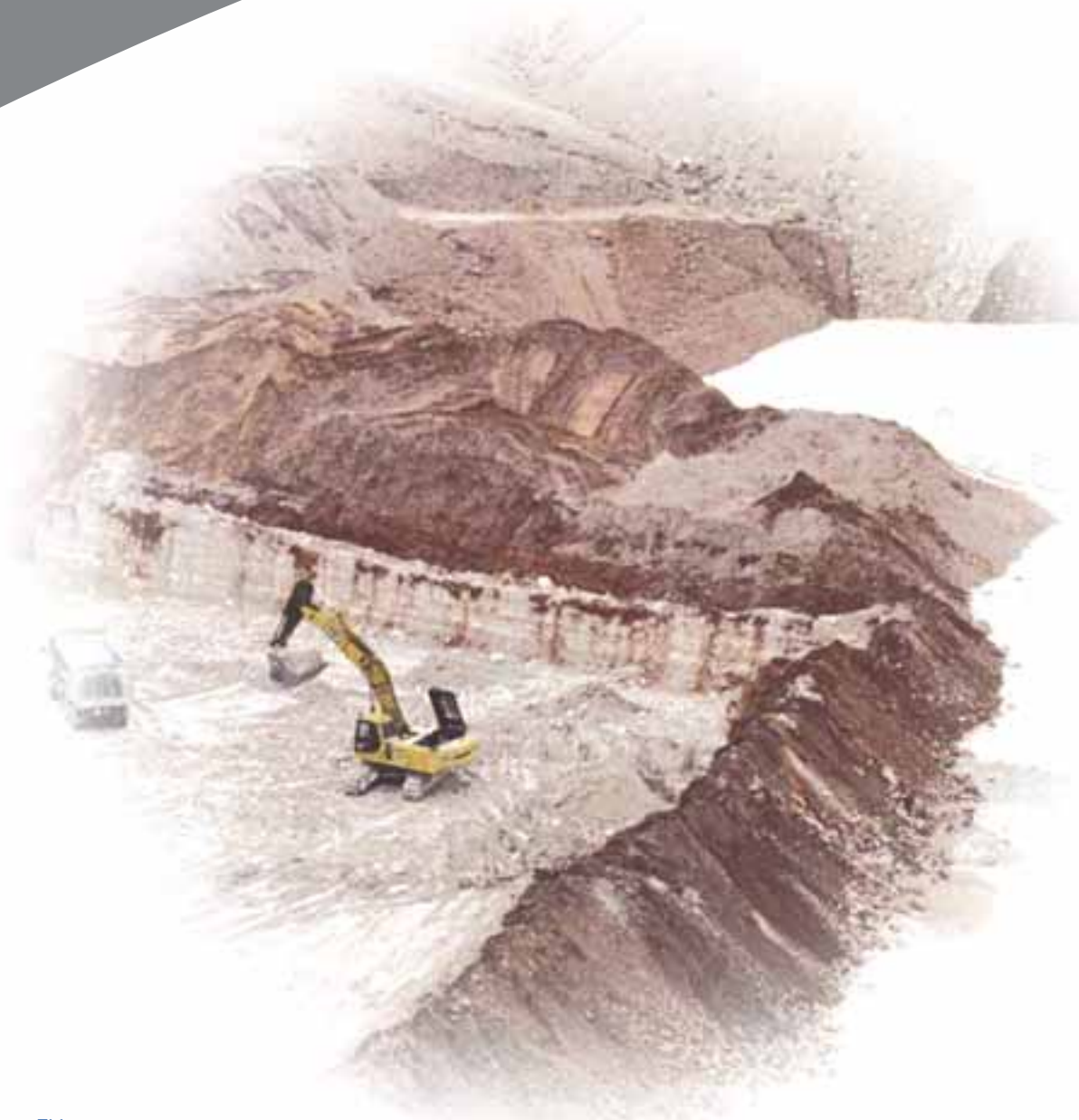


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## CAPIM™ COATING KAOLIN

As part of its restructuring of kaolin production assets in recent years, **IMERYS** Pigments for Paper undertook a significant expansion of its Brazilian kaolin assets for the transition of key European customers from UK to Capim™ coating kaolins. This expansion is now operating at full capacity and, to support this capacity expansion, we have also enhanced our logistics infrastructure to service the important European paper market.

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**IMERYS** RIO CAPIM CAULIM (**IRCC**) IS THE LARGEST KAOLIN PRODUCTION FACILITY IN THE WORLD FOR THE PAPER INDUSTRY. **IRCC** IS LOCATED IN PARÁ STATE, IN THE NORTH OF BRAZIL. IT MINES AND PROCESSES HIGH QUALITY COATING AND FILLING GRADE KAOLINS THAT ARE SHIPPED TO MAJOR PAPER PRODUCERS ALL OVER THE WORLD..

Since the start-up of operations in 1996, **IMERYS** Pigments for Paper have continued to make significant investment in the **IRCC** kaolin assets. During 2007, a further expansion of capacity took place, in order to transition customers to its Capim™ range of coating kaolins, following the closure of the coating kaolin production assets in Cornwall, UK. In addition, there was a further expansion of its 'Tube-Press' capacity, which provided an opportunity for additional growth of both its filler grade kaolins and a new grade targeted at the rotogravure market.

Four product forms are available from Brazil for the European market; slurry, tube press, spray dried (for special applications) and a 'low dust' granulate form (a pre-dispersed kaolin), designed specifically to provide improved handling of the product, both during transportation and usage in the paper mill.

With the increased importance of Capim™ volumes in the European paper market, we have also enhanced our logistics infrastructure by expanding the shipping capacity from Brazil to Europe, including a new vessel, and the establishment of the distribution centre in Antwerp.

An efficient global logistics infrastructure is essential to the business. With our network of shipping lines, forwarding agents, local carriers and distribution centres, we are able to provide a high quality, cost-effective and reliable service for the customer, wherever they are located.

**IRCC** is one of the latest plants within the Pigments for Paper organisation to gain the ISO14001 accreditation.

With its extensive product portfolio, efficient logistics infrastructure and comprehensive quality and sustainable development programmes, **IRCC** is the worlds leading producer of kaolin for the global paper industry.



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