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Subject: Request for Consideration as a Partner in the Lead Paint Alliance (LPA)

Dear Mr. Halpaap

The Swiss Coatings Federation VSLF endorses the goal and objectives of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint and wishes to be considered a Partner in the work of the Lead Paint Alliance.

The VSLF acknowledges that the specific objectives of the Alliance are to prevent children's exposure to decorative paints containing lead and to minimize occupational exposures to lead arising from coatings.

The VSLF supports the following IPPIC policy statement from 2009 that aligns with the goals and objectives of the Lead Paint Alliance:

"IPPIC supports the long-standing effectiveness of lead-use restrictions that are already in place in certain jurisdictions and recommends their widespread adoption by authorities not currently regulating the use of lead in paint and printing ink. Such restrictions may be accomplished through specific legislation or regulation, formal voluntary agreements, or by other means that ensure widespread and verifiable compliance."

We would like to engage in the work of the Alliance as described below:

1. Support specific efforts by the paint industry to reduce or eliminate the conditions that give rise to environmental lead exposure through the phase-out of the manufacture and sale of decorative paints containing lead.
By supporting industry activities to voluntarily stop the manufacture and sale of lead paint, focusing on residential and decorative paints containing lead in countries where legal limits are not currently in place;

By promoting and supporting government restrictions and prohibitions on the sale of residential and decorative paints containing lead;
By advocating for binding restrictions in countries where legal limits relating to the manufacture and sale of residential and decorative paints containing lead are not currently in place;
By raising awareness and educating the paint value chain partners about the negative effects of lead in residential and decorative paints and to assist in the understanding and transition to alternatives; and
By increasing awareness of the health and environmental risks arising from the manufacture, sale and use of residential and decorative paints containing lead.

2. Pledge our paint and printing ink manufacturing member companies support for the work of the Alliance and hereby affirm:

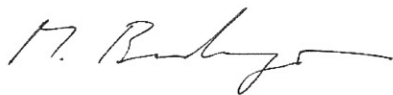
All member companies of the VSLF, in their conduct of their business, do not add lead to residential paint, thereby complying with the complete ban of lead compounds in decorative paints in Switzerland.

Members of the VSLF will not export decorative paint containing lead to countries where there is no legislative control on such.

We understand that this letter of intent is not legally binding, and that a copy of this letter requesting to become an Alliance partner and the name of Swiss Coatings Federation VSLF will be listed on the Lead Paint Alliance web site (www.unep.org/noleadinpaint).

Yours sincerely,

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