

Imerys announces a new investment to support the fast growing market of lithium-ion batteries for electric vehicles

Imerys, a global leader in graphite & carbon solutions, announces today that it will expand its carbon black production capacity at its plant in Willebroek, Belgium, to meet the increasing demand for its specialty conductive additives in particular for lithium-ion batteries.

This investment of €60 million over a two-year period follows the capacity expansion of synthetic graphite announced last September at its plant in Bodio, Switzerland, both aiming to support the strong growth of the electric vehicle market worldwide.

With a unique portfolio of natural and synthetic graphite powders, conductive carbon blacks and tailor-made dispersions, Imerys will continue to develop innovative materials for safer and higher-performing batteries in close cooperation with the leading lithium-ion battery producers in the world.

The world leader in mineral-based specialty solutions for industry, with €3.8 billion revenue and 16,400 employees in 2020, Imerys delivers high value-added, functional solutions to diversified set of industrial sectors, from processing industries to consumer goods. The Group draws on its knowledge of applications, technological expertise and its material science know-how to deliver solutions based on beneficiation of its mineral resources, synthetic minerals and formulations. These contribute essential properties to customers' products and performance, including refractoriness, hardness, conductivity, opacity, durability, purity, lightness, filtration, absorption and repellency. Imerys is determined to develop responsibly, in particular by fostering the emergence of environmentally-friendly products and processes.

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