



## REACH Statement

Statement on “substances of very high concern” (SVHC) according to the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), published on the 30th December 2006 in the Official Journal of the European Union 396/1

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your interest in information about substances with properties of very high concern that meet the criteria comprised in Article 57 REACH, were identified according to Article 59 (1) and included in Annex XIV of the REACH regulation (substances from the candidate list or SVHC - Substances of Very High Concern). Isabellenhütte Heusler GmbH & Co. KG acts under REACH in the role as “downstream user” or “supplier of products” and is under certain circumstances committed to the disclosure of information according to Article 33 REACH. This has the consequence that companies along the supply chain request one another to provide proof of conformity, full product compositions or other documents. However, these kinds of statements are not intended by REACH and are not helpful in complying with the mandatory communication and information obligations. Furthermore, they do not provide any legal security. Rather, this approach creates a significant administrative burden.

Article 33 of the REACH regulation stipulates only that information that is available to the supplier and is needed for safe use, or at least the name of the substance, shall be provided to purchasers of products containing SVHC above 0.1% by weight. Of course, we fulfil this obligation in order to ensure your safe handling of our products. When the candidate list was launched, the compositions of our raw materials were analysed, and are continuously analysed when the list is revised (latest revision: 20 June 2013). In addition, we are in close contact with our suppliers, which are mostly located in the European Union, and trust that they meet their obligations to fulfil the legal requirements. If there is any situation in future that will lead to a change in our products’ composition, we will of course inform you in accordance with the legal and normative requirements.

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