

Imerys pursues its development in the fast growing market of lithium-ion batteries for electric vehicles

Imerys, a global leader in graphite & carbon solutions, announces today that it will expand its synthetic graphite production capacity to face growing demand for its specialty products with specific focus on lithium-ion batteries.

Imerys will invest €35 million at its plant in Bodio, Switzerland, where it will expand the production of high-purity graphite materials in order to supply growing demand from battery manufacturers in Asia, Europe and North-America, who are rapidly increasing their output.

This investment is the first of a series of capacity expansion projects the Group envisages to support and accompany the expected strong growth of the electric vehicle market worldwide.

With a unique portfolio of natural and synthetic graphite powders, conductive carbon blacks and tailor-made dispersions, Imerys will continue to develop innovative materials for safer and higher-performing batteries in close cooperation with the leading lithium-ion battery producers in the world.

The world leader in mineral-based specialty solutions for industry, with €4.4 billion revenue and 16,300 employees in 2019, Imerys delivers high value-added, functional solutions to diversified set of industrial sectors, from processing industries to consumer goods. The Group draws on its knowledge of applications, technological expertise and its material science know-how to deliver solutions based on beneficiation of its mineral resources, synthetic minerals and formulations. These contribute essential properties to customers' products and performance, including refractoriness, hardness, conductivity, opacity, durability, purity, lightness, filtration, absorption and repellency. Imerys is determined to develop responsibly, in particular by fostering the emergence of environmentally-friendly products and processes.

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