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ACTIVE MINERALS ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF GORDON FACILITY

ADDITION OF FIFTH MILL WILL INCREASE CAPACITY FOR KAOLIN MINERAL PRODUCTS

SPARKS, MD – March 4, 2019 – Active Minerals International, LLC (“AMI”), the world’s largest supplier of high-quality air-floated kaolin mineral products serving the fiberglass, rubber, adhesive and ceramic industries, today announced that it has begun construction of a new mill at AMI’s Gordon facility. The facility, based in Gordon, Georgia, will increase existing capacity through the addition of a fifth mill and the acquisition of related equipment.

AMI’s Gordon facility currently has four mills producing air-float kaolin, a primary raw material in fiberglass. Today’s announcement represents the second of two phases of the site’s expansion to increase the capacity and service capabilities of AMI’s kaolin production operations. In its first phase, completed this past October, AMI added a second bulk truck loading system to the Gordon facility, doubling the site’s bulk trucking capability and providing customers with the flexibility to meet demand shifts away from bulk rail shipments.

“We are excited to add capacity to our Gordon operations, which will bolster our leading market position in kaolin production,” said Dennis C. Parker, President and Chief Executive Officer at AMI. “As the global demand for electronic fiberglass continues to grow due to increasing applications, from mobile phones to cars and trucks to home appliances, the Gordon expansion will ensure we are well-positioned to capture the opportunities across our served markets. We look forward to building out our capacity and capabilities to continue delivering the high-quality products, deep technical knowledge and premier service that are the hallmarks of our organization.”

“Customers are at the forefront of everything we do. This expansion, in conjunction with our logistics service provider partnerships, will improve the overall efficiency of the Gordon facility, enable us to continue to quickly move material and ultimately enhance our overall value proposition to customers,” said Chuck Pettit, Vice President of Operations at AMI. “We will continue to evaluate other service-related expansions to maintain our best-in-class service capabilities and industry leadership of in-spec/on-time global shipments.”

AMI’s mining operation won the highest reclamation awards from the Georgia Mining Association six years in a row and is well-positioned to meet the global demand for kaolin for

several decades. AMI was acquired by leading private equity firm Golden Gate Capital in November 2018.

More information about AMI's products and applications can be found at www.activeminerals.com, or contact us at info@activeminerals.com and +1-410-825-2920.

About Active Minerals

Active Minerals International LLC (AMI) is the world's largest producer and market leader of air-floated kaolin and gel quality attapulgite clay minerals. Its products are sold throughout the world for industrial, agricultural and construction related applications.

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Management teams from Active Minerals and Golden Gate Capital break ground to begin construction of a new mill at the Gordon, GA operation.

