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**ROCKWOOD PIGMENTS EXHIBITS AT CHINAPLAS 2011
STAND 10.2T21, 17 – 20 May, Guangzhou, China**

The Rockwood Color Pigments & Services Division of Rockwood Holdings Inc. represented as Rockwood Pigments will be exhibiting at this year's Chinaplas (Stand 10.2T21).

Headlining Rockwood's presence this year will be the expanded offering of Solaplex® environmentally sound spectrum of yellow to orange metal oxide pigments alongside the proven performance properties of Rockwood Pigments' wide range of inorganic pigments for plastics applications.

New red-shade orange completes Solaplex® offering

Rockwood Pigments has enhanced its existing Solaplex® range of yellow and orange metal oxide pigments for plastics applications with a red-shade orange high performance grade (34H1004).

The leading manufacturer of advanced inorganic pigments developed 34H1004 in response to market demand for an environmentally acceptable and richer alternative to less intense pigments previously occupying the red-shade area of the challenging yellow to orange color space.

The new, more vibrant Solaplex® Bright Orange (34H1004) joins Solaplex® Yellow (34H1001), Solaplex® Mid Yellow (34H1002) and Solaplex® Orange (34H1003) to provide the plastics sector with a wider yellow-orange pigment selection for high performance plastics applications, including power tools, safety products, chair shells, automotive parts and interiors, cables and bottle crates, among many more possibilities.

Details of Rockwood's new Solaplex® range can be found at www.solaplex.com.

Rockwood Color Pigments shows a complete inorganic range at Chinaplas

As well as demonstrating its new Solaplex® offering, Rockwood Pigments will leverage the company's specific capabilities in the plastics sector by focusing on the following inorganic pigment ranges:

- **Colourplex®** pigments: a palette of high performance, durable, mixed metal oxide pigments ideal for demanding applications in the plastics industries, including heat-resistant and camouflage applications where control of infra-red reflectivity is required.
- **High Temperature & Specialty Iron Oxides:** an extensive range of clean and lightfast yellow, red and black iron-oxide pigments meeting the needs of demanding applications and exhibiting high purity, heat stability, chemical resistance, weatherfastness and ease of dispersion. **Ferritan®** heat stable pigments **FZ1000 Tan** and **FM2400 Jet Black** provide outstanding heat stability (>400°C) in demanding plastic applications.
- **Chromium Oxide:** a highly stable range of light-fast and weather-resistant, green inorganic pigments.
- **Cadmium pigments:** vivid bright red, orange and yellow pigments with excellent thermal and chemical stability.

Rockwood pigments is exhibiting alongside its specialist Ultramarine business, Holliday Pigments on Booth 10.2T21. For further information on Rockwood Pigments, visit www.rockwoodpigments.com.

To find out more about the international plastics exhibition, visit www.chinaplasonline.com.

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Notes to Editors:

About Rockwood Color Pigments and Services

Rockwood's Color Pigments & Services Division is one of the largest worldwide suppliers of colored pigments for construction, coatings, plastics and specialty applications. The Division's manufacturing sites and customer service centers are located in the United States, United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany, Australia and China with additional sales offices located in Singapore and Hong Kong. For more information on Rockwood, please visit www.rockwoodpigments.com.

The Rockwood Color Pigments & Services Division is a business unit of Rockwood Holdings Inc., Princeton, N.J., U.S.A. Rockwood Holdings, Inc. is a leading global specialty chemicals and advanced materials company. Rockwood has a worldwide employee base of more than 9,500 people and annual net sales of approximately \$3 billion. The company focuses on global niche segments of the specialty chemicals, pigments and additives and advanced materials markets. For more information on Rockwood, please visit www.rocksp.com

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