PRESS RELEASE

Paris, April 26, 2012

Imerys' Ordinary & Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting held today

• 2011 financial statements approved, €1.50 dividend per share to be paid out as from May 9th, 2012

Approval of all resolutions

Approval of 2011 financial statements

At the Ordinary & Extraordinary General Meeting held today, the shareholders approved the statutory and consolidated financial statements for 2011, which report a net income from current operations, Group share, of €282.0 million, up + 15.7% compared with 2010.

Dividend

On the proposal of the Board of Directors, the Shareholders' General Meeting approved the allocation of the Company's 2011 earnings and the distribution of a €1.50 dividend per share, a + 25% increase from financial 2010. This dividend will be paid out as from May 9, 2012.

Other resolutions

The other resolutions adopted by the Ordinary & Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting particularly concern:

- the regulated commitments and agreements concluded by the Company for the benefit of its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer;
- the renewal, for a period of 3 years, of the terms of office as Director of Mr. Jacques Drijard, Mr. Jocelyn Lefebvre and Mr. Gilles Michel;
- the appointment as new Director of Mr. Xavier Le Clef, replacing Mr. Eric Le Moyne de Serigny who had not requested the renewal of his term of office. Mr. Eric Le Moyne de Serigny was warmly thanked for his active contribution to the work of the Board;



- the renewal, in favor of the Board of Directors, of the authorization for the Company to buy back its own shares;
- the amendment of certain statutory provisions concerning the composition and functioning of the Board of Directors and the holding of General Meetings, in order to, in particular, comply with recent changes in the Law and current regulations.

Governance

The Board of Directors, meeting today, decided to keep the duties of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer combined and to re-elect Mr. Gilles Michel to perform them.

AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

The press release is available from the Group's website <u>www.imerys.com</u> in the "Finance – Press Releases" section.

FINANCIAL COMMUNICATION AGENDA 2012

July 271st half results 2012November 53rd quarter results 2012

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The world leader in mineral-based specialty solutions for industry, 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 Internet website (<u>www.imerys.com</u>) under Regulated Information, particularly in its Registration Document filed with Autorité des marchés financiers on March 22, 2012 under number D.12-0193 (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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