

**Subject: Individual interviews as part of ECHA/2024/LVP/0002, Survey on state of the art of carbon-based nanomaterial detection and quantification in environmental and biological matrices**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has commissioned, as part of the activities of the [European Union Observatory for Nanomaterials](#) (EUON), a study on the state of the art of carbon-based nanomaterial detection and quantification in environmental and biological matrices. The study is being undertaken by NovaMechanics Ltd.

The objective of the study is to provide EUON and its stakeholders with an overview of available methods on the characterisation, detection and quantification of nanomaterials in complex matrices, as well as an insight into their readiness for standardisation. As well as an extensive literature review, this study involves the collection of information from key stakeholders across the EU (and beyond) through questionnaires and interviews.

I would be grateful for any assistance that you are able to provide to NovaMechanics as they collect information and data for the above-mentioned study.

Should you choose to participate in the study, please be reassured that your replies, and the results of the assessment, do not relate to any regulatory requirements or actions by ECHA. All the information collected during the study will be treated in accordance with the confidentiality provisions of the contract that ECHA has signed with NovaMechanics Ltd. NovaMechanics Ltd will not use this information for any purpose other than to carry out this study, nor will they disclose it directly or indirectly to any third party. Likewise, your personal data will be processed by NovaMechanics Ltd solely for the purposes of the contract with ECHA. For further information, please refer to [ECHA's privacy rules](#) and [the privacy statement](#) regarding the processing of personal data in the context of stakeholder surveys.

Please also note that NovaMechanics Ltd acts on its own account when performing the services commissioned by ECHA, and the opinions expressed by NovaMechanics Ltd in the context of the study/interviews do not therefore represent the opinion of ECHA.

All queries concerning this assessment should, in the first instance, be addressed to NovaMechanics Ltd. Should additional information be required you may wish to contact the EUON team at [nano-observatory@echa.europa.eu](mailto:nano-observatory@echa.europa.eu) or the responsible ECHA project officer, [Laurence.DEYDIER@echa.europa.eu](mailto:Laurence.DEYDIER@echa.europa.eu).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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