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Omya becomes a JV partner with Industrias GAT, S.A. in Dominican Republic

Cincinnati/Oftringen, 9 April 2019. Omya, a leading global producer of industrial minerals and a worldwide distributor of specialty chemicals, has become a joint venture partner with Industrias GAT, S.A., a family-owned ground calcium carbonate company located in Haina Municipality, Province of San Cristobal, Dominican Republic.

Industrias GAT owns quality limestone reserves, enjoys a long established reputation in the market and is managed by a strong management team. The business is highly complementary to Omya's businesses in the Americas and jointly we will be in a position to better serve the needs of our customers across market segments in the Caribbean, Central America and the US.

"We are proud to have Omya, as a long-term partner who shares similar values and long term vision for our business. Together we will be better positioned to expand the product portfolio and address our customers' needs", said Gregorio Taveras, President of GAT.

Rainer Siedler, CEO Americas at Omya, added: "We are very excited to welcome GAT to Omya Group. With GAT's unique location in the Caribbean, quality reserves and its experienced management team, coupled with Omya technology, applications know-how and access to the global markets, we believe this partnership will add significant value to existing and new customers in the region."

The Joint Venture will continue to invest into the business and its employees to improve and expand the product offerings while adhering to the Omya principles and values. We strive for a smooth transition respecting current business relationships and ensuring business continuity on all fronts. We are confident that our employees, customers and suppliers will see the value add that Omya and GAT together bring to the market.

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.



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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.

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About Industrias GAT

Industrias GAT is a producer of ground calcium carbonate based in the Dominican Republic. Its operations began in 1976 as a producer of marble handicrafts and limestone processing. It focuses on the plastics, paints and adhesives industries, as well as, construction, agriculture, nutrition, environment (air, water and land). With more than 40 years in providing limestone products, they continue to grow its business throughout the Caribbean, Central America and the United States.

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