

Imerys acquired the consolidated calcium carbonates business of Vimal Microns and Vee Microns. The new entity operates under the name of Imerys Carbonates India Limited

- **Strengthens and expands Imerys' calcium carbonates solutions offer**
- **Allows Vimal Microns' carbonates customers to benefit from the variety of minerals that Imerys already mines and produces in Asia, as well as globally**
- **Supports Imerys' regional and global customers in their development in India**
- **Adds attractive and targeted products to Imerys' portfolio in key segments such as paint and polymer applications**
- **Underpins Imerys' commitment to minerals solutions, innovation, and long-term growth in India**

Pune, India – February 01, 2018 – Imerys completed the acquisition of the consolidated calcium carbonates business of Vimal Microns and Vee Microns. The assets acquired include the strategic Vimal Microns' production facilities at Mehsana and Alwar, commercialized under the VIMCRO CARB, VCARB, CARB ALPHA brands. The 2 production sites will join Imerys' wide global footprint of 270 industrial sites in 50 countries.

Following this deal, Imerys, a global leader in calcium carbonates, strengthens its presence by enlarging its portfolio to dynamic market applications like raffia, PVC pipes & fittings, and decorative paints in India. **Through the investment of significant resources close to the market, Imerys is focused on developing a stronger position to serve its customers with tailored mineral solutions.** In addition to optimizing current business, Imerys places a special emphasis on research and innovation through constantly improving our products to help our customers meet new market challenges.

This business will be consolidated in Imerys' Carbonates division, which is part of the Energy Solutions & Specialties business group. The new entity operates under the name of Imerys Carbonates India Limited. This acquisition is an exciting step that underscores and reinforces Imerys' long-term commitment to minerals business in India.

"The acquisition represents a major step forward for our Carbonates business in the Asia Pacific region and reinforces IMERYS's leadership position as a global minerals company with leadership positions in its core segments, delivering substantial value to customers and employees. I am delighted to welcome the carbonates business of Vimal Microns and Vee Microns to Imerys' Carbonates division and look forward to serving all of our customers together", said Xavier Carnoy, General Manager, Carbonates, Asia Pacific.

"Imerys Carbonates is present in India with 5 manufacturing sites and is the market leader in the Paper & Board Industry. In addition, Imerys supplies its other customers by importing dry GCC from Malaysia. This acquisition allows Imerys to expand its market presence in the fast growing industries of Paints and Polymers (Raffia, PVC), with additional product portfolio & the complementary business profile of the Vimal Microns carbonates business. Imerys is committed to working together with the team on site to bring its world class manufacturing

practices and technology to these two plants of Vimal Microns to better serve our customers in this exciting growing market in the Indian sub-continent.” said Bhagwandas Bhojwani, CEO and Managing Director of Imerys Minerals India Pvt. Ltd.

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