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**Rockwood Pigments Price Announcement**

Beltsville, Maryland (January 3, 2011) — Rockwood Color Pigments & Services announces a global price increase of up to 10% effective February 15, 2011 on selected products within its full range of pigments including: iron oxides (synthetic and natural), carbon blacks, chromium oxide greens and specialty pigment types.

Despite Rockwood's on-going efforts to reduce operating costs and streamline operations, the rapid increase of ocean freight, raw material costs and energy prices requires a revision of the current pricing structure.

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](http://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 approximately 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](http://www.rocksp.com).

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