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## Improved Availability of Acetonitrile

Dear Valued Sigma-Aldrich Customer

Sigma-Aldrich continues to maintain a stable supply of high quality Acetonitrile and we have stocks available for you, including HPLC grades.

Although the availability of Acetonitrile has improved, there is still a global shortage of material. This may last into the third quarter of 2009, especially for higher quality grades.

We have a reliable supply chain based on multiple sources from a number of our business partners manufacturing the raw materials. Nevertheless, the production of these raw materials is affected by factors driven by market and economic conditions outside our direct control.

We are taking all possible actions to maintain an adequate supply of this critical material. We will inform you of any change in the situation. Until that time, please feel free to call our Customer & Sales Service representatives for further details.

With many thanks for doing business with us and for your continued support.

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