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Dear Pierre,

Re: PA&MRFG meeting, Brussels, 29 February 2012

I would like to thank you on behalf of CEPA for inviting a delegation of our Confederation to the February meeting of the Product Authorisation and Mutual Recognition Facilitation Group.

Michel Tulkens, Marc Esculier and Rudi Vermeulen, who represented CEPA at that meeting, reported that it was appropriate for CEPA to seek involvement in the PA&MRFG.

Since the core objective of the PA&MRFG is to authorize and manage biocidal products, the Group deals with some of the cornerstones of our business and to date the interests of our sector have been underrepresented in that forum.

Though we may still need to work on finding a better balance between our mutual positions on some of the issues that were debated, rest assured that CEPA will continue to send its representatives to your meetings.

We remain committed to contributing to your objectives whilst hoping to establish more recognition for our sector's efforts to raise the level of professionalism in order to make sure, over time, that when products are being used that could impact the environment or public health, they are used in an appropriate manner by qualified operators with the necessary knowhow.

Best regards,

Roland Higgins
Director General