



Imerys builds technological partnerships with Penn State University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the United States

Imerys, the world leader in mineral-based specialties for industry, announces a 5-year research collaboration to co-develop innovation projects with Penn State University, a major research University in Pennsylvania and joins the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Industrial Liaison Program (ILP), dedicated to creating and strengthening mutually beneficial relationships between MIT and corporations worldwide.

In recent years, Imerys has stepped up its innovation effort as part of its development strategy in performance additives and advanced materials.

"Building networks and expertise by connecting with scientists, academics and universities around the world is a critical pillar of Imerys' innovation process. Our partnership with Penn State University and MIT is a significant step in our strategy to build a strong external network, which we will look to further develop with institutions in Europe and Asia" explains Thierry Materne, Chief Innovation Officer at Imerys.

About Imerys

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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