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China Authorities To Close Nominations to the National IECSC Inventory

Intertek Cantox brings China Expert to Canada for Information Session

Ontario, Canada Intertek Cantox, a leading provider of scientific and regulatory consulting services, today announced its plans to bring China IECSC Chemical Notification expert, Ms. Amy Lee of Shanghai, to the Toronto area to deliver important updates on China's new chemicals notification program administered under China's State Environmental Protection Administration's Chemical Registration Center (SEPA CRC), including the authority's intent to close the door on industry's opportunity to add substances to the Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC). Substances listed on the IECSC are exempt from the need for pre-market approval under China's New Chemicals Notification law.

With China being the second leading destination for goods exported from Canada and the US, China's regulatory initiatives are having significant impact on market access and economic growth for the new and improved products being developed by North American companies.

"At Intertek Cantox we are seeing an increase in the number of North American companies wanting to secure our regulatory and scientific support for gaining approval for access to the China market" says Karen Levins, Senior Vice President Global Business Development. "Consumers in China are seeking access to new and innovative products and the North American chemical industry is ready to do its part to serve this need. In these tough economic times, with cultural, language and time zone challenges, these companies are reaching out to form partnerships with experts they can trust to protect and advance their interests."

To serve the North American interest to understand China's current regulatory climate, Intertek Cantox is pleased to bring its China expert to Canada. Ms. Amy Lee will be presenting an update at the Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel and Conference Centre on the evening of Tuesday, November the 8th, 2011. Invitations to this private event can be obtained by contact Intertek Cantox at chemicals@cantox.com.

For more information on Intertek Cantox's Services, please visit: <http://www.intertek.com/cantox>.

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