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## **Harmonite® meets EU REACH Article 33 communications requirements**

**Germantown, Ohio** — RSS, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Dupps Company, is pleased to announce that its Harmonite® products have met all the requirements of the European Union's REACH Article 33 "Substances of Very High Concern" communications protocols.

The independent environmental compliance consultancy that performed the regulatory review concluded that none of the key constituents present in Harmonite are currently listed on the EU REACH Candidate List, Annex XIV or Annex XVII. The firm went on to state, "at this time, there are no EU REACH Article 33 or other downstream user communication obligations or restrictions associated with importation of Harmonite-containing products into the EU." This means that customers shipping end product articles to the EU can freely incorporate Harmonite into their formulations with no further supply chain reporting obligations as it pertains to Harmonite.

Harmonite is an engineered material manufactured in a patented, thermal-mechanical process. Harmonite is a versatile, multi-functional ingredient that can be used as an economical base compound for building new product formulations, or as a specialty performance additive to enhance existing formulations and replace or reduce consumption of more expensive compounds. Harmonite has been used in various formulations to as a process aid to shorten mix times, lower power consumption, increase product strength, increase viscosity, and increase tack. It is ideally suited for use in a broad array of coatings, adhesives, sealants, and rubber products for industrial applications like roofing membranes, flashing tapes, mastics, rubber mats, hose covers, gaskets, conveyor covers, and other diverse markets.

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RSS is a part of the The Dupps Company, a 4<sup>th</sup> generation family owned and operated business dedicated to partnering with industries that help renew, recycle and sustain. In addition to RSS, the company designs, builds and markets services the world's most comprehensive line of rendering systems and machinery for the protein co-products industry, including cookers, dryers, screw presses, size reduction machinery, material handling systems and evaporator

systems, as well as complete plant installations. The Dupps Company also serves the oilseed, fishmeal, pulp and paper, and other industries with a wide variety of processing systems and equipment. For more information, please call Ken Thomas at (937) 855-6555, email him at [kthomas@dupps.com](mailto:kthomas@dupps.com), or visit [www.rssharonite.com](http://www.rssharonite.com).

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