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Dear Madam or Sir,

**Concerns:** NMP in the Ertalon® 6 PLA black, Ertalon® LFX black, Nylatron® GSM, Nylatron® MC 901, Ertalon® 6 PLAM stock shapes

By means of this letter, Quadrant Engineering Plastic Products would like to inform you about the status of its products in the view of the latest update of the ECHA Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (revision 20 June 2011).

Until 1 July 2011 Quadrant EPP has been using 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP; EC number 212-828-1; CAS number 872-50-4) in the production of the above mentioned stock shapes. Quadrant EPP was already in the process of replacing NMP by less harmful alternatives and was able to completely change from NMP soon after its inclusion in the ECHA Candidate List. This means, that for the above mentioned stock shapes manufactured after 1 July 2011, NMP is not intentionally added or used any more during production. However, stock shapes of the above mentioned products that were manufactured before this date can contain NMP.

In the above mentioned stock shapes, NMP is encapsulated in the polyamide matrix. In this situation, we can expect that the risk that the NMP can be taken in by humans during normal handling of the stock shapes or custom cast products, including machining, can be neglected. As with the handling of all Quadrant EPP products, of course the maximum allowable concentration of dust levels on the workplace which apply in your country should be observed and overheating, where hazardous decomposition products could be set free, should be avoided.

We trust this information is useful to you. If you need any further information or clarification please contact the under signed.

Kind regards,

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REACH Coordinator

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