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MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES LAUNCHES OPACARB® 3000 PCC, A NEW COATING PRODUCT FOR PAPER

NEW YORK – June 27, 2007 - Specialty Minerals Inc. (SMI), a wholly owned subsidiary of Minerals Technologies Inc. (NYSE: MTX), launched Opacarb® 3000 PCC, a new coating product for the paper industry, at the PulPaper 2007 conference in Helsinki in early June.

“The introduction of this more advanced, more highly evolved Opacarb product presents improved cost-performance to papermakers in the coated paper market,” said Riitta Mynttinen, Vice President, Europe, Paper PCC.

Opacarb® 3000 PCC sets a new standard for precipitated calcium carbonate (PCC) coating technology. Available initially in Europe, Opacarb® 3000 PCC brings cost reductions and improved performance to coated paper producers by allowing them to consider coating reformulation possibilities. Strategic use of Opacarb® 3000 PCC allows the reduction or elimination of high glossing clays, less use of optical brighteners and binders, and reduced calendering pressure. Users can therefore choose to achieve higher coated sheet performance, or to maintain current sheet properties at considerably lower cost.

Opacarb® 3000 PCC is complementary to Opacarb® A40 PCC and Opacarb® A60 PCC in Specialty Minerals’ portfolio of PCC coating products for woodfree, mechanical and paper board applications. The launch of Opacarb® 3000 PCC emphasizes SMI’s strength in customer-focused research and development. This high-performance PCC is produced at the company's state-of-the-art merchant PCC facility in

Walsum, Germany, which was built in 2004. The facility ensures the availability of high-quality coating PCC products for the European market.

Many years of experience, coupled with a focus to meet customer requirements, has made SMI a leader in paper coating and filler PCC technologies.

Minerals Technologies Inc. is a global resource- and technology-based growth company that develops, produces and markets worldwide a broad range of specialty mineral, mineral-based and synthetic mineral products and related systems and services. The company recorded sales of \$1.06 billion million in 2006.

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