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Imerys signs exclusive agreement with Solvay to acquire its PCC business

Following its binding offer, Imerys has entered into exclusive negotiations with Solvay to acquire its PCC (precipitated calcium carbonates) division comprising 4 plants in Europe (Germany, Austria, France and the United Kingdom). This business serves mainly the automotive (polymers, etc.), building (paints, coatings, sealants) and consumer goods markets (health & beauty, etc.) through specialty applications. It generated €59 million revenue in 2014.

The conclusion of this operation is subject to prior consultation with employee representatives and approval by the relevant regulatory authorities. Its completion should become effective during the second half of 2015.

The world leader in mineral-based specialty solutions for industry, with €3.7 billion revenue and 14,900 employees in 2014, 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 2014 Registration Document filed with the Autorité des marchés financiers on March 20, 2014 under number D.14-0173 (also available from the Autorité des marchés financiers website, 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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