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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Eurofer, the European Confederation of Iron & Steel Industries and the Iron Platform, a REACH consortium established by the International Pig Iron Association and others for the purposes of registration of iron and related substances under REACH, are pleased to announce that they have agreed to broaden and strengthen their co-operation in connection with REACH through a Partnership Agreement. The parties have already jointly commissioned a data gap analysis for iron which is in its final stages.

Under the terms of the agreement:

- Eurofer will assume the position of Associate Member of the Iron Platform and in this capacity will take the associate Members' seat on the Iron Platform's Steering Committee as well as joining the Technical Working Group where its REACH knowledge and activities through its steel industry clusters will make a significant contribution.
- Eurofer members will have the opportunity to become virtual members of the Iron Platform whereby they will contribute to the costs of the project on essentially the same basis as Regular Members and at the same time have the same rights as Regular Members with respect to ownership and use of the various registration dossiers and data.

The new partnership agreement will streamline the processes necessary to complete the registration dossiers for iron and enable this work to be carried out efficiently and cost effectively. It will also ensure that financing of the project is spread widely across the industry, thus minimising the financial burden for all parties.

For more information about Eurofer and The Iron Platform, please visit [www.eurofer.eu](http://www.eurofer.eu) and [www.iron-consortium.org](http://www.iron-consortium.org) respectively.

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