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Capgemini to help Imerys digitally transform its core processes by implementing an intelligent business platform on a global scale

Paris, 28 February, 2019 - <u>Capgemini</u> is helping <u>Imerys</u>, the world leader in mineral-based specialty solutions for a wide range of industries, to design and implement a platform with the capacity to integrate its various business functions including Finance, Sales, Purchasing, Manufacturing, Maintenance, Quality and Master Data – as well as the Business Areas of the Imerys Group across the globe. The unique Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) platform is based on <u>SAP S/4HANA®</u>, an intelligent business software suite.

Operating in 50 countries and having grown partly through acquisition, Imerys Group's business and functional processes are many and diverse. Supervised by the Imerys' Executive Committee, the modernization program is therefore aimed at consolidation and simplification to enable the acceleration of the Group's digital transformation; supporting its growth while improving its profitability.

The implementation of a single ERP platform is a major area of modernization for Imerys, to make its information system more agile, facilitate exchanges of higher-quality data and enable the group to optimize its processes. The company chose SAP S/4HANA as it provides a scalable and flexible integrated solution to handle the complexities of diverse activities, functions and geographies and the full scope of its business transformation project. Implementing SAP S/4HANA is the first step for Imerys to become an Intelligent Enterprise.

During the first phase of the project, spanning 15 months, a joint balanced collaborative team including Capgemini experts and Imerys managers from various businesses and IT departments across the group, will work together to design this new platform that will be implemented by Capgemini¹.

Commenting on the collaboration, Pierre Boissonnade, Group Chief Information Officer and Transformation VP at Imerys, said: "This program is key for the acceleration of our digital transformation. With the implementation of SAP S/4HANA as a unique platform, we can expect to optimize further our performance. We have chosen to partner with Capgemini for its strong track record in implementing SAP solutions across the world and its ability to mobilize complementary teams to work on a project, combining proven skills in business consulting, infrastructure management and deep expertise in data."

¹ As a global strategic SAP partner, Capgemini is one of the largest and most experienced SAP systems integrators; number 1 in SAP S/4HANA certifications in Europe and number 2 in overall SAP certifications worldwide.



Capgemini's approach to solving complex business challenges, its <u>Accelerated Solutions Environment</u> (ASE)², will drive and facilitate the project development by bringing together the key stakeholders from multiple business areas and geographies. Based on an agile and iterative approach, the new operating model is planned to be implemented initially in pilot divisions by the beginning of 2020, ahead of being deployed throughout the Group.

"We are very much looking forward to starting this new project with Imerys, a long-standing client, and to accompany them in their transformation. It strengthens further our working relationship which is built on trust between our two companies," said Jérôme Siméon, member of the Group Executive Committee and President of the France Business Unit at Capgemini.

About Imerys

The world's leading supplier of mineral-based specialty solutions for industry. with ≤ 4.6 billion in revenue and 18,000 employees in 2018. Imerys delivers high value-added, functional solutions to a great number of sectors, from processing industries to consumer goods. The Group draws on its understanding of applications, technological knowledge and expertise in material science to deliver solutions based on beneficiation of its mineral resources, synthetic minerals and formulations. These contribute essential properties to customers' products and their performance, including heat resistance, hardness, conductivity, opacity, durability, purity, lightness, filtration, absorption and water repellency. Imerys is determined to develop responsibly, in particular by fostering the emergence of environmentally-friendly products and processes.

More comprehensive information about Imerys may be obtained from its website (<u>www.imerys.com</u>).

About Capgemini

A global leader in consulting, technology services and digital transformation, Capgemini is at the forefront of innovation to address the entire breadth of clients' opportunities in the evolving world of cloud, digital and platforms. Building on its strong 50-year heritage and deep industry-specific expertise, Capgemini enables organizations to realize their business ambitions through an array of services from strategy to operations. Capgemini is driven by the conviction that the business value of technology comes from and through people. It is a multicultural company of over 200,000 team members in more than 40 countries. The Group reported 2018 global revenues of EUR 13.2 billion.

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²The ASE brings together the right people, with the right content, underpinned by a rigorous method and process. This collaborative way of working offers a different look and feel to a traditional change program. ASE is based on its own methodology and allows it to solve complex problems, in a context of acceleration and commitment to action.