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Zeon Corporation

**Zeon endorses the Nanotechnology Business Creation Initiative's position paper  
on proposed amendments to Annex XVII of REACH**

Zeon Corporation (Zeon; head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Tetsuya Toyoshima) has been working with external organizations to promote public acceptance of carbon nanotubes (CNTs).

On February 6, 2026, the Nanotechnology Business Creation Initiative (NBCI) issued a position paper on multi-walled carbon nanotubes (MWCNTs), identified by Index No. 006-104-00-2, in response to proposed amendments to EU Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).

This position paper addresses the European Commission's proposal to amend Annex XVII of REACH by introducing new rules restricting MWCNTs as carcinogenic, mutagenic, or toxic to reproduction substances.

Stating that CNTs are indispensable for Europe's goal of achieving a sustainable society, the paper takes the position that proper management can mitigate the health concerns and environmental risks associated with CNTs. Furthermore, given the significant challenges posed by technical limitations such as the inherent variability of CNTs and the difficulty of measurement, the paper calls for the proposal to be reconsidered so that CNTs can be effectively managed under REACH.

Zeon fully endorses this position paper and is helping to disseminate it.

■ Position paper issued by the Nanotechnology Business Creation Initiative

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