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Omya inaugurates Technology Center in Singapore

Singapore/Oftringen, 15 March 2019: Omya, a leading global producer of industrial minerals and worldwide distributor of specialty chemicals, recently inaugurated its Technology Center in Singapore. The Omya Technology Center Singapore (OTCS) will serve customers and principals, as well as collaborate with local research agencies to help solve technical problems and develop innovative products for the growing and demanding Asian market.

The opening ceremony on March 14, 2019, gathered more than 60 guests, representatives from customers, principals and several local universities and governmental agencies. Guests of honor included His Excellency, the Swiss Ambassador to Singapore, Mr. Fabrice Filliez, the Executive Director of the Economic Development Board of Singapore (EDB), Mr. Lee Eng Keat, and the Chairman of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Singapore, Mr. Tom Ludescher.

The event's highlight was a tour around the new laboratory facilities, where guests were most impressed by the team's analytical capabilities and equipment, which include X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) and X-Ray Diffraction (XRD) analyses to characterize new materials and identify trace elements.

For polymer and packaging applications, the OTCS can customize mineral-filled masterbatches on a twin-screw extruder, and then sample all relevant polymer parts such as blown film or injection molds. These can then be characterized in a climate room in compliance with international test protocols such as ISO and ASTM.

The OTCS is also equipped to formulate and characterize paints and coatings as well as home and personal care formulations, all with world-class equipment and expertise. The OTCS maintains strong ties to Omya's other laboratories in Oftringen (Switzerland) and Cincinnati (USA).

Tamal Ghosh, Vice President Market Development & Innovation Asia Pacific, said: *"We recognize that the process of innovation is much more than just delivering new products to the market. The opening of the OTCS reiterates Omya's commitment to help our customers succeed through a process of co-creation, providing solutions that benefit the entire value chain."*

"We congratulate Omya on the opening of its technology centre and we are pleased to have OTCS be part of our minerals ecosystem. Singapore is proud to play a pivotal role in Omya's growth strategy that will not only benefit our local ecosystem, but also capture new growth opportunities in the region," said Mr. Lee Eng Keat, Executive Director, Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB).



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About Omya

Omya is a leading global producer of industrial minerals – mainly fillers and pigments derived from calcium carbonate and dolomite – and a worldwide distributor of specialty chemicals.

The company provides a wealth of product solutions that contribute to its customers' competitiveness and productivity in multiple industries such as Construction, Printing & Writing, Technical Polymers, Packaging, Food, Personal & Home Care, Pharmaceuticals, Agriculture and Forestry, Water and Energy.

Founded in 1884 in Switzerland, Omya has a global presence extending to more than 175 locations in over 50 countries with 8,000 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.