

PRESS RELEASE

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Definitive agreement for the acquisition of Denain-Anzin Minéraux

Imerys today announced that it has signed a definitive agreement with the Nord Est group for the acquisition of 99.7% of its subsidiary Denain-Anzin Minéraux (DAM).

The price paid for the shares owned by Nord Est at this date will be €53.2 million, to which the company's net financial debt (€25.3 million as on June 30, 2005) is to be added. This represents multiples of 0.9x 2004 sales and 6.2x 2004 EBITDA^(*).

DAM produces kaolins, feldspars, micas and quartz from industrial facilities located mostly in France, as well as in Spain, Italy, Portugal and Germany. Active on the European markets of minerals for ceramics (floor tiles, sanitaryware, tableware porcelain), fiberglass (kaolin) and paint (mica), DAM achieved sales of approximately €85 million in 2004.

Completion of the acquisition remains subject to the approval of the relevant regulatory authorities.

(*) IFRS, before management fees.

The world leader in adding value to minerals, Imerys is active in 42 countries through more than 250 industrial sites. The Group achieved €2.9 billion in sales in 2004. 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.

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