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IMERYS, 20 YEARS IN PARÁ

In 1996, Imerys was shipping out the first ore cargo from Pará to Europe, thus taking its first steps on the path that would lead it to become the largest kaolin processing plant worldwide. Today, besides Europe, Canada and the United States are the larger buyers of the kaolin produced here.

In the course of these 20 years, the investments made by Imerys drove it to stand as one of the largest companies in the economy of Pará. Imerys appears as one of the 20 largest mining companies in Brazil, ranking sixth among the largest exporters in the state of Pará and has in place a large local supplier development program.

Company investments in people also grew. By carrying out and supporting professional qualification actions, today 85% of Imerys employees are hired locally in Pará. As to social responsibility, the company sponsors 22 actions that, just in 2015, generated benefits to 9 thousand people.

"In order to make all this operation feasible, it was important to select a state with mineral potential, as for example kaolin, with infrastructure and labor available, and all this we can find here," says Marcos Moreira, kaolin general manager for South America.



1.4 million
TONS OF KAOLIN

U\$ 24 million
IN INVESTMENTS

80%
OF SUPPLY
BUYS LOCALLY

1,400
EMPLOYEES

18 hectares
REFORESTED

Data from 2015

KAOLIN IN PAPER

Kaolin is used in paper to improve its whiteness, opacity and capacity to retain ink. As a result, you can write, print and even draw with improved quality as kaolin provides for smoother finishing. A larger amount of this mineral is used for glossy paper, just like in the one where you are reading this text and in the sticker that closes this report. Many types of paper may contain 70% weight kaolin in order to reach the required quality.





IMERY'S SHOWS NEW SAFETY PLAN IN BARCARENA



In February Imerys sponsored a meeting with representatives of public authorities and of society to present the updated emergency plan designed for all company mine tailings dams in Barcarena. Meeting participants also had the opportunity to get acquainted with the monitoring system, dam construction and risk monitoring processes and were also invited to a guided tour to see the dams.

"Important clarification was provided in the presentation, I wish to congratulate Imerys on the initiative and for being one of the few companies willing to open its doors to the community. As leaders we are required to keep this dialogue," community leader Carlos Alberto commented.

Today Imerys has six dams in the municipality of Barcarena, two of them are currently in operation. All dams go through a real time monitoring of ground and surface levels, besides counting with a modern meteorological station. The mining company also develops studies on the body of dams comprising, among other, geotechnical surveys and analyses. The emergency plan was adapted by a specialized consulting firm and is fully



compliant with legal requirements.

José Oscar, the Head of Barcarena Civil Defense, who at that time was representing the Barcarena's mayor Antônio Carlos Vilaça, listed the key highlights of the meeting: "The company has evidenced to be fully prepared in terms of safety and presence in the community. The process was demystified, showing that it is clean". The meeting was also attended by representatives of the municipal Fire Department and the National Mineral Production Department (DNPM).

"Imerys acts jointly with leading consultants in Brazil, and is 100% in compliance with all municipal, state and federal regulations. Besides, the dams are also subject to external audits every three months and to periodical inspections every week, every two weeks and every month"

Maurício Filho, company senior manager of Institutional Relations.

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