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VOLVO CAR CORPORATION SPECIFICATION VCC RBSO-2AE 0W-20

The Union of the European Lubricant Industry (UEIL) is the umbrella association of the Independent European Lubricants Industry, representing their members and, in particular, the interests of SMEs and independent lubricant companies. To date, the UEIL represents over 400 lubricant companies, who manufacture and distribute lubricant products under their own various trademarks throughout the European Union. With members in more than 20 European Countries and a unique collective experience of lubricants and the lubricants market, UEIL is the sole representative body for independent manufacturers of lubricants in Europe and has been recognized as such by the European Commission. It is UEIL's policy to favour free and fair competition within the scope of prevailing EU and national laws.

In January 2014 it was brought to UEIL's attention that various circulars, technical notes, adverts etc. were in the public domain highlighting the co-operation between Volvo and Castrol and their newly developed product Castrol EDGE Professional V 0W-20.

Amongst the statements made in the various circulars, technical notes, adverts etc. were that "The use of this lubricant is compulsory", "No warranty if the right lubricant is not used", "This lubricant is only available from Castrol (via VCCS or Castrol directly), for the Volvo network (other networks and supermarkets are excluded)" etc.

Amongst the claims made on Castrol's technical data sheet was that "Castrol EDGE Professional V 0W-20 is exclusively approved for Volvo cars that require Volvo VCC RBSO-2AE".

UEIL immediately contacted the main Additive Companies, one of whom had never heard of the specification; whilst the others advised that they had only recently been made aware of the specification and were working to get hold of a copy.

UEIL was also contacted by a Major Oil Company who wrote that "and we have asked for a product specification so that we would be able to develop a product. However they are not willing to provide an oil specification, which closes the market for any opportunities to offer a product for Volvo Cars."

UEIL wrote to a Senior Vice President of Volvo requesting a copy of the specification on 20 January 2014 and after no reply was received, again on 20 February 2014.

UEIL are pleased to announce that a copy of the specification was received on 6 March 2014, which was duly forwarded onto the main Additive Companies and the Major Oil Company.

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