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**Rockwood Color Pigments & Services Announces  
Global Price Increases for Color Pigments**

Beltsville, Maryland (May 29, 2008) — Rockwood Color Pigments & Services announces a worldwide price increase of 5% to 20% effective July 1, 2008 for its full range of pigments; including iron oxide (synthetic and natural), carbon blacks and chromium oxide greens with additional increases on specialty pigment types.

"The variable costs for pigment raw materials have risen in all areas at an unprecedented rate. Global prices for metal feedstocks, acids, alkalis, packaging material, energy and transportation continue their upward climb. While we have worked hard to mitigate these cost increases through productivity and supply chain improvements, the magnitude of these cost increases mandates an increase at this time," said Andrew M. Ross, President of Rockwood's Color Pigments Division.

Rockwood Color Pigments & Services remains committed to providing its customers with the best possible products and services by continuing to invest in its global facilities, innovation, exceptional services and continuous productivity improvements.

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. The Rockwood Color Pigments & Services Division is part 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 \$3.1 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](http://www.rocksp.com).

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