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**Rockwood Pigments Announces
US Agent Network**

Beltsville, Maryland (September 3, 2008) — Rockwood Color Pigments & Services Division announces a new distribution network in the US and Canada for the full line of Rockwood Pigments products, including Elementis' pigments products which Rockwood acquired in 2007.

The following sales agents will represent Rockwood's full line effective immediately: TCR Industries (West and Pacific Northwest US), Hall Technologies (Midwest, plus Colorado and Wyoming), Ribelin Sales, Inc. (Southwest and Southeast), M.F. Cachat (Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Dakotas), GMZ (Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio & West Virginia) and D.H. Litter (Northeast US). Brenntag Specialties is handling Rockwood's product line throughout Canada.

The complete inorganic pigment line of Rockwood and Elementis is covered by the new network including: synthetic iron oxides, complex inorganic pigments, natural pigments, cobalt blue, chromium oxide green, transparent iron oxides and cadmium pigments. The network does not cover concrete construction accounts, which will continue to be serviced directly by Rockwood.

According to Mike Corcoran, Vice President of Sales for Rockwood; "We've established this new network based on our commitment to satisfy the needs of the market by providing the best possible service and optimum product supply capabilities. We believe these agents are the ideal partners to fulfill this role."

Rockwood's Color Pigments & Services Division is one of the largest worldwide suppliers of iron oxides and colored inorganic 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 additional sales offices located in Singapore. For more information on Rockwood, please visit www.rockwoodpigments.com.

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