Dear DIERS Member,

The Design Institute for Emergency Relief Systems (DIERS) was formed as a consortium to develop methods for the design of emergency relief systems to handle runaway reactions. Of particular interest were sizing methods for two-phase flow venting. The resulting DIERS technologies have been made available in publications, courses, and software. Elements of DIERS technologies have been adopted worldwide in recommended practices and in engineering standards. The success of DIERS has been made possible through the efforts of members like you.

DIERS Members are encouraged to become involved and participate in projects. New general (non-funded) and special (funded) projects are planned and underway to increase the scope and breadth of DIERS technical programs. Opportunities are available for members to suggest, participate in, champion, and lead DIERS technical programs. Corporate suggestions for new funded and unfunded projects are also welcomed and are being solicited. The technical ideas and leadership efforts of individual members will do much to advance and complete current and future projects.

The DIERS Operating Committee is soliciting your input into the development of project ideas and the execution of projects. A list of ideas currently proposed as DIERS technical projects and a blank project proposal form are in the DIERS website. Please complete blank project proposal forms for each of your suggested project proposals and send the completed forms to Passa Piland at passa.piland@bayer.com and Harold G. Fisher at fisherhg@suddenlink.net. Please also indicate your proposed role in the execution of the projects. We will use the information provided to establish committees to define the initial project scope definitions and to execute the projects.

Participation in DIERS is recommended for all professionals involved in designing emergency relief systems. As a DIERS member you can interact with world class ERS designers, consultants, and valve manufacturers in the field. As an active participant in a DIERS project committee you will have the opportunity to advance emergency relief system technology. Presenting technology project results at meetings gives everyone exposure to excellent resources, up-to-date information on the latest techniques and research, and a wealth of practical experience.

We are looking forward to hearing back from you with your project ideas and your willingness to advance the state of DIERS technologies.

Sincerely,

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