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REACH Information Day/1st EBB Biodiesel REACH Consortium Assembly meeting, September 4, 2008

The European Biodiesel Board organised on September 4th, 2008 a REACH Information Day and the 1st Assembly meeting of the EBB Biodiesel REACH Consortium. The meeting was attended by more than 110 representatives of companies, among whom were members of the Consortium, EBB members, as well as various producers, traders and associations based both in and outside the EU.

The greatest part of the day was occupied by presentations and discussions lead by the consultants of Keller and Heckmann as well as the Chairman of the Technical Committee, Dr. Luca Segato.

During the first part of the meeting, numerous specifications of the REACH legislation were discussed and several attempts were made to clarify various issues relating to FAME and its by-products. The main focus was on the implications of REACH on the EU biodiesel industry, the obligations arising for all participants in the market and the need for a Consortium so that all issues are handled smoothly, stressing on the very tight deadlines imposed.

During the 1st Assembly meeting of the EBB Biodiesel REACH Consortium, all the legal, operational and financial aspects of the Consortium were explained in detail, followed by the unanimous election of Mr. Ward, Mr. Dufrenoy, Mr. Berloni, Mr. Nicol and Mr. Antonakopoulos to members of the Consortium Steering Committee. Mr. Raffaello Garofalo and Dr. Luca Segato were elected President of the Consortium and Chairman of the Technical Committee respectively. A detailed discussion followed regarding the number and nature of the substances for which the Consortium is going to formulate strategies for pre-registration and registration, according to the Consortium members' needs and the possible exemptions.

In the weeks to follow, EBB will be organizing meetings of the Technical Working Group as well as a meeting with FEDIOL, in order to finalize the works on the selection of the substances to be pre-registered, which will be presented for approval at the next EBB Biodiesel REACH Consortium General Assembly meeting at the end of October 2008. At the same occasion, a learning session on IUCLID 5 (the software application required by ECHA for the submission of the requested data) will be organized to facilitate pre-registration and registration for the EBB Consortium members.

