



**5 October 2009**

**STOCK EXCHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**Sale of Astron downstream Zirconia Materials Business**

Under the agreement for the sale of the Company's downstream Zirconia Materials Business to Imerys Asia Pacific Pte Limited, completed in February 2008, the time limit for notifying warranty claims (except regarding tax and environmental matters) ended on 30 September 2009. The Company has received a notice outlining a number of potential claims by Imerys. In some cases an estimated amount has been claimed and in others no estimate has been given.

The Company is considering the notice and substance of the claims. At this stage the Company does not admit to any liability for any of the claims that have been identified. Proceedings to establish the liability of the Company must be commenced before 29 March 2010.

GA King  
Chairman  
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