



Louvain-la-Neuve, October 4, 2006.

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the **"Sophied"** project puts research at the service of a more
environmentally friendly colour industry

Press meeting: Thursday October 12, at 12:30
Fleming Centre, 5 Rue du Laid Burniat, Louvain-la-Neuve

Financed by the European Commission's 6th Framework Programme and the Walloon Region, SOPHIED - Sustainable Bioprocess for the European Colour Industries, an initiative led by the UCL, is actively developing new durable bioprocesses destined to modernise the European Colour industry.

The project is centred on three objectives: develop a new technology to detoxify coloured industrial effluents; modify existing dye production procedures to be more environmentally friendly; and create new dye molecules that are less toxic.

Seven universities, three research centres, and sixteen SMEs from ten countries are involved in this project which has reached its half-way point and is now presenting its first results.

Sophie Vanhulle, scientific coordinator of the SOPHIED project, has the pleasure of inviting you to a press meeting that will be followed by some demonstrations,

Thursday October 12, 2006 at 12:30,
at the Fleming Centre, 5 Rue du Laid Burniat in Louvain-la-Neuve.

The press meeting will be followed by a lunch at 13:15. Representatives from all of the project's partners will be available for press interviews until 14:00.

Please let us know whether you will be attending:

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Map attached



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