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ITP Prepares for Titanium Production in Illinois
International Titanium Powder Revolutionizes the Use of Titanium

(Ottawa, Illinois – October 17, 2009) International Titanium Powder (ITP) announced today the final phase of construction for its titanium powder production facility in Ottawa, IL. The site will begin production when commissioning is completed.

This is a significant milestone for ITP, which was formed in 1997 to develop and commercialize Armstrong Process[®] patented and proprietary technology to produce high purity metal and alloy powders with specific emphasis on titanium.

The Armstrong Process[®] technology is intended to lower the production cost of powders suitable for non-melt direct consolidation of titanium to enable low-cost manufacturing of titanium products, and to reduce the environmental impact of titanium production.

Titanium metals and alloys are sought after for their high strength and low weight characteristics and are used in a variety of applications including aerospace, defense, automotive, electronics, marine hardware, power generation, medical, consumer and sports equipment.

In 2008, ITP was acquired by Cristal US, Inc. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Cristal Global). Cristal Global has extensive experience in the titanium dioxide market. At eight plants around the world, Cristal Global takes titanium ore through either the sulfate or chloride process and extracts the titanium for the production of titanium intermediates, pigments and catalyst products. Cristal Global has over 20 years experience in the supply of titanium tetrachloride (TiCl₄) to titanium sponge producers.

ITP entered into a partnership with the Defense Production Act Title III Program in 2009 for the building of the Ottawa plant. The DPA Title III mission is to create assured, affordable, and commercially viable production capabilities and capacities for items essential for national defense.

Construction of the Ottawa facility is expected to continue through the end of the year with commissioning expected in 2010. The new facility is expected to bring more than 50 jobs to the Ottawa community.

“The construction of the Ottawa titanium powder facility is the realization of a dream for the Armstrong Process® inventors and for ITP. It marks the advent of a significant change in the way titanium metal and alloys can be produced. The Armstrong Process® technology enables a stronger, quicker and greener process, and we’re thrilled to be at the forefront of this technology. The Ottawa plant is the first commercial scale titanium powder production facility in the world, and we thank all of those who have supported us, and who will continue to support us in this journey,” said Robert J. Daniels, Vice President - Titanium Metals, ITP.

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International Titanium Powder, “ITP” is a private company specializing in the production of high-purity titanium and titanium alloy powders through the proprietary, patented Armstrong Process. ITP is headquartered in Woodridge, Illinois and operates a Research and Development facility and a pilot plant in Lockport, Illinois. ITP is building its first commercial production facility in Ottawa, Illinois.*

ITP is a Cristal Global company. Cristal Global is the world’s second largest producer of titanium dioxide and a leading producer of titanium chemicals.

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