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Sign-on Letter to Innospec CEO

[Publisher's note: "What's this talk of ending leaded petrol in 2013 or later?" says Elizabeth O'Brien, President of The LEAD Group. "Not on my watch! If we don't hear from Innospec with a TEL for MOGAS cessation of supply date before 31st December 2011, we're renaming our 'Campaigner for the End of Leaded Petrol by the End of 2011' to 'Campaigner for the End of Leaded Petrol by the End of January 2012.' Thanks to all the people who signed on to this letter and those who would have, had they not been on leave.]

From: The LEAD Group

Sent: Friday, December 23, 2011 9:01 PM

To: Patrick Williams

Subject: Please give the gift of global lead petrol phase-out this Christmas

Dear Mr Williams,

please find attached a sign-on letter with signatories from 23 countries:

AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CAMEROON, CANADA, CHINA, COLOMBIA, ETHIOPIA, GHANA, INDIA, IRAQ, KENYA, MALAYSIA, MEXICO, NIGERIA, PARAGUAY, PHILIPPINES, SRI LANKA, TANZANIA, TOGO, TUNISIE / TUNISIA, UGANDA, UNITED KINGDOM, and USA.

It would be really wonderful if you could make an announcement this week about the end of supply of TEL for MOGAS.

All the best for Christmas and the New Year to you and your family. I really hope you can give this precious gift to the people of earth.

Yours Sincerely
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Dear Mr Williams,

We, the undersigned, note that Innospec's AVTEL/AVGAS leaded aviation fuels business improved its sales by 21% from 2010; Innospec earnings per share increased for the third quarter 2011 year-over-year to \$0.93; total revenues for the third quarter were \$202.1 million, a 16% increase from \$174 million in last year's third quarter and Innospec is \$46.9 million in cash and cash equivalents in the black, as of 30 September 2011.

Could you please direct that Innospec forego a small amount of profit in 2012, by ordering that the company immediately cease the supply of tetra-ethyl lead (TEL) for MOGAS, as the main continuing easily-replaceable source of lead exposure for the people of earth is leaded petrol.

This would constitute the world's first successful phase-out of a toxic substance and the end of the 90 year era of leaded petrol which has cost billions of IQ points, early death for millions of people and has contributed to delinquency and serious crime – yet another effect of early childhood poisoning by lead.

Your announcement of the date of the cessation of sale of TEL for MOGAS would make an historic precedent in responsible multinational enterprise achievement and a gift of health for the world, this Christmas.

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lead in petrol (car engines and exhausts stripped by previous home-owners in back yard and shed; lead-contaminated motor oil dumped on ground; carpet dust, ceiling dust and soil contaminated with vehicle emission fallout). Dr Alperstein's observation: "I was expecting to see peeling paint everywhere but the paint is in perfect condition." Dr Alperstein's advice re: sources of lead contamination was quintessential in inspiring Elizabeth's advocacy for the elimination of leaded petrol. He said: "if you have a faucet that's flooding your house with water, you don't start cleaning it up until you've turned off the tap."]

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