

# PRESS RELEASE

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## **Imerys' Ordinary & Extraordinary General Meeting Held Today**

- **Approval of 2008 financial statements, €1 dividend per share to be paid out from July 7, 2009**
- **Composition of Board of Directors**
  - **Financial authorizations**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

- **Decision to carry out approximately €250 million rights issue with issuance of preferential subscription rights, intended to optimize financial structure**
- **Powers delegated to CEO to set definitive terms for the operation and carry out capital increase shortly**

#### **Approval of 2008 financial statements**

The Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meeting held today approved the statutory and the consolidated financial statements for 2008, which show net income from current operations of €267.1 million, down - 15.7% from 2007.

#### **Dividend**

On the proposal of the Board of Directors, the General Meeting approved the distribution of a dividend reduced to €1.00 per share, compared with €1.90 with respect to financial 2007. This dividend will be paid out from July 7, 2009.

#### **Other resolutions**

The other resolutions adopted by the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meeting particularly concern:

- The renewal, for a period of 3 years, of the expiring terms of office as Director of Mr. Jacques Drijard, Mr. Jocelyn Lefebvre, Mr. Eric Le Moyne de Sérigny and Mr. Gilbert Milan, and the ratification of the appointment of Mr. Amaury de Sèze as Director;
- The renewal, in favor of the Board of Directors, of all the conventional financial authorizations to increase share capital by the issue of shares or securities, including with issuance of preferential subscription rights for shareholders and the buyback by the Company of its own shares.



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## Rights issue

The Board of Directors met following the General Meeting and decided to implement a capital increase of approximately EUR 250 million that was separately announced by the Company on April 28, and delegated powers to the Chief Executive Officer to conduct the transaction.

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