

Imerys studying feasibility of divesting 4 calcium carbonate industrial sites

Imerys is informing that it has recently received an offer from Omya for the acquisition of four industrial sites which beneficiate calcium carbonate for the paper market. These sites are located in Europe (Sainte-Croix de Mareuil in France, Köping in Sweden, Massa in Italy) and in the US (Kimberly) and represented a total revenue of approximately €75 million in 2012.

Imerys and Omya have entered into exclusive negotiations to examine the feasibility of a mutually beneficial transaction, in particular with a view to ensure long-term supply and high-quality service for the customers. The process for the consultation of the relevant Imerys' works councils on this project is also being initiated at the same time.

Pending results of this study, this project could be completed in the 1st quarter of 2014.

The world leader in mineral-based specialty solutions for industry, with €3.9 billion revenue and 16,000 employees in 2012, Imerys transforms a unique range of minerals to deliver essential functions (heat resistance, mechanical strength, conductivity, coverage, barrier effect, etc.) that are essential to its customers' products and manufacturing processes.

Whether mineral components, functional additives, process enablers or finished products, Imerys' solutions contribute to the quality of a great number of applications in consumer goods, industrial equipment or construction. Combining expertise, creativity and attentiveness to customers' needs, the Group's international teams constantly identify new applications and develop high value-added solutions under a determined approach to responsible development. These strengths enable Imerys to develop through a sound, profitable business model.

More comprehensive information about Imerys may be obtained from its website (www.imerys.com) under Regulated Information, particularly in its Registration Document filed with Autorité des marchés financiers on March 21, 2013 under number D.13-0195 (also available from the Autorité des marchés financiers website, www.amf-france.org). Imerys draws the attention of investors to chapter 4, "Risk Factors", of its Registration Document.

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