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SUBJECT: Removal of Force Majeure on Canadian Soda Ash Shipments

As a result of the Canadian government's recent action, workers from the United Transportation Union ("UTU") were required to end their strike with the Canadian National Railroad ("CN"). Therefore, effective immediately General Chemical is terminating its February 15, 2007 force majeure declaration for Canadian soda ash shipments. Although contract negotiations are ongoing, it appears that the UTU will remain at work during the negotiating process.

Thank you very much for your patience and understanding over the past few weeks.

Please contact your local General Chemical sales or customer service representative should you have any questions.

Regards,

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