

Brussels, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2015

Subject: ReachCentrum continues providing support on Biocides

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following April 16<sup>th</sup> announcement on ReachCentrum's upcoming acquisition by ERM, ReachCentrum would like to clarify its position regarding the services it provides related to the EU Biocidal Product Regulation.

ReachCentrum shall honour the Agreements it has with its clients and undertakes to perform cost-effective and high quality services within this sector. We are confident that our well established expertise regarding consortia management and our result-driven approach are guarantees of our high-level engagement and quality management.

With respect to the commitments ReachCentrum has made and in acknowledgment of ARCHE's April 28<sup>th</sup> decision to early and unilaterally withdraw from our collaboration, we will engage with alternative technical service providers with the appropriate expertise to ensure the continuity of our activities regarding the management of biocides consortia. Thus, ReachCentrum proposes to perform all the technical services required by utilising the services of an external provider based on the preference of the members of each consortium. Proposals on this aspect will be presented during consortia meetings and decisions will be taken according to the wishes of members.

As regards practical next steps, the pre-Consortium Management Service Agreements issued for signature and already signed shall be amended to include a modified Technical Proposal to take account of the change to the provision of technical services. ReachCentrum will contact its clients in the coming days to further clarify the proposed approach.

Yours faithfully,

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