Imerys Graphite & Carbon announces price adjustment for Specialty Carbon Black products, driven by legal changes in the market for certain raw materials, and general increases for Natural and Synthetic Graphite, Coke and other products

Due to the introduction of the International Maritime Organization (IMO 2020) MARPOL Annex VI regulation on fuel sulphur regulation there will be a re-alignment of prices by suppliers of certain types of fuel oils from January 1st 2020. Carbon blacks are produced from materials that can fall within the scope of the regulations. As Imerys Graphite & Carbon uses materials affected by the legislative changes in the manufacture of its Specialty Carbon Black products, it is necessary and unavoidable that the prices of Specialty Carbon Blacks are adjusted to reflect the impact of the legislative changes. The price increase adjustment, related to changes in maritime regulations, for the majority of Specialty Carbon Black products will be €0.3 per kg of product and will be implemented with effect from January 1st 2020.

Other products from Imerys Graphite & Carbon, such as Natural and Synthetic Graphite products produced in Canada, Switzerland, and Japan, are excluded from the specific Specialty Carbon Black price adjustment mentioned above. However, they and Specialty Carbon Black products are also separately subject to general inflationary pressures and will therefore be subject to some price increases to reflect those inflation effects. Actual price increases will vary by specific product type, grade and packaging type and as with the surcharge will be effective from January 1st 2020, or as the provisions in individual contracts or legal obligations permit.

The increases in prices for our products are necessary to offset unavoidable rising costs, and in the case of Specialty Carbon Black products are triggered by changing global marine legislation. Increases are despite Imerys Graphite & Carbon’s operational excellence programs to improve efficiency.

Imerys Graphite & Carbon continues to invest in its capabilities to produce world class and market leading graphite and carbon products that are benchmarks in engineering materials, mobile energy, polymer and refractory applications.

Any questions from customers should be directed to their usual Imerys sales contact.

About Imerys Graphite & Carbon

Imerys Graphite & Carbon has a strong history in the production of high quality natural and synthetic graphite powders, conductive carbon blacks and water-based dispersions.

Imerys Graphite & Carbon belongs to Imerys, the world leader in mineral-based specialties for industry.