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Dear Occupier/Householder,

My name is Peik Aura, and I am responsible for the operation of ECOLAB's Weavergate plant located on Winnington Avenue. I am writing to you today because I need to communicate some important information to you.

We have been operating this plant for over 50 years and we are very proud of our health and safety record. Due to the range and quantities of substances that we store at our Winnington Avenue site, we are regulated by the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations. We are required by the COMAH regulations to inform those people within an area specified by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) of the hazards of these substances and what action to take in an emergency.

In our business, we are used to working with all sorts of different types of legal requirements, but we recognise that not everyone is as familiar as we are with the legislation that applies to the chemical industry. We have never had an off-site emergency during all our years of operation at our Weavergate site, but the COMAH legislation requires us to build both an on-site emergency plan and an off-site emergency plan.

After liaising with Cheshire West and Chester Council, the Emergency Services and the Health and Safety Executive, we have produced a detailed on-site emergency plan. Similarly, Cheshire West and Chester Council have prepared an off-site emergency plan with input from the Emergency Services. These plans are designed to reduce the effects of an incident quickly and in a co-ordinated manner.

I have attached a fact sheet to the back of this letter. This fact sheet provides more specific information and guides you on what to do should there ever be an off-site emergency. I hope that you have found this letter and the attached fact sheet, useful and informative. If you have any queries on any of the points raised in this letter, please write to Jason Booth, Safety, Health and Environment Manager at the address shown above.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Peik Aura (M.Sc)
Plant Manager, ECOLAB

ECOLAB Manufacturing Limited Off-site Emergency Plan – FACT SHEET

The site is predominantly a chemical blending facility of mainly water-based products. Some of the materials stored are classified as toxic, environmentally hazardous, flammable, or oxidising.

In the unlikely event of a major incident occurring, gases, although not stored on site, could be produced. These gases could be toxic and cause eye irritation, coughing and respiratory difficulties.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

You would be warned by the emergency siren that is situated on the ECOLAB Manufacturing Limited Site. The siren is a variable pitched siren and will sound for at least 3 minutes.

If the siren is activated, please take the following actions:

- GO INSIDE A BUILDING.
- CLOSE ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS.
- SWITCH OFF VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT.
- ASSIST ANY PERSON WHO MAY BE DEAF, BLIND OR DISABLED.
- CO-OPERATE WITH THE EMERGENCY SERVICES.
- DO NOT LEAVE THE AREA, THIS COULD CAUSE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.
- REMAIN INSIDE UNTIL THE INCIDENT IS OVER.
- TUNE INTO LOCAL RADIO WHERE INFORMATION AND ADVICE WILL BE BROADCAST.

BBC Radio Merseyside	95.8 FM
BBC Radio Stoke	94.6 and 104.1 FM
Signal Radio	102.6 FM
Silk FM	106.9 FM

Testing the Siren

The siren will be tested **ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT NOON**. The siren will be preceded by a voice message stating that it is a test.