



PRESS RELEASE

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R. T. VANDERBILT COMPANY, INC. in partnership with Technical Distribution Specialist LAKE CHEMICALS AND MINERALS LTD. to offer performance enhancing INDUSTRIAL MINERALS

R. T. Vanderbilt Company, Inc. has chosen to expand the range of products available for Lake Chemicals and Minerals Ltd. to sell in the United Kingdom and Ireland to include industrial minerals. Customers in the coatings industry will benefit from improved technical support from this new partnership.

VANSIL[®] Wollastonites improve mud-crack resistance in decorative paints, and, in protective coatings and powder coatings mechanical and corrosion resistant properties are enhanced. VANCOTE[®] surface treated Wollastonites increase compatibility with organic media and improve coating mechanical properties. NYTAL[®] talcs extend pigments and improve sag and matt properties of coatings. PYRAX[®] Pyrophyllites help to resist mud cracking in high build coatings.

R. T. Vanderbilt Company, Inc. with Worldwide Head Office in Norwalk, Connecticut, USA, and European Headquarters in Paris, France, is a leading supplier of minerals and chemicals that enhance the value of customer's products.

Lake Chemicals and Minerals Ltd. is a Technical Distribution Specialist with Head Office in Redditch, UK, responsible for the sales and marketing of speciality chemicals and minerals to coatings customers in the UK and Ireland.

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