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On September 5, 2008 a letter was distributed by MBI declaring a force majeure event on all products derived from a manufacturing process which uses Potassium Hydroxide Solution (KOH) due to circumstances beyond MBI's reasonable control. Potassium Hydroxide is a major raw material used in the production of several products. MBI's supplier has been unable to obtain the base raw material from the mine that they use to make solution, due to a labor stoppage at the Potash mine that supplies the base raw material. As a result of that situation, we put all codes sold by MBI on allocation.

You may have heard that the mine has reached a labor agreement. This is very good news. However, all indications point to a slow start back to pre strike supply conditions. We are told it will be at least early to mid February until we can expect to receive deliveries of the KOH solution used in our manufacturing processes. Also, prior to the strike, our supplier was selling product on a 70% allocation basis due to the high demand world wide for potassium based products by the fertilizer industry. We have no reason to believe that situation has changed. As a matter of fact, we are hearing it may be worse due to a shortage of potassium acetate needed by the airline industry for de-icing purposes. Indications show that product may be diverted to that need.

That being said, we will continue to make every attempt to supply our customers to the best of our ability during this difficult time. We will continue to keep product on allocation at least through February 2009. We will evaluate the situation throughout the next few months and determine if the supply situation warrants maintaining the force majeure and allocation process.

We appreciate your continued patience as we work through this difficult time.