



## Press Release

### For Immediate Release

### Proposed Closure of Ground Calcium Carbonate Facility in Salisbury, UK

*Cornwall, UK, October 13, 2008.* IMERYS Pigments for Paper is today announcing the proposed closure of its ground calcium carbonate (GCC) facility in Salisbury, UK. The facility is expected to stop production early in 2009.

The significant reduction in paper production capacity within the UK, combined with a slow down in the economy, has led to a decline in overall demand. This, combined with recent significant increases in costs, has given IMERYS Pigments for Paper no choice but to take this course of action.

A consultation process with affected employees will begin immediately.

In addition, IMERYS Pigments for Paper will begin discussions with any customers currently supplied from this facility, with a view to assisting in the transition to alternative products or sources of supply.

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**Notes to editors:**

**IMERYS** Pigments for Paper is a world leading producer of white pigments, manufacturing kaolin, ground calcium carbonate (GCC) and precipitated calcium carbonate (PCC). The business group serves the needs of the international paper industry and employs 2,403 people, operates 46 industrial sites in 19 countries and represents 22% of Imerys' overall revenue.