



August 21, 2008

Purchasing Manager

Dear Customer,

We are contacting you, in writing, to notify you of a product change.

Product Description: **Sodium Hydroxide, Extra Pure NF, Ph Eur, BP, JP, FCC**

Item No: **1.06482 (all product sizes)**

Change: At the end of August 2008, the drying process improvement at Merck KGaA Darmstadt Germany will be completed. The materials of construction for the processing equipment has not changed. The plant will run continuously afterwards. The product specification and compendial declarations will remain unchanged.

Please contact our technical service department if you need further assistance to qualify this manufacturing site improvement. Please contact your EMD sales representative if you need evaluation samples (when available).

Our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may cause you. We remain committed to providing you with the highest quality products and service.

Thank you for your continued support of EMD Chemicals' products.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Schoellkopf", written in a cursive style.

Joseph Schoellkopf
Quality Assurance Manager

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