



AD-HOC INDUSTRY  
Natural Resource Damage Group

A Program of Barbara J. Goldsmith & Company

## 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](http://www.nrdonline.com/EUELD). We welcome the participation of new Member Companies and Affiliates.

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