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## Subject: Request for Consideration as a Partner in the Lead Paint Alliance (LPA)

To Whom It May Concern:

Jotun A/S endorses the goal and objectives of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint and wishes to be considered a Partner in the work of the Lead Paint Alliance.

The Jotun Group is manufacturing and selling Decorative Paints and Marine, Protective and Powder Coatings. The company has 37 production facilities in 21 countries, 63 companies in 45 countries and is represented in more than 100 countries around the world.

Health and safety for people, care for the environment and quality in our products and services are fundamental values for Jotun. National regulations and laws represent each company's minimum requirements, and the Jotun HSEQ Management System outlines the supplementary requirements to assure continuous improvements in accordance with ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001.

Jotun A/S acknowledges that the specific objectives of the Alliance are to prevent children's exposure to paints containing lead and to minimize 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>."

Jotun A/S 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>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>http://www.unep.org/chemicalsandwaste/Portals/9/Lead Cadmium/docs/GAELP/LPA Action Plan May2015revised27Sept2015. pdf



We would like to engage in the work of the Alliance as described below:

- 1. Support specific efforts by the paint industry to reduce or eliminate the conditions that give rise to environmental lead exposure through the phase-out of the manufacture and sale of lead-containing paint, focusing on residential and decorative paints, and paints used on articles intended for children, including toys, play structures, and children's furniture (referred to as 'lead paint' below):
- 2. Pledge our support for the work of the Alliance and hereby affirm:

Jotun has in a letter of 22.08.2016 to Juan Fernando Caicedo R, Program Officer UNEP DTIE Chemicals and Waste Branch, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE), United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) offered to share our experiences of the challenges and the business case for phasing out lead in our products as a contribution to the Alliance.

We 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 Jotun A/S will be listed on the Lead Paint Alliance web site (www.unep.org/noleadinpaint).

Yours sincerely, per per Jotun A/S

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