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**Our Ref:** CI2C/2004/HSC/11068

**Your Ref:** AJR/DC/HS21

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> June 2004

**FAO:** Tony Rice

Dear Sirs,

**Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 1992.**

**Application for Hazardous Substances Consent.  
Rhodia Consumer Specialities Ltd., PO Box 80, Trinity Street, Oldbury, West  
Midlands, B69 4LN.**

I refer to your letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2004 and our interim reply dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 2004 concerning the above matter.

I have now received the advice of our Methodology and Standards Development Unit and this is confirmed in the following annex.

1. The Methodology and Standards Development Unit (MSDU) of the Health and Safety Executive has assessed the risks to the surrounding areas from the likely activities resulting from the granting of the proposed Hazardous Substances Consent.
2. Only the risks from hazardous substances for which Consent is being sought have been assessed. Risks that may arise from the presence of other substances have not been taken into account in this assessment.
3. On this basis, MSDU have concluded that the risks to the surrounding population arising from the proposed operations are so small that there are no significant reasons, on safety grounds, for refusing Hazardous Substances Consent. (but see Paragraph 4 below).
4. It is noted that the applicant has stated that the hazardous substances that are the subject of the application may be stored anywhere on Rhodia's Oldbury site. HSE's advice is made on the basis that storage of the named hazardous substances is restricted to a single designated location known as the Poly