INVITATION

A UNIQUE PROGRAMME FOR INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY DIRECTIVE (ELD) AND HOW IT MAY AFFECT YOUR COMPANY

DATE: Monday, 7 June 2010
TIME: 9.30 to 17.30
PLACE: Stanhope Hotel Brussels, Belgium

The Ad-Hoc Industry Natural Resource Damage Group (Group) cordially invites you to attend a full day programme for industrial companies concerning the implementation of the EU Environmental Liability Directive (ELD). The Group will present a two-part programme involving top ELD experts -- (1) an ELD Briefing -- for industry only – in the morning; and (2) the fourth ELD Best Practices Seminar in the afternoon.

The morning programme, “Briefing for Industry: Overview of ELD Implementation – Preparing Your Company”, will provide an update – for industry only – on the ongoing implementation of the EU Environmental Liability Directive and what industrial companies can expect as actual cases arise. Discussion items will include the Commission’s report to Parliament required by 30 April 2010, the status of the ELD in various Member States, emerging guidance, resources available to the industrial community, and other issues -- legal, administrative, technical, economic -- that will affect how the ELD is implemented and how it may affect your company. The afternoon programme, “Fourth ELD Experts Seminar: Advancing Best Practice Principles in the Implementation of the ELD”, will include detailed discussion on emerging “best practices” to be attended by Commission and Member State authorities, industrial representatives and various other experts working on the ELD and allied matters such as remediation and biodiversity.

Confirmation and further details will be sent to all persons who register, including final programmes and biographies of key speakers, as available.

Advance registration is required. Please register here.
PRELIMINARY MORNING PROGRAMME:

BRIEFING FOR INDUSTRY -- “OVERVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY DIRECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION – PREPARING YOUR COMPANY”

1. Registration
   9.00
2. Opening Remarks
   9.30
3. Overview of ELD Status
   9.40
4. What the ELD Means for Individual Companies and a Review of Industry Activities to Date
   9.50
5. Key Legal and Administrative Issues for Industry and Associated Implications
   10.10
6. Key Technical and Economic Issues for Industry and Associated Implications
   10.40
7. How the ELD is Expected to Play Out in Actual Practice
   11.10
8. Resources Available to Industry
   11.50
9. Preview of Afternoon Session
   12.00

Morning Session Adjournment
12.05

Lunch Served
12.10

PRELIMINARY AFTERNOON PROGRAMME:

FOURTH EXPERT SEMINAR FOR INDUSTRY, MEMBER STATE EXPERTS AND OTHER PRACTITIONER -- “ADVANCING BEST PRACTICE PRINCIPLES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELD”

1. Registration
   13.00
2. Welcome and Overview of Seminar Purpose
   13.30
3. ELD Status Update
   13.40
   a. European Commission
   b. Member States
   c. Industry
4. Emerging ELD Guidance
   14.30
   a. Overview
   b. Comparison of Guidance Developed to Date
   c. Gaps/Needs Moving Forward
5. Break
   15.15
6. Case Study Application of ELD Best Practices
   15.30
   a. Case Description
   b. Small Group Discussion Sessions
   c. Synthesis of Discussions and Summary
7. Facilitating Practice Exchange and Ongoing Dialogue
   16.50
   a. Websites
   b. Databases
   c. Workshops
   d. Other
8. Seminar Conclusions and Next Steps
   17.20

Afternoon Session Adjournment
17.30

Cocktail Reception
17.40
ABOUT THE AD-HOC INDUSTRY NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE GROUP

The Ad-Hoc Industry Natural Resource Damage Group (“Group”), founded in 1988, is the largest group of multinational industrial companies worldwide that is at the forefront of corporate strategies, plans and best practices concerning natural resource damage liability and restoration under US laws and the related EU Environmental Liability Directive. Since the EU Environmental Liability Directive (ELD) was enacted in 2004, the Group has served as a resource to industry on the ELD and related issues and has assumed a key role in facilitating communication and practice exchange within the industrial community and between industry, government authorities and other practitioners. Also since 2004, the Group has convened, in Brussels, a series of ELD-related meetings, seminars and workshops, involving industry, government and other experts. The Group has prepared White Papers, Issue Papers, Case Study Analyses, and numerous other documents in an effort to foster the “reasonable, balanced and predictable” implementation of EU Environmental Liability Directive throughout the European Union. Additional information on the Group and its activities related to the ELD can be found at www.nrdonline.com/EUELD. We welcome the participation of new Member Companies and Affiliates.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS PROGRAMME OR MEMBERSHIP: Contact us at group@nrdonline.com.