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Dear Customer,

This letter responds to your request to give specific information on or conduct specific audits regarding the traceability of our products.

SABIC is aware that this request may be related to your compliance with the BRC Global Standard Packaging Materials.

Many of our customers active in the (polymer) packaging industry have asked us to give detailed traceability information or even request to execute customer traceability audits.

While we acknowledge the desire of our customers to comply with this effort, we trust you will understand, due to the high workload impact, that we made the decision not to provide detailed info for specific batches or engaged on dedicated customer traceability audits.

We therefore have prepared a package of information providing information you are seeking.

Our operations are conducted in compliance with the ISO 9001 requirements, which includes a section regarding traceability (chapter 8.5.2).

Under SABIC quality management system, traceability is monitored by executing internal audits with the purpose to confirm compliance with those of our procedures relevant for traceability.

We hope and trust the attached information package will give you sufficient information about SABIC's processes on traceability and to provide you with the confidence that SABIC takes this topic seriously and manages it adequately.

This information package is updated on a three-year interval unless we have reviewed it earlier.

We thank you for your understanding and look forward to the continued growth of our valuable cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl. customer information package (pages 2 to 4).

Detailed statement and information regarding traceability of our products.

The basis of the traceability requests is the BRC Global Standard for Packaging Materials (issue 6), August 2019; specifically, it is relevant for the topic on traceability of purchased raw materials.

In SABIC's case, this refers to SABIC polymer products that our customers use in the manufacture of food packaging materials.

The specific BRC GS requirement regarding traceability is contemplated in chapter 3.7 "Supplier approval and performance monitoring" and states the following:

3.7.5

The company shall ensure that its suppliers of raw materials have an effective traceability system. Where a supplier has been approved based on a questionnaire instead of certification or audit, verification of the supplier's traceability system shall be carried out on first approval and then at least every 3 years. This may be achieved by a traceability test.

Reading the above requirement, the requirements to comply with are the following:

- 1) The supplier (=SABIC) has an effective traceability system; and
- 2) Verification of the supplier system (=SABIC) shall be carried out.

For the above two items the details are laid out in the following 2 chapters (ANNEX 1 and 2).

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Disclaimer. The information contained herein may include typical properties of our products or their typical performances when used in certain typical applications. Actual properties of our products, in particular when used in conjunction with any third party material(s) or for any non-typical applications, may differ from typical properties.

It is the customer's responsibility to inspect and test our product(s) in order to satisfy itself as to the suitability of the product(s) for its and its customers particular purposes. The customer is responsible for the appropriate, safe and legal use, processing and handling of all product(s) purchased from us.

Nothing herein is intended to be nor shall it constitute a warranty whatsoever, in particular, warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

Supply Agreements and General Conditions of Sales are applicable to all sales.

ANNEX 1) The supplier (=SABIC) has an effective traceability system

SABIC quality management system embraces the topics of traceability in the following manner:

- The traceability system is built on the fact that every polymer production batch/lot has a specific unique batch number.
- Based on that batch number, all information (product measurements, production measurements, used raw materials etc.) can be retrieved based on date and time of production.
- This batch number (and other contact info) is printed on the Certificate of Analysis (CoA) which is sent with every delivery.
- All relevant measured information (e.g. Production measurements, Laboratory measurements, etc.) are stored in interconnected digital systems (incl. back-up systems) therefore data is secured and easily retrievable.
- All customers to whom a specific batch/lot is shipped can be retrieved from the ERP system (SAP).

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ANNEX 2) Verification of the supplier system (=SABIC) shall be carried out

SABIC quality management system monitors compliance with the traceability set up in the following manner:

- The verification of the compliance with SABIC system is carried out via SABIC's Internal Audit system.
- The Internal Audit system on traceability is carried out on a regularly basis by checking the traceability on a number of randomly selected product grades if they comply with:
 - Measured product characteristics and comparing it with specifications
 - Measurements during production (stable operation)
 - Complying to Product recipes
 - Raw materials verifications, spec versus delivery (CoA's and/or analysis).

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