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Omya extends Lightweight Fillers portfolio with the acquisition of Bublon®

OFTRINGEN, Switzerland and GLEISDORF, Austria - June 1, 2023 - Omya, a global producer of industrial minerals, has acquired Bublon GmbH, a technology leader in producing lightweight fillers / microspheres using closed cell expanded perlite. Bublon technology is based on the controlled thermal expansion of raw perlite using proprietary state of the art electrical furnaces. The products combine enhanced hermeticity and high mechanical strength with a low carbon footprint.

The acquisition extends Omya's processing capability for lightweight fillers, adds patented, energy-efficient production processes, and a unique team of experienced technical experts.

Philippe Quemener, Omya Executive Vice President Operations and Sustainability said: "We are looking forward to welcoming the Bublon team to Omya. Our combined expertise in natural minerals and the patented Bublon technology means we are becoming the best in class in microspheres' processing."

David González Amago, Director Global Business Development Lightweight Fillers at Omya, said: "This is great news for our customers. With the acquisition we are a step closer to offering a one-stop-shop experience for our customers with a broad portfolio of lightweight fillers. The technology complements our existing product range and fits perfectly with our commitment to providing advanced, sustainable materials and solutions."

Bublon's co-Managing Director, Michael Wimmer, commented: "We are delighted to become part of the Omya Group. The support of the wider Omya team will enable us to accelerate innovation and to create additional value for our customers."

Martin Pfeffer, CEO Binder+Co added: "We are happy to have concluded the sale of Bublon to Omya today. It was important for us to find a counterparty that will ensure a long-term perspective for the Bublon team and to further develop the Bublon technology. With Omya we know we have found the right partner."

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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 a wealth of innovative product solutions that contribute to its customers' competitiveness and productivity in multiple industries, such as Construction, Paper & Board and Polymers. Omya was founded in 1884 in Switzerland and employs 9,000 people in more than 170 locations in over 50 countries. Omya is committed to implementing the principles of sustainability at all company levels, by providing added value products and services from responsibly sourced materials to meet the essential needs of current and future generations.

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About Bublon GmbH

Founded in 2012, Bublon provides customized microspheres from the raw material perlite, helping customers to manufacture eco-friendly and resource-efficient products. BUBLON® Spheres are ideally suited for the production of insulation and fire protection boards, renderings and plasters, as a natural, ecological filler for the plastics industry, as an additive in paints and varnishes or as a substitute for microplastics. Consequently, they are also used as an inexpensive, ecological alternative to conventional microspheres and as a very stable substitute for cenospheres in terms of price and supply.

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About Binder+Co

Binder+Co is an enterprise focused on the processing of bulk materials. For many decades now, Binder+Co has supplied individual systems and overall processing plants to the mining and recycling industries. In doing so, they have always placed great value on novel ideas. Together with their international partners, they promote innovative concepts, and it is from there that their top technologies emerge. They offer six elementary processing steps from one single source: crushing – screening – wet processing – thermal processing – sorting – bagging and palletizing. Both the expertise and the interplay of the individual processing steps help Binder+Co to provide their customers with excellent and fully customized solutions.

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