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Subject: Required input of Material Data into the **International Material Data System (IMDS)**

Dear Supplier:

In response to the End-of Life Vehicles (ELV) Directive 2000/53, our customers are requiring all material information for all components be entered into the IMDS. A key requirement in this directive is the "Heavy Metals Ban." Lead, Cadmium, Mercury and Hexavalent Chromium are prohibited in any component part of a vehicle put on the market after July 1, 2003.

As a supplier to BREED Technologies, and therefore part of the global automotive supplier community, you are required to enter material information into the IMDS for all components that you are shipping to BREED. This requirement covers production parts, service parts and prototype parts. This request supercedes any previous requests for hazardous material information related to production components.

To make sure that both the materials and components of a vehicle contain none of the above named heavy metals, it is essential to have a precise knowledge of the composition of the components. It is also necessary to have this information early enough to make appropriate changes to parts and design to comply with the directive.

It will be essential for you to become familiar with the IMDS and the method of entering information into the system. There is no cost to suppliers to enter the data into the IMDS. However, it will require some training to be able to understand the method and the navigation through the system.

If you are unfamiliar with this requirement of the IMDS, I suggest you log onto www.MDSmap.com. The web site is supported by an alliance between Strategic Environmental Management Limited and McNamee Industrial Services. These companies offer data entry training and services for IMDS. You will also find exact dates our customers have set as deadlines for reporting. Our deadlines are usually one month prior to our customers' deadlines, to give us time to review your data and forward it onto the customer.

The IMDS web site is at www.mdsystem.com. This is the site you will use to enter the material data for your components. Training for entry of information into the IMDS is available both online through IMDS or as specified above.

Please send the name, title, phone number and e-mail address of the person at your facility responsible for supplying this information to Lori Walsh at BREED Technologies, walshl@breedtech.com by March 22, 2002. We will send this contact a list of all component part numbers we have received from you company in the last 6 months by March 29, 2002. It will not constitute a complete list of all the components you are shipping to BREED.

Ultimately, your company is responsible to ensure all component information is entered into the IMDS by **June 3, 2002**.

For further information on BREED's Design for Environment Initiative responsible for addressing ELV and IMDS issues at BREED, contact Program Manager C.B. Campano at 863-668-6663 or campanc@breedtech.com.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support of this project.

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