

**Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council**

**Planning Committee**

**08 September 2004**

**Hazardous Substances Act 1990**

**The Planning (Control of Major-Accident Hazards) Regulations 1999.**

**General Application for Hazardous Substances Consent by  
Rhodia Consumer Specialties Ltd., Trinity Street, Oldbury.  
Application No. DC/HS21**

**1. SUMMARY STATEMENT**

- 1.1 On the 24 March 1999 the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions made the Planning (Control of Major-Accident Hazards) Regulations 1999 and they came into force on the 20 April 1999. These Regulations amend the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 1992.
- 1.2 The amending regulations increased the range of substances for which Hazardous Substances Consent is required. Subsequently, amendments were made to the substances listed under the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 1999 thereby increasing the range of substances requiring consent.
- 1.3 Rhodia Ltd. are seeking consent for the presence and use of Tetrakis (hydroxymethyl) phosphonium chloride (THPC), Tetrakis (hydroxymethyl) phosphonium sulphate (THPS), Methylenebis (thiocyanate) (MBT) and 2-[(thiocyanatomethyl) thio]-benzothiazole) (TCMBT), at Trinity Street, Oldbury. These are classed as very toxic chemicals.
- 1.4 The determining issue with this application is whether or not, as a consequence of consent, there is a significant increase in risk to the surrounding population.