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**SUBJECT: Force Majeure on Canadian Soda Ash Shipments**

As a result of the significant reduction in the level of Canadian railroad freight service provided by the Canadian National Railroad (“CN”) since the February 10, 2007 strike action taken by the United Transportation Union (“UTU”) against the CN, effective immediately General Chemical Industrial Products (“General”) must declare force majeure on all soda ash shipments to Canadian destinations. This force majeure declaration applies to all General soda ash railcar shipments to Canadian customer destinations as well as soda ash truck shipments from General’s Canadian transload terminals, located in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick.

This declaration of force majeure will not apply to any General soda ash shipments to destinations other than Canada.

Please contact your local General Chemical sales or customer service representative should you have any questions.

Regards,

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