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Dear Ms Gross,

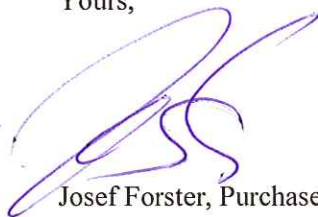
We are writing to raise ABB Switzerland's concern as to the inclusion of antimony trioxide and antimony compounds in general to the list of high priority hazardous substances to be considered for inclusion in the EU RoHS Directive.

ABB Switzerland uses antimony trioxide and antimony compounds to manufacture ceramic blocks (for surge arrester). Antimony trioxide is an essential element for our products and there's no substitution!

Antimony trioxide has only recently been subject to an EU Risk Assessment. The conclusions from the final draft of the risk assessment report clearly indicate that it does not meet the criteria for high priority substances. Antimony compounds will be subject to further scrutiny under REACH, but as of now many antimony compounds are not even classified as hazardous.

We strongly support the response to the consultation from the International Antimony Association and would request that this be taken into account.

Yours,



Josef Forster, Purchase Manager