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LAB and UEIL

On 6 June 1963, independent lubricant manufacturers associations from four European countries, Italy, France, Germany and Belgium, got together to address the challenges facing the industry and created the first international federation: UEIL.

UEIL's first aim as an association was to defend the common interest of the lubricant manufacturers (mainly due to the shortage of base oils and products during the Suez crisis) and to represent the industry to the EU legislators, at that time, the European Economic Community.

While the UEIL was hosted by the CSNIL in Paris, the Belgian association, then called IHMB (Industrie des Huiles Minérales de Belgique), always played a major role in UEIL's history. Not only because of its geographic situation – short distance to the European headquarters, but also due to its membership to the Belgian Chemical Association Fedichem (which grouped more than 700 member-companies that

provided the necessary assistance to a wide array of questions on a variety of subjects). Our older members will remember certainly the role and involvement of the late Michel Donckerwolcke, Secretary General of IHMB, during meetings and congresses.

Gustave Bruyndonckx, President of the Belgian Association, made it possible in the early years for the UEIL to be recognised by the European Commission as the sole representative body for the independent lubricant industry in Europe.

Within UEIL, IHMB created the first committee in 1980 for competition issues to fight against exclusive OEM recommendations for lubricants, followed by the creation of the health and safety committee in 1988, and has been active and successful on many occasions.

With the move in 2004 to Brussels, assistance was given by hosting UEIL at the headquarters of Fedichem, now renamed essenscia.

As the scope and dimensions of UEIL grew, support requirements increased to such an extent that different alternatives were evaluated and the decision taken to move to our current service provider Interel.

The Belgian lubricants trade association, renamed in 2006 to LAB (Lubricant Association Belgium), will continue to support and co-operate with UEIL to ensure a sustainable lubricants business in Europe. We will continue to play a positive and constructive role in the different committees as required. Being a trade association within the ever growing 'essenscia', the national federation of chemistry and life sciences brings with it unrivalled added-value to our members. Access to extensive legal, health and safety, legislation, accounting expertise is open to all essenscia members, and thus also to the members of LAB.

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