

## August 2023

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FOR THOR UK NEIGHBOURS

## Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations (COMAH) 2015

Dear Neighbours,

The Wincham site of Thor Specialities (UK) Ltd stores and uses dangerous substances. Our site complies with the Upper Tier requirements of the 'Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations' (COMAH) 2015.

The Health & Safety Executive sets a 'Public Information Zone' (PIZ) around sites such as ours. The regulations require us to notify people who live or work in this zone of relevant safety and emergency information. We are required to contact our neighbouring workplaces and homes to ensure you are all fully informed.

Please take a few minutes to read this letter and the enclosed 'Public Safety Information' leaflet and communicate this information to your staff or family as appropriate.

We assure you that the likelihood of a major accident involving our hazardous substances is extremely low. We take all reasonably practicable steps to prevent accidents of any type and we work continously to improve the site's safety performance.

Should a major incident occur involving a toxic release, or a fire involving other hazardous substances on site; the most likely effect offsite is exposure to fumes and or smoke.

We have emergency plans in place to minimise the effects of any incident on our site. Cheshire West & Chester Council have a specific emergency plan for our site that covers the response from the emergency services, local authorities and other organisations to help minimise the consequences. The offsite emergency plan response keeps you informed of what is happening and what you need to do.

Therefore, please ensure your staff or family members know what to do if they hear our emergency siren, which is tested on the first Tuesday of every month at 1400 hrs, outside of this monthly test.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss any issues raised within this letter or enclosed leaflet, or if you require further copies of the Public Safety Information leaflet.

Yours Faithfully

Scott R Betts

**Technical & Regulatory Director** 

