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## Media Release

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# Omya Announces Distribution Agreement with SICIT GROUP

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**Omya, a leading global producer of industrial minerals and worldwide distributor of specialty chemicals, is pleased to announce a distribution agreement with SICIT in the United States and Canada.**

Starting May 1, 2023, Omya will represent SICIT as a distributor of their PlastRetard® product line in the USA and Canada. PlastRetard® is a multifunctional additive used in the production of gypsum board, plasters, grouts, and gypsum blocks. Widely used in the plasterboard industry, PlastRetard® is a natural and biodegradable additive that increases the fluidity of plasters, provides setting control, is compatible with other additives, and is highly active at low dosages.

Omya will offer PlastRetard® in both liquid and powder form from multiple warehouse locations across North America.

“Omya has a very strong position in the building materials markets. The addition of SICIT’s product line fits in well with our strategy as a solutions provider and offers another opportunity to service our customers with our technical expertise,” said Tim Streb, Director of Omya Distribution Services North America.

### About Omya

Omya is a leading global producer of industrial minerals – mainly derived from calcium carbonate, dolomite and perlite – and a worldwide distributor of specialty chemicals. The company provides innovative products and environmental solutions that contribute to its customers' competitiveness in multiple industries such as Construction, Paper & Board, Polymers, Food, Pharma, Personal & Home Care, Agriculture, Water and Energy.

Founded in 1884 in Switzerland, Omya has a global presence extending to more than 170 locations in over 50 countries with 9,000 employees.

Committed to implementing the principles of sustainability at all company levels, Omya provides added value products and services from responsibly sourced materials to meet the essential needs of current and future generations.

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## **About SICIT GROUP**

Founded in 1960, SICIT was one of the first companies in the world to use amino acids and peptides AKA (hydrolyzed protein), in the market of Agriculture (Biostimulants) & Industrial sector (PlastRetard), of which it is now the world leader.

In its plants in Arzignano and Chiampo (Vicenza), the company extracts Collagen from the by-products and residues originated from leather Industry, with a special process extracts and transforms the collagen into protein hydrolysates, mainly used as biostimulants for agriculture and retardants for the Gypsum Industry, supplying the main players in the agrochemical and industrial sectors, exporting its products in over 80 countries.

SICIT is an Italian excellence of the green and circular economy that offers a service of strategic importance for the Vicenza Leather district, one of the biggest districts in the world, collecting and transforming by-products and residues into high added value products, totally biodegradable, thanks to its Special and unique process that allows the obtaining of final products without risks for the public health and the environment, limiting the production of waste. This is the result of important investments in R&D and the contribution of its three cutting-edge laboratories.

For more information, please visit: [www.sicigroup.com](http://www.sicigroup.com)

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