

Press Release

RHODIA LIFTS ITS FORCE MAJEURE ON HMDA AND DOWNSTREAM PRODUCTS

Paris – March 17, 2011 ----- Rhodia Polyamide Materials today announced the lifting of the Force Majeure declared on February 4, 2011 on its HMDA and downstream products.

The overall impact on the Group's EBITDA has been revalued at around €(20)M. This will be for the most part recorded in the first quarter.

Commenting on this news, Jean-Pierre Clamadieu said: *“Our priority was to restore service to our customers as fast as possible. Despite the loss in sales resulting from the Force Majeure, the Group is benefiting from good business dynamics across markets, which gives us confidence in our ability to post new record operational profitability for the first quarter of 2011”.*

***Rhodia** is an international chemical company resolutely committed to sustainable development. As a leader in its businesses, the Group aims to improve its customers' performance through the pursuit of operational excellence and its ability to innovate. Structured around 11 Global Business Units (GBUs) within 5 business clusters, Rhodia is the partner of major players in the automotive, electronics, flavors and fragrances, health, personal and home care markets, consumer goods and industrial markets. The Group employs around 14 000 people worldwide and generated sales of €5.23 billion in 2010. Rhodia is listed on Euronext Paris.*

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