

PRESS RELEASE

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Imerys Continues Development in High-Growth Regions

The Imerys Group is continuing to implement its development strategy in high-growth regions, with the following operations completed in the second quarter of 2007.

- Acquisition of 100% of the capital of Jumbo Mining Ltd, an Indian feldspar producer. Feldspar is an essential minerals alongside ball clay and kaolin for floor tile, sanitaryware and tableware manufacturing. Jumbo Mining Ltd has high-quality mineral reserves and two plants in southeast India. The operation will enable the Group to step up its development on the dynamic ceramics market in Asia and the Middle East.
- Acquisition of 100% of Perfiltra, the Argentinean leader in perlite, a mineral used in filtration processes. Perfiltra has important reserves and an industrial platform that will allow Imerys to consolidate its leadership on the fast-growing South American minerals for filtration market.
- Signing of a joint venture (60% Imerys) agreement with ZAF, a Chinese producer of brown fused alumina for the Asian minerals for abrasives markets.

These companies achieve total annual sales of more than €15 million and employ approximately 350 people. They will be consolidated during the second half of 2007.

The world leader in adding value to minerals, Imerys is active in 45 countries through over 250 locations. The Group achieved €3.3 billion in sales in 2006. 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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