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During the presentation of its annual results on February 15th, Imerys Group made the following announcement:

“A highlight of early 2007 was the signing of agreements (still subject to various conditions precedent including obtention of the Business licences) for the acquisition of a 65% stake in two sister Chinese companies, vermiculite and Andalusite producers, Yilong and Xinlong, both located in the Xinjiang province. This operation will give the Group critical size in vermiculite (used in construction and horticulture) through 100 Kt/yr. additional production capacity. It will also give it access to a high-quality Andalusite reserve that is being developed to serve the Chinese refractories market. Yilong and Xinlong achieved together sales of approximately €11 million in 2006.”

The potential new agreement in the Andalusite business confirms the willingness of Imerys and Damrec to diversify their sources of Andalusite raw materials and their commitment to supply their customers in all part of the world with high quality products for the long term. The reserves of Yilong will allow DAMREC to increase its Andalusite capacity and to face the strong increase in demand in its traditional and new markets.

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