunity to kindly request your contribution again. This time, I am condensing several requests into one, hoping to bother you only once!

Please be so kind to send me the following information **by the 5th of November 2007:**

1. **Any and all available information your company has on Silver[♦]** (SDS's, technical data sheets, study summaries, full studies, exposure data (workplace), monitoring data (environment), etc...). Please note that this request is in line with your commitment to comply with Article 3.2.2 (c) of the PM Consortium Agreement (dd 06/06/2007). Moreover, your quick response highly contributes to the upcoming data gap analysis EBRC and EURAS will perform in the framework of Phase II of the Silver Project. Any information which is not delivered will need to be produced, therefore increasing the costs of the Consortium;
2. The **list of non-waste PM-bearing refinable/recoverable complex materials** you manufacture and/or import (including technical specifications detailed in the attached template);
3. The **list of PM-containing alloys** you manufacture and/or import (including technical specifications detailed in the attached template);
4. **Any technical specification you have on the PM substances and intermediates** you declared on your Substance and tonnage band declaration as submitted together with the Signature folio of the PM Consortium Agreement (including technical specifications detailed in the attached template). Please note that only intermediates which are manufactured and/or imported under “strictly controlled conditions” meet the legal definition of intermediate under REACH. The Trustee assumes that you can ensure “strict control” for those materials you declare as intermediates.

[♦] Considering the advancement of the Silver Project with EBRC and EURAS and the fact that Silver and Silver compounds are subject to the first registration deadline under REACH, only Silver information is being requested for the time being. The same request for Gold and PGM's will naturally follow soon.

~ a member of Eurometaux ~

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To facilitate this condensed request for information, we have prepared four excel sheet templates to be filled in by your appropriate colleagues (cf. attached excel file containing four individual sheets with detailed columns).

Please confirm the nature of confidentiality: whether you want the company's identity to remain confidential (no link between data and your company) or whether you wish the entire dataset to remain confidential (please note that additional consultant costs will increase the Consortium's budget in this latter case).

Your contribution will definitively be reflected in the quantity and quality of the deliverables which will be presented, discussed and approved at the next Assembly meeting in Brussels (13th December). Thank you in advance for making any data available to the Consortium on time.

Would you need any help or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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