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### MEP CHICHESTER VISITS ALBEMARLE CHEMICALS TO ASSESS EFFECT OF NEW EU CHEMICALS REGULATIONS ON THE INDUSTRY

Giles Chichester, Conservative MEP for the South West and Gibraltar, visited Albemarle Chemicals UK at Avonmouth and met with Site Manager Adrian Hayman. The Company is one of the few remaining in Europe where flame retardants are produced. The retardants which make consumer products safer from fire risk are predominantly used in the manufacture of furniture, cars, domestic technical equipment and the construction industry.

During his visit, MEP Chichester assessed the difficulties involved in the implementation of new EU chemicals regulations (REACH). He emphasized the importance of a common system in the use of chemicals throughout Europe but was aware that earlier legislation still in force did give cause for some uncertainty and conflicts in the criteria for assessing certain chemical substances used in the retardants sector.

MEP Chichester said

**“I am extremely interested in the debate to make legislation more transparent and I am as concerned as the Company to keep jobs in the Avonmouth area”.**

Subject to re-election, the MEP invited representatives of Albemarle Chemicals to meet with him in the European Parliament to discuss the issues they had raised.

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**Attached photo shows MEP Giles Chichester (2<sup>nd</sup> left) and Site Manager Adrian Hayman (3<sup>rd</sup> left) with colleagues at the Albemarle Chemical Works at Avonmouth**

#### **Note for Editor:**

Albemarle Corporation, headquartered in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is a leading global developer, manufacturer and marketer of highly engineered specialty chemicals for consumer electronics; petroleum and petrochemical processing; transportation and industrial products; pharmaceuticals; agricultural products; and construction and packaging materials. The Company operates in three business segments -- Polymer Additives, Catalysts and Fine Chemicals, and serves customers in approximately 100 countries.

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