

Imerys Performance Additives Division announces a substantial price increase in January

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Imerys Performance Additives Division (Imerys business in charge of talc, mica and wollastonite) will apply a substantial price increase, effective January 2019, or as contracts allow. This decision is driven by the significant rise in freight (taxes, drivers shortage, fuel), energy (fuel, gas, electricity), packaging, mining, and labor and maintenance costs in 2018, a trend which is expected to continue in 2019.

In spite of intensive efficiency and cost control efforts, Imerys Performance Additives cannot continue to absorb these cost increases. It therefore has no alternative but to raise its prices in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of its business through continuous investment: renewing equipment, meeting increasingly stringent health, safety & environmental, quality and product stewardship standards, and supporting innovation.

Imerys Performance Additives Division remains committed to offering world class customer service and quality products.

About Imerys Performance Additives Division

Imerys Performance Additives Division of Imerys is the world's leading producer of performance additive solutions operating mines and processing plants in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain and the United States. Employing some 1,300 people worldwide and with over a hundred years' experience in the minerals business, Performance Additives offers engineered solutions, derived from its portfolio of mica, talc, wollastonite, and ImerPlast. These mineral solutions enhance performance in paints, plastics, ceramics, cosmetics, rubber, paper, agriculture, adhesives and sealants, building products and pharmaceuticals. (www.imerys-performance-additives.com)

About Imerys Group

The world leader in mineral-based specialty solutions for industry with €4.6 billion revenue and 18,000 employees in 2017, Imerys delivers high value-added, functional solutions to a great number of 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 resources 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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