

## **Imerys successfully issues a bond for €600 million**

Imerys, rated Baa2 by Moody's and BBB by Standard & Poor's, with stable outlook, announces today the placement, under its Euro Medium Term Note Programme, of a €600 million 10 year-bond issue with a 1.50% annual coupon corresponding to a spread of mid-swap + 92 bps.

This offer, almost 3 times oversubscribed, was very well received by a diversified international investor base. This oversubscription illustrates the market's confidence in the strength of the Group business model and its creditworthiness.

This issue will allow the group to anticipate the financing of the contemplated acquisition of Kerneos, announced on December 11, 2016 and to be entirely financed by the Group's available resources, while benefiting from very favorable market conditions. It also lengthens the average maturity of its bond financing from 5.5 to 6.5 years.

The settlement date is scheduled on January 17, 2017, date on which the notes will be admitted to trading on the regulated market of Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

BNP Paribas, CM-CIC, Commerzbank, HSBC, Morgan Stanley, MUFG and Natixis acted as joint-book runners for the offering.

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***The world leader in mineral-based specialty solutions for industry, with €4.1 billion revenue and 16,130 employees in 2015, 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](http://www.imerys.com)) under Regulated Information, particularly in its Registration Document filed with the Autorité des marchés financiers on March 17, 2016 under number D.16-0153 (also available from the Autorité des marchés financiers website, [www.amf-france.org](http://www.amf-france.org)). Imerys draws the attention of investors to chapter 4, "Risk Factors and Internal Control", of its Registration Document.*

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