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**APPOINTMENT OF ÖKOPOL GMBH TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION WITH ITS REVIEW OF
THE PAINTS DIRECTIVE 2004/42/EC**

The "Paints Directive" 2004/42/EC foresees that a review of the existing legal obligations will be undertaken. This review will address the potential for reducing the solvent content of various products as well as reviewing the implementation of the current directive.

The Commission is pleased to confirm that Ökopol GmbH Institute for Environmental Strategies has been awarded a contract to assist the Commission in its review of the Directive. Ökopol will be assisted by IVAM Research & Consultancy on Sustainability, the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Risk & Policy Analysts Ltd., Sitmae Consultancy BV and the University of Stuttgart Institute for Energy Economics and the Rational Use of Energy. The terms of reference for this contract can be found at http://ec.europa.eu/environment/air/paints_directive.htm.

Ökopol and their sub-contractors will initially be engaged in collecting relevant data and information from stakeholders. I would be grateful, therefore, if stakeholders could assist in this process. Ökopol's contact details can be found at the end of this note.

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