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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**Subject: Study on chemical recycling from waste in the circular economy**

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has commissioned a study on chemical recycling from waste in the circular economy. The study is being undertaken by RPA Europe and Risk & Policy Analysts (RPA).

The objective of the requested services is to provide a better understanding of what information is currently known regarding the chemical recycling of waste, including the sources, main materials, substances and processes contributing to circularity for chemicals, focusing on recycling where chemical modification takes place. The study will assess, how well current recycling technologies perform, what opportunities and challenges chemical recycling presents, what benefits the use of more circular chemical raw materials streams may have for the circular economy, what concepts and applications have been proven or are at a pilot stage in this area. The study will include considerations regarding REACH registration and the exemption from registration, and it will tackle the consequences of the presence of substances of very high concern or other legacy chemicals present in the material to be chemically recycled.

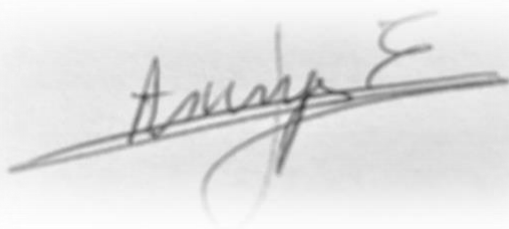
As well as extensive desk research, this study involves the collection of information from key stakeholders across the EU (and beyond) through questionnaires and interviews. I would be grateful for any assistance that you are able to provide to RPA as they collect information and data to inform the analysis in this study. All queries concerning this study should, in the first instance, be addressed to RPA.

Please note that the results of the study will be made publicly available on the website of the European Chemicals Agency. Therefore, please ensure not to submit any confidential business information as part your reply. Furthermore, please note that your replies, and the results of the study do not relate to any regulatory requirements or actions by ECHA.

Should additional information be required you may wish to contact the responsible ECHA project officer, gary.watkins@echa.europa.eu

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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