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HOLLIDAY PIGMENTS' EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY

Holliday Pigments, a world leading supplier of ultramarine blue pigments, has been awarded two internationally recognised standards for Environment and Health & Safety at its Comines site in northern France.

ISO14001, the industry leading environmental accreditation and OHSAS 18001 the occupational health and safety standard, were received following a full assessment of Holliday Pigments' practice, procedures and documentation. Comines' ISO 9001 site quality management certification was also renewed for the 10th successive year.

Glyn Jagger, Managing Director of Holliday Pigments, said: "We are delighted to have added a further two ISO standards to our Comines site. The certifications are an industry wide benchmark and are recognition of our efforts to reduce the company's impact on the environment and provide the safest possible working environment. Credit goes to our employees, whose hard work was instrumental in securing the standards."

The certifications were awarded by AFNOR, ISO's French representative. AFNOR is an international services delivery network, with over 75,000 customers in 90 countries worldwide.

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About Holliday Pigments

Holliday Pigments is a world leading supplier of ultramarine pigments, which are used in a variety of applications including plastics, coatings, cosmetics, artists' colors and printing inks. Exporting to over 80

countries, Holliday Pigments has dedicated customer and technical service teams at its factory in France.

Holliday Pigments has a proud 125-year history in the manufacture of technical quality ultramarine and pioneered the introduction of flue gas desulphurisation technology in the manufacturing process, reducing emissions inherent in the manufacturing process by more than 99.5%.

Holliday Pigments is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rockwood Color Pigments.

About Rockwood Pigments

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, Italy, Germany, Australia and China with an additional sales office located in 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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