

Press release

RHODIA RECEIVES THE FIRST EUROPEAN EMISSION REDUCTIONS UNITS (ERU)

Paris (France), May 20, 2009 --- Rhodia has received the first Emission Reduction Units (or ERU) generated in Europe, coming from a greenhouse gas emission reduction project located in its French industrial site of Salindres. This project, which started in August 2008, will enable an average annual reduction of about 200 000 tons of CO₂ equivalent over the 2009-2012 period.

After the development of projects in South Korea and Brazil under the Kyoto Protocol Clean Development Mechanism, Rhodia used its expertise to achieve its first domestic greenhouse gas emissions reduction project in France. The Salindres industrial site has actually reduced its emissions of greenhouse gases listed by the climate convention of ONU (UNFCCC*). All ERUs coming from this project and validated by an independent auditor will be sold by ORBEO, a joint-venture equally owned by Rhodia and Société Générale.

“Rhodia keeps developing innovative solutions to tackle climate change efficiently. Thanks to the Salindres project, the group confirms to be ahead in terms of greenhouse gas emission reduction project development. Rhodia’s know-how combined with ORBEO’s expertise on CO₂ markets enabled the achievement of this project in less than a year”, says Philippe Rosier, President of Rhodia Energy Services and ORBEO.

** United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change*

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