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Dear Stakeholders

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PARTICIPATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR IN THE GESTIS

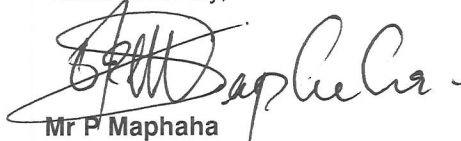
I have pleasure in informing you of the Department's participation in the GESTIS Substance Database from July 2022.

This database contains a collection of occupational exposure limits for hazardous substances gathered from 29 countries, which include various European states, Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, The People's Republic of China, Turkey, and the United States. Occupational exposure limit values of 2,332 substances are listed in the Substance Database. South Africa is the first African country to be included in this database. The GESTIS Substance Database is maintained by the Institut für Arbeitsschutz der Deutschen Gesetzlichen Unfallversicherung (IFA, Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the German Social Accident Insurance).

The exposure limits defined by the various authorities differ in the criteria for their derivation, the level of protection which they offer, and their legal relevance. The GESTIS Substance Database contains information for the safe handling of hazardous chemical agents in the workplace. Furthermore, information about physical and chemical properties as well as special regulations such as GHS classification and labelling are provided. The information may be used for the purpose of workers' protection, or to gain knowledge about risks associated with chemical agents. Details on copyright and transfer of information can be obtained from the GESTIS webpage.

The Department invites stakeholders to access the GESTIS Substance Database at:
<https://www.dguv.de/ifa/gestis/gestis-stoffdatenbank/index-2.jsp>

Yours sincerely,


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