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To Whom It May Concern:

### **REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION AS A PARTNER IN THE LEAD PAINT ALLIANCE (LPA)**

Australian paint manufacturers instigated a voluntary withdrawal of paint products containing lead in excess of 0.1% in the mid-2000's. The Australian Paint Manufacturers' Federation (APMF) then worked with the Australian Government to produce regulations to restrict the manufacture and importation of paints containing lead in excess of 0.1% in 2009.

Hence, our Association acknowledges that the specific objectives of the Alliance are to prevent children's exposure to decorative paints containing lead and to minimise occupational exposures to lead arising from paint:

*"The primary goal of the Alliance is to prevent children's exposure to paints containing lead and to minimize occupational exposures to lead paint... The Action Plan for 2015-16 highlights the need for near-term efforts, in particular by national governments around the world to phase out the use of lead paints, with special attention to eliminating lead decorative paints and in paints for other applications most likely to contribute to childhood lead exposure<sup>1</sup>."*

The APMF as an active member of The International Paint and Painting Ink Council, Inc. (IPPIC), **supports** the following IPPIC policy statement from 2009 that aligns with the goals and objectives of the Lead Paint Alliance:

*"IPPIC supports the long-standing effectiveness of lead-use restrictions that are already in place in certain jurisdictions and recommends their widespread adoption by authorities not currently regulating the use of lead in paint and printing ink. Such restrictions may be accomplished through specific legislation or regulation, formal voluntary agreements, or by other means that ensure widespread and verifiable compliance."*

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<sup>1</sup>[http://www.unep.org/chemicalsandwaste/Portals/9/Lead\\_Cadmium/docs/GAELP/LPA\\_Action\\_Plan\\_May2015revised27Sept2015.pdf](http://www.unep.org/chemicalsandwaste/Portals/9/Lead_Cadmium/docs/GAELP/LPA_Action_Plan_May2015revised27Sept2015.pdf)

The APMF would like to engage in the work of the Alliance as described below.

*The APMF supports the work of the Alliance and hereby affirms that the 40 member companies of the APMF, in their conduct of its business, support compliance with all national and local laws, regulations, rules, judgments, orders and/or decrees applicable to the limits for lead compounds in all paints in Australia.*

The APMF understand that this letter of intent is not legally binding, and that a copy of this letter requesting to become an Alliance partner and the name of the Australian Paint Manufacturers' Association will be listed on the Lead Paint Alliance web site ([www.unep.org/noleadinpaint](http://www.unep.org/noleadinpaint)).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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