

PRESS RELEASE

Paris, April 29, 2010

Imerys' Ordinary & Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting held today

- **2009 financial statements approved, €1 dividend per share to be paid out as from May 11th, 2010**
- **Composition of the Board of Directors**
- **Financial authorizations**

Approval of 2009 financial statements

At the Ordinary & Extraordinary General Meeting held today, the shareholders approved the statutory and consolidated financial statements for 2009, which report a net income from current operations of €119.3 million, down - 55.3% compared with 2008.

Dividend

On the proposal of the Board of Directors, the Shareholders' General Meeting approved the distribution of a €1.00 dividend per share, which is stable from financial 2008. This dividend will be paid out as from May 11, 2010.

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 executive corporate officers;
- the renewal, for a period of 3 years, of the terms of office as Director of Mr. Jean Monville, Mr. Robert Peugeot and Mr. Amaury de Sèze;
- the appointment as new Directors of:
 - Mr. Olivier Pirotte, replacing Mr. Thierry de Rudder who had not requested the renewal of his term of office. Mr. de Rudder was warmly thanked for his active contribution to the work of the Board and its Strategic Committee,
 - Mr. Ian Gallienne, Mrs. Fatine Layt and Mr. Pierre-Jean Sivignon;
- the renewal of the terms of office of Deloitte & Associés as joint statutory auditor and of Cabinet BEAS as joint alternate auditor for a further regulatory period of six years;



- the appointment of Ernst & Young et Autres as joint statutory auditor (replacing Ernst & Young et Associés) and Auditex as joint alternate auditor (replacing Mr. Jean-Marc Montserrat) for a regulatory period of six years;
- the renewal, in favor of the Board of Directors, of the authorization for the Company to buy back its own shares;
- the delegation of authority to the Board of Directors for the purpose of issuing share subscription and/or acquisition warrants ("BSA"), whether or not redeemable, reserved for the employees and corporate officers of the Company and/or its subsidiaries or for a category thereof, without shareholders' preemptive subscription right.

Availability of information

The present press release is available on the Group's website www.imerys.com, and can be consulted from the home page in the "Press Releases" section.

Financial communication agenda

- 1st half 2010 results: July 30;
- 3rd quarter 2010 results: November 3.

These dates are given for guidance only and may be updated on the Group's website at the address www.imerys.com, in the Investors & Analysts / Financial Agenda section.

The world leader in adding value to minerals, Imerys is active in 47 countries through more than 240 industrial and commercial sites. The Group achieved €2.8 billion in sales in 2009. Imerys mines and processes minerals from reserves with rare qualities in order to develop solutions that improve its customers' product performance and manufacturing efficiency. The Group's products have a great many applications in everyday life, including construction, personal care, paper, paint, plastic, ceramics, telecommunications and beverage filtration.

More comprehensive information about Imerys may be obtained from its Internet website (www.imerys.com) under Regulated Information, particularly in its Document de Référence filed with Autorité des marchés financiers on April 1, 2010 under number D.10-0205 (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 Document de Référence.

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