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Geneva

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Subject: Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead

Dear Mr Duer,

On behalf of the International Labour Organization (ILO), I am writing to inform you that we are pleased to join as an official contributor to the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (the Alliance). The ILO supports the objectives of the Alliance, and as the only tripartite U.N. agency, it is uniquely suited to bring together governments, employers and workers of its 187 member States to encourage action towards the achievement of Alliance goals.

The protection of workers from the exposure to hazardous substances has always been a major concern for the ILO. Recognizing the human health hazards of lead, one of the first instruments developed by the ILO was the Lead Poisoning (Women and Children) Recommendation, 1919 (No. 4) concerning the protection of women and children against lead poisoning. Noting that the protection of workers from the harmful effects of chemicals also enhances the protection of the general public and the environment, the ILO further promotes international labour standards on exposures to hazardous substances, including the Chemicals Convention, 1990 (No. 170). By bringing together governments, employers, and workers alike, the ILO ensures a collaborative approach to shaping policies and programmes related to chemical risk management along the entire supply chain.

The ILO looks forward to collaborating with the Alliance as it moves forward to promote its key goals and objectives related to the phase out of the production of lead paints.

Yours sincerely,

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