

Imerys awarded by IMA-Europe for its commitment to safety, innovation and community relations

Imerys has received three awards from the Industrial Minerals Association (IMA-Europe) during ceremonies held in Brussels, Belgium on September 23 and 24.

The awards publically acknowledge the Group's commitment to safety, respect for the community in which the Group operates and its ambition to innovate and propose environmentally friendly solutions. Imerys is the proud winner of these three awards, with the following initiatives being recognized:

- **Safety – Developing Good Practices in Machinery Innovation (Refractory Minerals, UK):** set up a new production process to secure the grinding equipment;
- **Green Innovation – Fostering polymers recycling with ImerPlast™ (Filtration & Performance Additives, Europe):** this innovative mineral solution gives some spent plastics a second life with no need for sorting. Plastic recycled using this process has similar properties to virgin polymer. ImerPlast™ not only makes higher recycling rates possible at a competitive cost, but also expands the outlets for recycled polymers. For more information, discover the video dedicated to ImerPlast™ on Imerys Replay, the Group's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/ImerysReplay and visit the website www.imerplast.com;
- **Public Awareness and Trust - Building long-term Trust with Communities (Kaolin, UK):** in Cornwall like on each of its operations, Imerys is constantly launching new initiatives to foster dialog, cooperation, education, training, solidarity... and to strengthen the bonds forged with its industrial and mining sites' neighboring communities. Thus, the Group is building strong partnerships with its stakeholders to contribute together to local social and economic development.

Chairman & CEO Gilles Michel commented: “These awards highlight the Group's continuous process for operating excellence. They also reward our teams' constant commitment and encourage us to keep up our Sustainable Development strategy.”

About Imerys

The world leader in mineral-based specialty solutions for industry, with €3.7 billion revenue and 15,800 employees in 2013, Imerys transforms a unique range of minerals to deliver essential functions (heat resistance, mechanical strength, conductivity, coverage, barrier effect, etc.) that are essential to its customers' products and manufacturing processes.

Whether mineral components, functional additives, process enablers or finished products, Imerys' solutions contribute to the quality of a great number of applications in consumer goods, industrial equipment or construction. Combining expertise, creativity and attentiveness to customers' needs, the Group's international teams constantly identify new applications and develop high value-added solutions under a determined approach to responsible development. These strengths enable Imerys to develop through a sound, profitable business model.

About IMA-Europe

IMA-Europe provides sector-based representation for industrial minerals. The Association is particularly focused on representation at European Union (EU) institutional level and coordinates contacts with national and international authorities.

Originating in 2006 the IMA-Europe Recognition Awards publically acknowledges contributions to topical issues affecting the Industrial Minerals sector. Since 2012 the Awards are open to IMA-Europe members and external organizations. This year is the first time that IMA-Europe members are invited to participate in the Safety Award, one of the pillars supporting the IMA's 'Target Zero Injury' initiative. Award winners were selected by an external jury. To learn more about the IMA-Europe Awards and to discover some of the candidate projects, please visit the website of IMA-Europe / Awards 2014 (<http://www.ima-europe.eu/>).